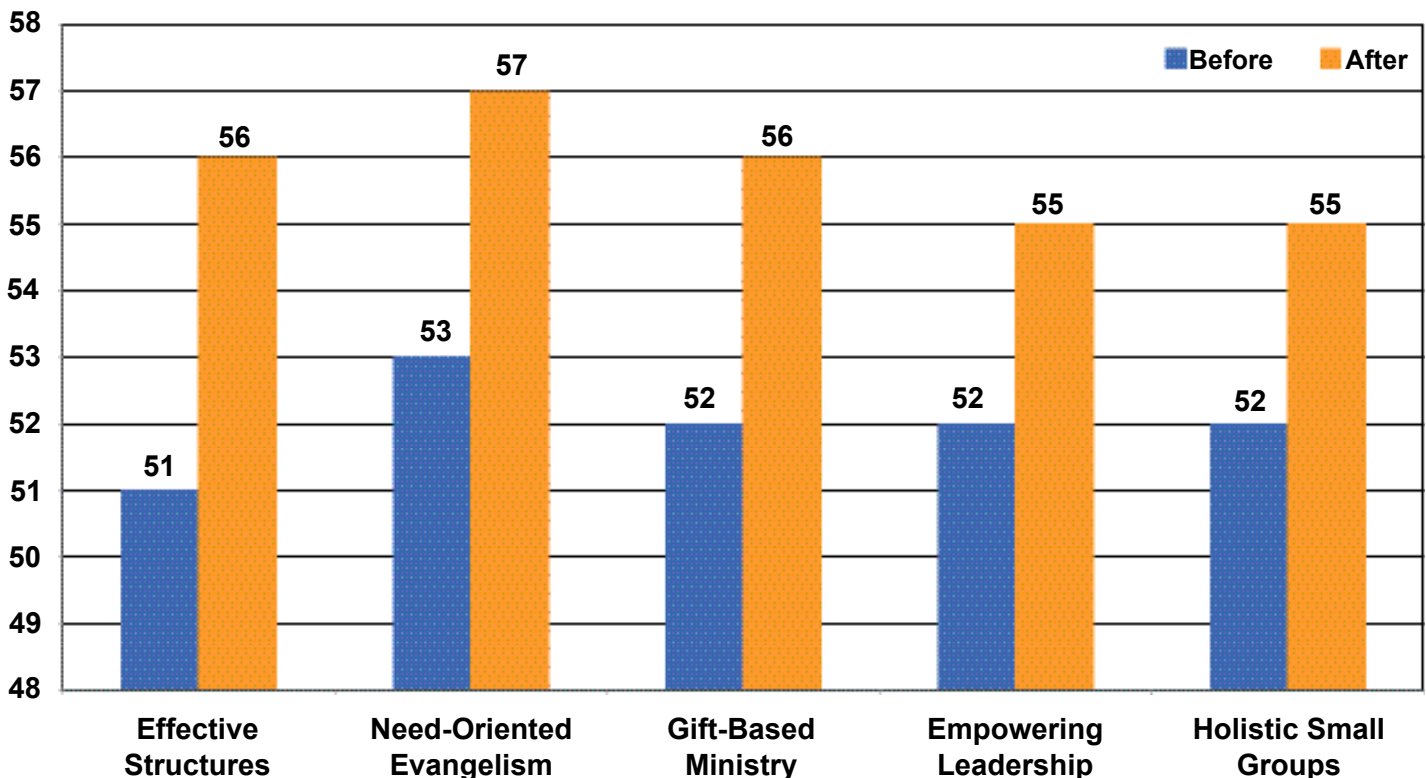


Research reveals how God is using CECLSM to deeply impact pastors' lives and church health

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Five of the eight Natural Church Development measures significantly increase for CECLSM churches

Natural Church Development Average Scores Before and After CECLSM for 118 Churches in Classes 1-4
Increases on each of these five scales were statistically significant at the 99% confidence level



Pastors are rediscovering joy in ministry and report their potential for burnout has been greatly reduced.

Sixty-five percent of CECLSM pastors expressed moderate to high risk of burnout prior to CECLSM, while only 30% expressed this level of risk after CECLSM. Participation in peer team learning communities provides the support necessary to dispel isolation and discouragement in ministry, with deep friendships forming which will last for decades. Prayer, personal coaching and teaching on topics like the Sabbath are critical in helping pastors develop healthy habits and patterns. Green Lake's beautiful setting and free golf at Lawsonia also rejuvenates pastors.

CECLSM churches received a 4.7% average annual increase in offerings during CECLSM and most churches experienced an increase in attendance.

Powerful lay leadership teams emerge from their two training retreats at Green Lake during CECLSM, ready to support the pastor and help discern the vision and lead change.

When CECLSM pastors rate the statement "the congregational team is doing their part to cooperate with me to bring about change," average scores go from 4.7 before CECLSM to 7.4 at the end (on a scale of 0-10) – an improvement of 57%! For Dennis Zirkle, pastor of Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Anderson, IN, one of the most important things from CECLSM is "a church leadership team that is 100% for Godly growth in our church, 'whatever it takes.' This team came together at CECLSM and they are a great blessing to me."