Pentecost 2025: Evangelism

ALL THINGS NEW

1. Fund an ongoing evangelistic process

81% described a disciple-making process approach. Support preparation through nurture. (pp. 4, 7)

2. Build relationships beyond the church

76% described community service as key to success. Develop continuing personal contact. (pp. 8–9, 25)

3. Equip more personal Bible-study leaders

Bible-study sessions: 41 with >15 baptisms vs. 16 with no baptisms.* (p. 21)

4. Plan for follow-up and assign responsibility

82% described at least one follow-up strategy. Check continuing involvement after baptism. (pp. 7, 11–12)

Source: Institute of Church Ministry, Pentecost 2025 Preliminary Report, October 2026

*Descriptive comparison. Church size and other differences may affect outcomes.

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Pentecost 2025: Leadership

ALL THINGS NEW

5. Recognize the contribution of small churches

Baptisms relative to membership were higher in small churches. (pp. 17–19)

6. Learn across cultural and language settings

Median baptisms: Spanish 5, English 1. Explore local practices. (p. 19)

7. Connect budgets with ministry development

Higher spending did not consistently accompany more baptisms. (pp. 22–24)

8. Recognize progress and keep seeking decisions

91% of churches with no baptisms reached non-members. Track progress. (pp. 21, 33)

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Preliminary, self-reported findings from the first two phases of this research project.
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