



AUTHENTICITY

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Action Steps for Individual Churches

Contentment as God's Beloved

- What are some practices that would foster contentment in Christ or demonstrate our identity as God's beloved?
- What can we do to encourage our congregation to see the lost as God's beloved?
- Is there any area of your life where the Word and Spirit have revealed a place of growth or change to you today?

Worldview of abundance and not scarcity

- What are some examples of scarcity or abundance thinking in our church?
- How can we talk about church finances in an authentic way that communicates God's abundance?
- Are there ways we talk about church finances that appear inauthentic?

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Committment to the common good

- Share examples of how you or your church have shared in contributing to the common good.
- How can we promote generosity for the common good?
- How could a commitment to the common good be missional in our setting?

Community of authentic partnerships

- In what ways are we already authentic, and where do we need to become more authentic?
- What gets in the way of authenticity in our church?
- How can we create safe spaces/times for vulnerability and empathy?

Practical steps moving forward

Based on what you have experienced during this retreat, develop four practical steps for you/your church that will foster authenticity and a missional mindset.

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