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# Make Sundays Special!

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Equip	the servant-hearted	This is what to do	initiate	inactivity



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# ENGAGE

The newcomer

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	Parts of your Church Meeting
Confusing or incomprehensible for an outsider	
Embarrassing for an outsider	
Welcoming or friendly for an outsider	
Engaging or relevant for an outsider	



# Six Ways to Welcome Outsiders

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1. Acknowledge the presence of unbelievers in the meeting
2. Provide mini explanations of what's going on
3. Be aware that visitors listen carefully to notices and announcements
4. Preach as if outsiders are present
5. Avoid in-jokes and embarrassing activities
6. Provide the next step for outsiders

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# EVANGELIZE

The interested

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What aspects of your current Sunday meeting or culture have an evangelistic edge to them?	Which of these do you think have the potential to be built upon or improved?	How would you do that?



# Four Ways to Give Sunday an Evangelistic Edge

1. Preach with an evangelistic mindset
2. Tell stories that show the gospel at work in people's lives
3. Train church members to take evangelistic opportunities at church
4. Shape your meeting structure to communicate the gospel

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# ESTABLISH

The professing

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	One thing we're doing well	One thing we need to improve	One new idea for making progress
Preaching for Transformative Learning			
Active prayerful listening			
Mutual teaching and encouragement			
Responsive repentant prayer			
Singing that teaches			
Declaring historic creeds and confessions			

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# Five Ways to Create a Culture of Growth

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1. Preach for transformative learning
2. Encourage active prayerful listening
3. Foster mutual teaching and encouragement
4. Model responsive repentant prayer
5. Sing in a way that teaches

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# EQUIP

The servant-hearted

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# Thinking about your current congregational members:

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1. Who among them best exemplifies this kind of mindset and practices what we've been discussing in this section?
2. Who actively helps others to 'learn Christ' on Sunday in multiple ways?
3. How might you encourage them to do that even more?
4. How could they help you equip others to think and act in the same way?

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# Three Ways to Equip People for Ministry

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1. Preach in a way that equips church members to teach the Bible
2. Encourage the expectation that the word doesn't end with us
3. Schedule short interview times during the meeting to profile congregational ministry

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