

INTEGRATING NEWCOMERS INTO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Discussion question: share an experience of visiting/attending/joining a church – what was good and what was bad?

Church is Christ-centred (Eph 1:22-23; Acts 20:28)

Church as family (Gal 6:10; Eph 2:19; 1 Tim 3:15)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

WHAT IS THIS CHURCH LIKE?

Ecclesiology matters

Values

Leadership

Membership

Mission matters

Vision

Ministries

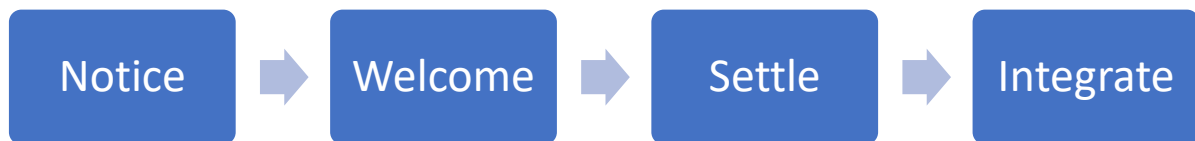
Practical considerations

SECOND IMPRESSIONS

DO I FIT IN/BELONG HERE?

Discussion: what do you think regular attendees of your church would care about? How might that differ from somebody who is new?

HAVE A PATHWAY



Notice (Heb 13:2)

Welcome (Jas 2:1-3)

Settle (Acts 2:42-47)

Integrate (Eph 4:11-12)

DANGERS/CONSIDERATIONS

Assuming others will see newcomers

Assuming they are settled because they came back

Assuming people don't watch the leadership

Assuming models/structures/pathways are enough