

Break Out Session #1

- What three words come to mind when you think about who God is calling your congregation to be in the world?
- What could these statements teach you about how an individual perceives your congregation and ministry?
 - Sure it's a risk, but we take risks to accomplish the ministry God is calling us to do.
 - I remember when we had a huge Sunday School.
 - That sounds like a good idea, but it needs to be approved by the committee and then the Council before you can give it a try.
 - I love my congregation. They are always doing such good things.
 - I love my congregation. We are always doing such good things.
- What are some of the statements that people make about your congregation?
- What can you learn from those statements?

Break Out Session #2

Congregational Seasons

- **Spring** - seeds planted, new life beginning to spring forth
- **Summer** - seeds are growing and bearing fruit
- **Fall** - still bearing fruit, but not as much as before, some endings are taking place
- **Winter** - using or remembering the fruit from the summer and fall, time to rest and prepare to plant new seeds

Which season do you think your congregation is currently in and why?

What impact does the season have on the soil of your congregation?

Break Out Session #3

Create

With Coach create a plan to Assess

- Pick one component of the soil
- Develop a plan to check your observations and increase your understanding
- Pick date you want the assessment complete and create a timeline working backwards



Plan

Establish the Date for your next meeting to discuss how Assess went and to plan Amend

Break Out Session #3

Assess
&
Amend

Assess: Check to see if your team's observations seem accurate

Amend: Design an intervention to positively impact a component of your congregation's soil

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Homework

Review

With Coach

- Review how your plan to Assess went
- What did you learn?
 - About the congregation
 - About the process of assessing your observations



Act

Pick one of the soil components where there is an opportunity to help folks grow deeper in relationship with one another or a component that is particularly important in your congregation and design an intervention to positively amend the soil