

For the past several years, the IBC library has enjoyed a couple great benefits: (1) dedicated persons who have invested significant time and attention to the ministry, (2) dedicated space in our facility. With the growth of the ministry, the expansion of the facility and the changing ways in which people access desirable reading and study resources, the evaluation of the library ministry is timely. The following worksheet is intended to help us gain pertinent information regarding the library ministry at IBC. We appreciate your constructive and helpful feedback.

Library Ministry:

1. On what frequency do you utilize the resources of the library (weekly, often, sometimes, seldom, never)? _____

2. For what reason or purpose do you utilize the library? What resources does the library supply you that you take advantage of? *(If you don't utilize the library, go to question #5.)*

3. How has the library been instrumental in:
 - a. Instructing you in God's Word?

 - b. Building you up in the faith?

 - c. Increasing your affection for Jesus?

 - d. Moving you toward greater faith-obedience?

 - e. Improving your effectiveness for ministry?

 - f. Growing you in deeper fellowship with other Christians?

4. What library resources have you recommended to others?

5. If you don't utilize the library, how would the library become useful and attractive to you? What resources could the library provide you that you would find helpful and beneficial?

6. Is our present library a ministry you would direct our guest toward? If so, for what purpose? If not, why not?

7. The library has a modest annual budget for the acquisition of new material. People associated with IBC take advantage of the library as a way to donate books they no longer desire to retain themselves, or to make available to others. What parameters should be established to evaluate the offerings that the library makes available?

8. What role does supplemental resources play in your spiritual growth as a Christian? Where are you presently acquiring those resources?

9. Finally, are there any other helpful considerations would you offer as suggestions or recommendations for the library ministry as we move forward in ministry at IBC?

Mission, Vision, Values, Priorities

Mission Statement

Our purpose and passion is to bring God pleasure by believing His Word and doing His will in the power that He provides for the praise of His glory, on earth and in heaven.

Vision Statement

**Our Vision is Jesus.* We are disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge, faith, grace and obedience, who are committed to making disciples, who go into all the world and make disciples, for the advancement of the glory of God and for the joy of all people.

Core Values

The *sovereignty* of God. (Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:4-10)

The *supremacy* of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Peter 1:18-21)

The *sufficiency* of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:25; 16:5-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8; Galatians 3)

The *standard* of the Holy Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

The *sanctity* of God's creation and the value of every person made in God's image. (Matthew 22:38-40; John 3:16; Galatians 5:14)

The *salvation* and *sanctification* of mankind by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3; Galatians 3; Ephesians 2)

The *sacrifice* and *service* of God's people to advance His fame in word and deed. (Acts 20:24; Philippians 1:20-26; 1 Peter 4:19)

Corporate *Commitments

1. **The Word.*
 - a. Preaching, Teaching, Christian Education
 - b. Bible Reading, Bible Study
2. **The Fellowship.*
 - a. Hospitality, Edification
 - b. Caring for Members
3. **The Ordinances.*
 - a. Baptism, The Lord's Table
 - b. Corporate Worship
 - c. Good Works
4. **Prayer.*
 - a. Prayer, Praise, Petition
 - b. Spiritual disciplines
5. **Making Disciples.*
 - a. Evangelism, Missions
 - b. Discipleship
 - c. Spiritual growth
 - d. Walking by faith in step with the Holy Spirit

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