

How can we better serve and reach our community?

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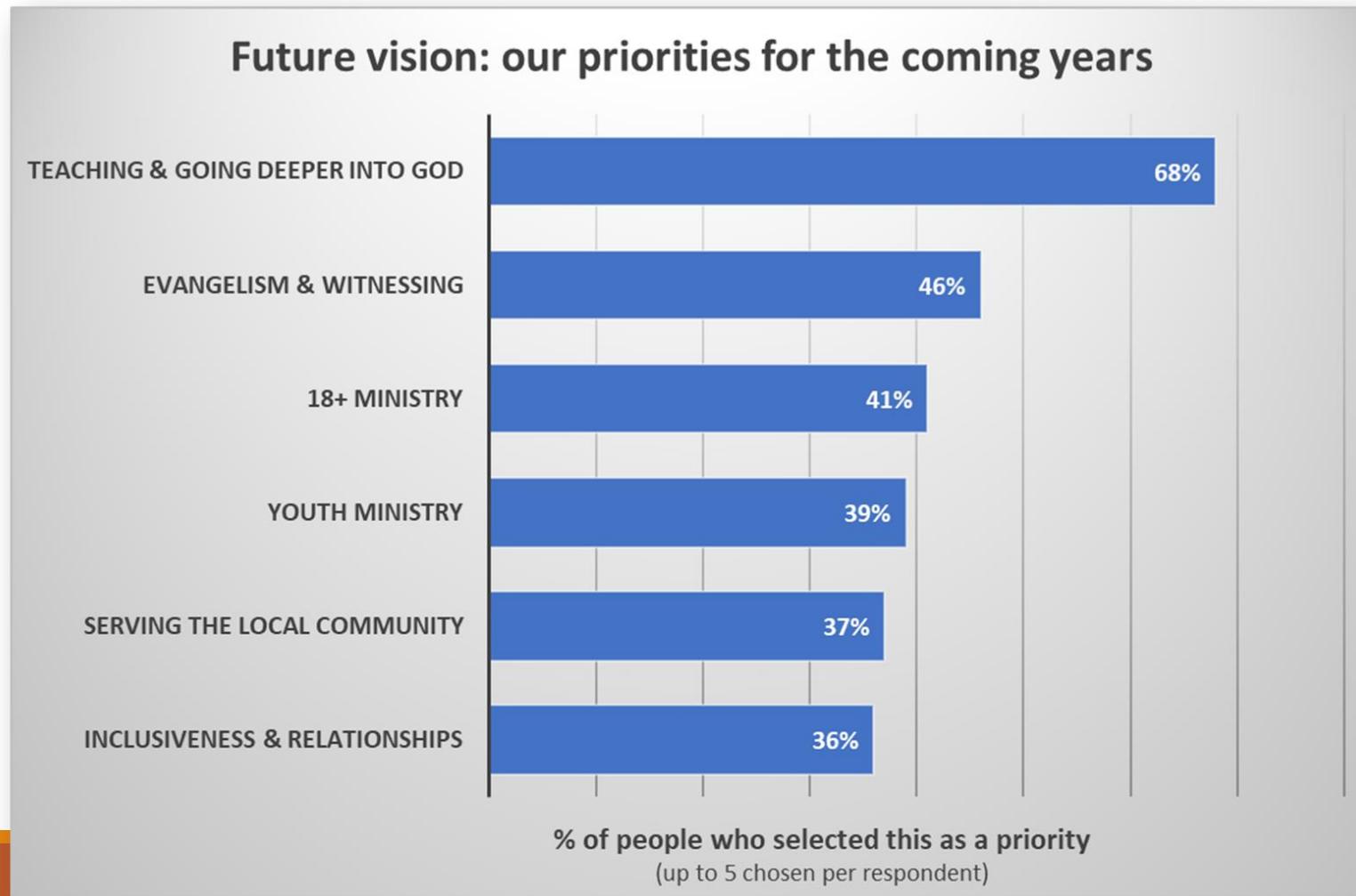
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Why do we want to reach our community?

“your kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven”

Matthew 6:10

CCB Survey – February 2022



123 respondents

Parish profile 2022

 CHRIST CHURCH BEDFORD



1 ENABLE AND EQUIP

A servant-hearted person with humility and a sure hope to help us navigate how to share the unchanging Good News of Jesus with the rapidly changing contemporary world. Someone who will enable us to tell out the Gospel and live it out in our daily lives.

A clear biblical thinker inspiring us to think intelligently and openly, as we seek to respond to the spiritual, ethical and ecological challenges of the modern world.

2 FOCUS ON YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Someone who is culturally aware and able to communicate truth in a world with no firm foundations and help us to inspire the younger generations to engage with us.

