

## Evaluating Your Environment for Growth

### ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE

1. On a scale of 1 to 100 (100 being the best), how would you rate your ministry as a place where people are loved?
2. On the same scale, how do you think a typical person in your ministry would rate the degree to which he or she feels loved?
3. On the same scale, how much do you truly love the people to whom you minister?

### RELATIONAL MINISTRY

1. How many times during the week do you seek to make contact with people merely for the purpose of building a better relationship with them?
2. In what form is your contact usually made (phone, in person, and so on)?
3. List the names of people who regularly reach out to and get to know others.

**CLEARLY COMMUNICATING CHRIST**

1. Think back over the teaching in your ministry during the last six months. What percentage of the time has that teaching been devoted to helping people understand Christ more clearly?
  
2. What misconceptions of Christ are most prevalent in your congregation?
  
3. On what aspects of the person and work of Christ are your people most clear?

**HEALTHY GROUP IMAGE**

1. How strongly does the average person in your congregation believe God will work in your ministry? Use the scale below to mark your answer.

He has given  
up on us.

He might do  
a few things  
here.

He is ready  
to blow the  
doors off!

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9-----10

2. On a scale of 1 to 100 how proud do you think your people are to be a part of the ministry?

3. How often do you talk about your vision for what you believe God would like to do?

### PRAYER BASE

1. What is being done to develop and maintain prayer support for the ministry and people of your body?

2. How much time do you spend in prayer for your ministry?

3. Who are the prayer warriors of your church?

### TEACH THE WORD

1. Would you say that the teaching/preaching in your ministry teaches about the Word or teaches the Word itself? What evidence can you give to support your answer?

2. What percentage of the messages in your church include application portions so that people have ideas of how to apply what they learn?

3. What books have you read or what seminars have you attended recently to help you sharpen your teaching and preaching skills?

4. What aspect of the Word do people in your ministry most need to get a handle on?

### Note

1. For further study see Larry Richards, *Creative Bible Teaching* (Chicago: Moody, 1970); Haddon Robinson, *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980).