

# Church Interview Themes

Conducted with pastors and church leaders from across Canada

- Healthy, growing churches are building for and serving the people they want in the community.
- They are present in the community and responding to opportunities to learn and serve as they arise.
- Many are focusing on programming for young people.
  
- Community happening for many churches in small groups or interest groups.
- Content and structure of Sunday morning seems irrelevant.
- People need connection every week, but don't need church every week.
  
- Churchgoers are attracted to authenticity, humility, welcoming, and a church that listens.
- Larger culture themes of distrust of authority, consumerism, and individualism are influencing church attendance.
- Many have a clear vision or value statement with programming and decision-making flowing from these statements.
  
- This is a hard time, and many churches are trying to figure things out.
- Energy is needed to make change and make things happen.