



2019 LISTENING SESSIONS REPORT

Over the summer, the Transition Team meet with every LifeGroup and held open sessions at both campuses in order to hear your heart as well as your concerns for the church as we move into our next season of ministry. Below is the report from those sessions.

Question 1 – In this season of life of our Church, what about Connection Point Church brings you the most joy and thankfulness?

1. Fellowship/people/Life Groups
2. Music/worship/choir/orchestra
3. Truth taught from pulpit/Jesus Focus
4. Variety of opportunities to serve
5. Leadership/encouragement
6. Preschool/kids/student ministries
7. Diversity of the body (income, education, abilities)
8. Focus on Jesus/God
9. Hospitality-welcoming
10. Love of people in the church
11. Desire to have youth/kids involved more
12. Variety of pastors/speakers
13. Pageant
14. Church is unified
15. Deaf and hearing combined/deaf ministry
16. Greeters – they are positive
17. Coffee area
18. Prayer

Question 2 – If Connection Point Church could focus on doing only one thing in this moment and do that one thing well, what would that be?

1. Evangelize/outreach/get out in community
2. Discipling others
3. Prayer/fasting
4. Love and welcome new people
5. Worship/families worship together
6. More unity
7. Strong Bible Teaching
8. Get a Lead Pastor – pray for God's man to be called
9. More events with youth/kids
10. Seek the will of God/Holy Spirit
11. Focus on next generation/young people
12. Focus on Life Groups
13. Maintain what we are doing
14. Holy Days Celebrations/Jewish Celebrations
15. Get rid of debt
16. Better follow-up with those not attending
17. More gospel messages
18. Send groups to City Union Mission
19. More blending of types of music
20. Fix Budget

Question 3 – How can we be more intentional about reaching young people/families?

1. Outreach/invite/be out in community
2. Make sure nursery/children's area are top notch
3. More concerts/events/movie nights/carnival
4. Mentoring/discipling of young adults by older adults
5. Host dinners/food – young people will come if we have food
6. More ROC activities – open gym back open – more community center atmosphere
7. Improve at making visitors feel welcome
8. Better follow-up with visitors
9. Get young adult pastor
10. More family friendly life groups
11. Have a young adult focus service during the week
12. Date nights with older adults watching the kids so young adults can have a date night
13. Reach out to kids – that will help to reach the parents
14. More social media for what we are doing
15. Go check what other churches are doing well
16. Do more high-tech stuff to reach millennials
17. Get more feedback from mission trips – reports/pics
18. Make music more relevant to young people
19. Keep the blended service with all ages together
20. Need more young people on staff to reach more young people
21. More focus on diversity – our neighborhood/ community is diverse

Question 4A – What do you appreciate the most about the worship experience in our church?

1. Enjoy the choir and the orchestra
2. Enjoy the mixture and diversity of music – both contemporary & hymns
3. Positive feedback on Casey – doing a great job
4. Like the choir color themes
5. People enjoy the sermon outline and notes. It helps them to stay focused and to review during the week
6. Enjoy series teaching and preaching from the Bible
7. Nice to hear testimonies from our congregation
8. Lee's Summit Campus enjoys the mix of live preaching with streaming

Question 4B – What can we do differently?

1. Have communion more often
2. Deaf ministry would like monitors by the deaf seating area to show the words of the songs as some people are also visually impaired and can't see the big screen
3. Older generation would like to have more hymns and less flashing lights as they shine in people's eyes – would like to have a separate traditional service. Younger people would like more lights and contemporary music
4. Have announcements before the sermon to not take away from the Spirit moving in people's hearts, and have the announcements up on the screen
5. Enjoy soloists – both singing and instrumental – and would like to have solos more often
6. Would like to have the children's choir incorporated more into the morning worship as well as the youth
7. Would like to bring back the gospel choir
8. Would like to see videos or updates from ministry groups
9. Several comments that the music playing behind people praying and speaking makes it hard to hear and concentrate
10. Lee's Summit campus appreciates the band; but there are some that would like to see a variety of worship leaders such as a praise team
11. Lee's Summit had a great concern about rumors that people at the Raytown Campus want to close the LS Campus and sell the land/building.

Question 5 – What are your ideas for Connection Point Church to ensure that we stay encouraged and connected to each other during this transition time?

1. Be transparent with communication
2. More frequent communication
3. Positive communication
4. Improve website – it is too difficult to navigate
5. Emails too long and not very clear
6. Lead the church in prayer
7. Evening prayer and worship
8. Focus on God/Jesus
9. Keep focus on strong LifeGroups
10. Need more people to join life groups
11. Multi-generational mixers/events
12. Like when Pastors and Deacons attend LifeGroups
13. More Lee's Summit Campus leadership
14. Improve process to follow-up with visitors
15. Need a warm, inviting environment to welcome visitors

Question 6 – What is the main reason that makes you get up on Sunday morning and come to Connection Point Church vs staying home?

1. Life Groups/Fellowship
2. Worship
3. The Teaching
4. Serving
5. Being fed/filled with the Holy Spirit
6. Getting charged/Joy
7. Obedience – because I love God
8. This is a family – feel like I belong
9. The Lee's Summit Campus
10. Habit – what I was taught growing up
11. The Leadership/Support Staff
12. Deaf ministry
13. Guilt/pressure
14. Learn what is going on

Additional Items

1. Encouraged by leadership leading CPC through this transition time
2. Leadership encouraging us to keep in tune with the Lord during this time
3. Why does the front of the church still read "First Baptist Raytown"?
4. More personal communication – long email is not the same
5. Who is contacting people who are not in a Life Group?
6. We come because Kid City loves my kids.
7. We need to remind people that we are big church that has lots of areas to serve
8. Our church family does not seem like a family anymore
9. Prefer not having big changes all coming at once – need time to adjust
10. Need more bus drivers
11. Is there a designated fund in the budget for newer busses?