

THE MARKS OF AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH

PART VI

IX. To Change and Innovate

A. We all come from various backgrounds

1. Some _____; some _____
2. Some _____; some _____
3. Some from _____

B. We must distinguish between

1. _____ and _____
2. Traditions, _____ and _____
3. Some people don't like _____
 - a. Churches have split because of methods – **NOT** because of message
 - b. 7 last words – “We’ve never done it this way before”
 - c. Faith demands risk – challenged to change

C. We must Continually Define Our Biblical Objectives and Purposes

1. We must be guided by God's Spirit
 - a. A _____ is not scared
 - b. Our _____ is the temple of the Holy Spirit
2. We must determine our need
 - a. We must “_____ the _____”

X. A Church That Has Support Groups – Home Bible Studies, Men’s and Women’s Discipleship Groups

A. The very dynamic which cause growth is killed by growth

1. In the _____ everyone knows everyone and each family
2. Everyone _____ they can _____
 - a. But numerical growth tends to de-personalize relationships and dilute fellowship

B. As we grow we must decentralize

1. We must _____ _____ _____
experience in a small group setting
 - a. Many churches have home studies – 1 church grew to 3,000 and had over 80 bible studies
As A Church Grows – It Must Learn To Be Large – But Yet Small
 - b. These home Bible studies give the individual Christian **“ACCOUNTABILITY”**

XI. A Constant Effort To Stretch Our Faith

1. We must live our life where we are _____ on God
 - a. That’s why God allows _____
2. Money keeps many churches from _____

XII. A Church That Is Dynamic Must Be Willing to Sacrifice

1. What are we _____ God for?
2. What are we _____ for the work of the ministry?