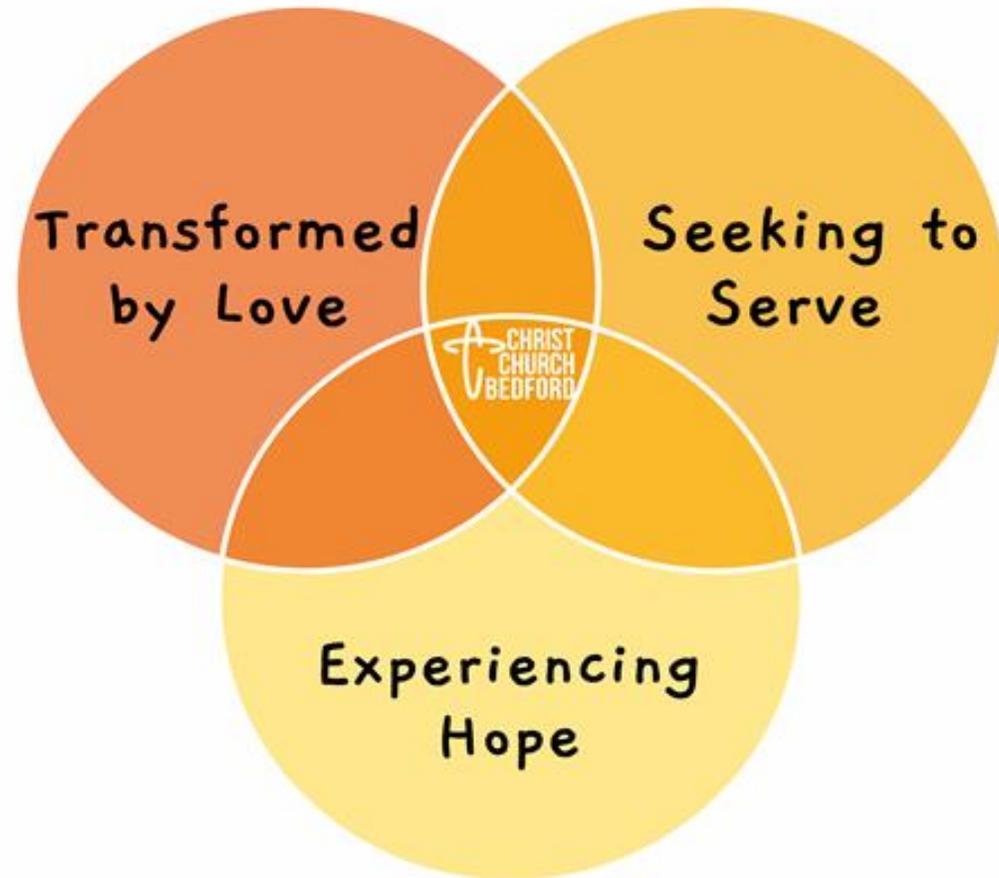
Using experience and understanding, help us to improve how we reach out to this demographic in the community.

3 DEVELOP A HUB

A pastoral person who is able to reimagine how we use our halls complex, underpinning our desire to get out and become a hub for our community.

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VISION STATEMENT



We are a people being transformed by the unconditional love of God; seeking to bless our community, and longing for others to experience the hope we have in Jesus.

It's who we are...

“We desire to be outward looking and to serve the local community of Castle Road and Devon Park through our care for others and sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ” (CCB Website)



Engagement Group

Preparing to grow our engagement with the community and each other

Purpose:

1. Engagement - actively engage with the Bedford community in our parish and beyond.
2. Outreach - encourage members of the community to join the church family and find faith in God.
3. Fellowship - build stronger relationships within CCB family.

What are we doing already?

Outreach to families:

- Morning Out
- Wild Church
- Holiday Club
- Forge



What are we doing already?

Serving adults & seniors:

- Ladies' ministry
- Men's ministry
- Go4gold
- 18 -30s



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Outreach to the community:

- Foodbank
- Bedford Street Angels
- Night Shelter



Case study – Morning Out

What is it?

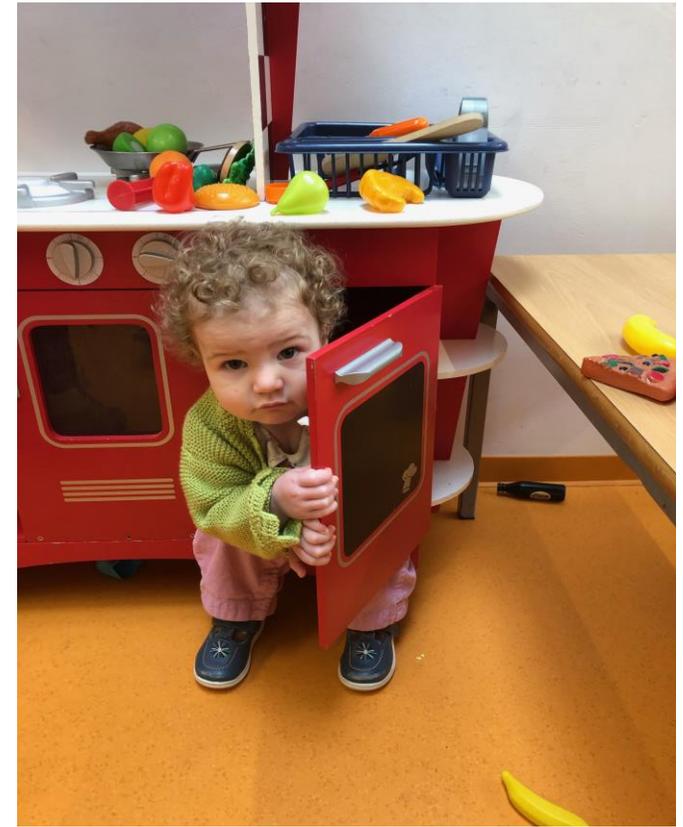
- An excellent Friday Playgroup
- 40 adults, 50 + children attend
- Cheap, so accessible
- Good coffee
- Singing, Bible stories



Case study – Morning Out

Why has it been successful?

- Eco-friendly hall with good facilities
- Meeting a real need in the community
- Quality toys, great crafts
- Very friendly
- Great support team



Discussion

1. Thinking about the principles that have worked well with Morning Out. How can we, as a church, develop our engagement with the community in other areas?
2. Considering previous sessions of the Lent course, how can we make a difference as individuals?