



INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If a stranger walked into our church and became acquainted with our church programs and people, what impression might they have of what is big for us and our church?
- What does our church celebrate and what does this say about what is important to our congregation?
- After listening to the podcast, how convinced are you about the importance of having a conversation about what is essential for the life of our church?
- As church leaders, what risk might we experience if we engage in conversations about what is essential in our church and what might need to change?
- What might be on the short list of things that are big to Jesus for our church?
- What are the questions that we typically ask to evaluate our church? What are some new questions that we can ask to evaluate our church?