

Natural Church Development

Awesome day! Awesome food! Awesome meeting! Awesome God!

On April 26th, about 60 members of CtK met on a Saturday afternoon to share a barbecue and hear the long-awaited results of the Natural Church Development surveys. Mark Peicker reminded us of the NCD process and revealed the key results:

- 1) CtK is a healthy Congregation.
- 2) Passionate Spirituality and Need-based Evangelism are our minimum factors.
- 3) Loving Relationships and Empowering Leadership are our strengths.

What followed was nearly 90 minutes of non-stop, invigorating dialogue and discovery that we all sensed was just the beginning of something very different and very exciting. As the discussion continued from all corners of the sanctuary, we realized how passionately we were talking about spirituality in our church.

While this time of year can typically be a rush to complete the school events and prepare for graduations, followed by weddings and much-needed vacations....a time when the church rhythm seems to slow down for the summer.....there was an unprompted call for "Let's do this again!"

At the adult forum on May 25th we'll recap our meeting (without the hot dogs and hamburgers) and talk more about the meaning of these results. Then, on June 14th, after this period of prayer and reflection, we'll have another outdoor barbecue and let the discussion continue on the meaning of the NCD results and the sharing of stories on where we have seen and experienced passionate spirituality.

The NCD Health Team asks for your prayers for CtK as it seeks the guiding hands of God in this process. If you have a question or suggestion or if you would like to help CtK shape its Natural Church Development process, please contact any of the NCD Health Team members*:

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