



What is a transformational church:

Transformational churches make disciples whose lives are being transformed by the gospel so that the culture around them is ultimately transformed. Transformational churches are deeply committed to the essential foundations of discipleship (worship, community, and mission). They make disciples through vibrant leadership, prayerful dependence, and relational intentionality. And they do so in their context with a missionary mindset.

The goal of the Transformational Church Assessment Tool is **to help churches (any size, any location) make a biblical impact.**

Why should my church participate?

One of the original goals for this project was to help churches reexamine the “scorecard” for success. For a long time, congregations have been measuring against a checklist for “bodies, budgets, and buildings”—attendance, the offering plate and ever increasing square footage. But it is our deep conviction that the scorecard can’t stop there. When it does, the deeper emphasis on accountability, discipleship, and spiritual maturity is lost. Ignoring these details, we see fewer lives transformed.

Based on extensive research, we believe that this instrument can help churches more clearly understand their spiritual pulse in their involvement in disciple-making, active biblical engagement, and prayerful dependence on God...along with increasing, intentional participation in mission and ministry activities.



❶ Get your church passcode

Once you have purchased the Transformational Church Assessment Tool, you will receive a unique Church Passcode.

❷ Main project leader registers first with church passcode

The person who registers first for your church will be the one with full access to the group and pastor's reports. Other members of your leadership can be given access to these privileges once they register by the first registrant.

To login and use your church's passcode, go to <http://tc.lifeway.com>.

❸ Senior pastor completes the Pastor Survey

On the registration page of the survey, indicating you are the senior pastor will allow the pastor to provide aggregate statistics about the church and respond to the same questions as the congregation.

❹ Promote the survey church wide (with unique passcode)

This can be done in newsletters, from the pulpit, via email, and online. We have sample post-cards and ppt templates available to promote the project to your church.

❺ Be sure to invite everyone to participate (increases accuracy)

❻ Review results online anytime during the process

Group and pastor survey results are available throughout the survey process for those with leader privileges to review at any time.



Helpful suggestions from churches

Promote the project and invite ALL members and attendees to participate. Be sure to make it available to everyone (not a select group). Participating churches have found the following methods of promotion to be the most helpful:

Promote the project from the pulpit. Get staff and leaders on board with the goal of the project so that they will share the enthusiasm when they are talking about it with others.

Publicize and remind members and attendees through:

- online, email, and print newsletters
- worship bulletin inserts
- cards in their seats
- page on church website

***Include the unique church passcode on each communication. Remember to make sure no numbers have been swapped around!**

Printed versions of the survey are available once you are registered. This is a very helpful option for folks who have limited internet access or for those less comfortable with computers in general. Printed surveys can be entered online by a volunteer or staff member at your church. The project leader for your church can access the printable survey by going to the "Take Survey" tool and clicking on the **Print Version** link at the top.

Find a volunteer to walk some members through the survey (over the phone or in person) and enter responses online for the participating member.

While this is the most time intensive of all of the options and not all churches need to use this option, it does help to make sure that every person in the church gets to share their insights regardless of their computer skills, eyesight, or access to the internet.

Ask members to PLEASE answer every question to the best of their knowledge.

Answering every question (even if it is a guess or estimation) actually provides the best overall picture of opinions and understanding of congregation members.

"The survey results were integral to my decision about whether to remain as pastor after 7 years here. Our church has come too far in the last 7 years to leave with so much opportunity to be grasped."