

## Participants Worksheet

**MCN:** *Calling Out the Called*: empowering believers to impact their communities

***“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”***  
**Philippians 3:14, NKJV**

### Learning area Expectations

Knowledge and understanding:

To find out how many churches are needed in your community, fill in the following form

1. Establish the total number (X) of non-Christians in the area.  $X =$
2. Subtract the combined seating capacity (Y) of all the evangelical churches in the area.  $X - Y = Z$
3. This equals the number of non-Christians that cannot be accommodated in an evangelical church in the area.  $Z =$
4. Divide the preceding number by the national median size of Southern Baptist churches, which is 230 members.  $Z / 230 =$
5. This equals the approximate number of churches needed (C) in the area.  $C =$

List the six components of *Calling Out the Called*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why *Calling Out the Called* is both a process and an event.

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Feeling and Appreciation:

Using the form below, indicate your church's appreciation for and feelings about church planting.

### Identifying church readiness for church planting

Mark each statement as true or false.

#### Complacent

- \_\_\_\_\_ The church has never been involved in a short-term mission project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The congregation rarely prays for needs outside of those for the members of the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Most of the church's ministries focuses on the needs of the congregation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The church has a history of fighting and dissension.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The church does not have a strategy for reaching non-Christians.

- The church actively demonstrates care and love for the pastor and staff.
- The church has never analyzed the demographics of the community and how the church is impacting it.
- The church does not give regularly to the Cooperative Program.

**Informed**

- The church regularly prays for mission work and missionaries.
- The church has a good reputation in the community.
- The church has a weekly outreach visitation program.
- The church gives regularly to the Cooperative Program.
- The church actively trains members in evangelism.
- The pastor speaks of people he has seen come to faith in Christ as a result of his witness.
- The church has identified a group of people within the congregation willing to pray for a new church.
- Most of the missions education and awareness has to do with international missions.

**Engaged** — all of the items listed under Informed plus:

- The church has participated in starting new churches in the community.
- The church has partnered with its previous church plants in ministry projects.
- The church has an ongoing and active prayer ministry for the non-Christians of the community, county, state, country, and world.
- Community organizations come to the church for sponsorship.
- The church takes up special offerings for missions.
- The church regularly sends people on short-term mission trips.
- The church has been praying for the opportunity to plant a church.
- The church has adopted missionaries and their families.

**Champion** — all of the items listed under Informed and Engaged plus:

- Church members regularly participate in starting new churches locally, nationally, and internationally.
- The church has done demographic research into local population segments for the purpose of planting a church.
- The church has developed an Acts 1:8 mission perspective.
- The church has adopted a people group to pray for and support.
- The church has already established a line item in the budget for starting new churches.
- The church has a functioning missions committee.
- The church stays in contact with adopted missionaries.
- The church involves other churches in starting new churches.

Based on this questionnaire, the category that best describes the church's readiness is:

- Complacent
- Informed
- Engaged
- Champion

Share where your church is in terms of readiness.

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How does your readiness relate to the number of new churches needed in the community?

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Communication:

How will you help the church understand the critical need for church planting?

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Application:

Outline the next step for implementing *Calling Out the Called* in the community.

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