***Check the S\*o\*I\*L (Sphere of Influence Leaders)***

Key missional questions

* What needs does Jesus want us to meet to bring more people to know Him?
* What assets and relationships could the Lord use redemptively?
* Who knows what we need to know?
* What’s not being done in our area that we could do?
* Who are the “persons of peace”?
* What could be our Kingdom niche and unique contribution to His work in this area?

Spheres of Influence Leaders (S\*o\*I\*L)

1. *Education*—school leaders.

2. *Law Enforcement*—police chief, sheriff, etc.

3. *Government*—mayor, city/county officials, city planners, etc.

4. *Spiritual leaders*—pastors and parachurch leaders…our Kingdom teammates.

5. *Business leaders*—Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, etc.

6. *Social service agencies.*

7. *Media*—publishers, radio/TV, etc.

8. *Subcultures*—leaders in niche groups like partiers, bikers, ethnic groups, etc.

9. *Realtors and builders.*

10. *“Community organizations”—* groups of people who meet because of a common interest such as Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, support groups, hobbies or other special interests.

11. *Sports and recreation organizations.*

12. The “*Bishop*”—the most influential spiritual leader of the area to learn from.

13. “*Divine appointments*”—watch for the people God sends to you!

14. “Niche” groups who may be unique to your area.

Survey

1. How would you describe this area to a new person just moving in? What are our greatest strengths?
2. From your position as a leader of influence in this area, what do you see to be our biggest needs?
3. What are some ways a church that wants to be a servant to our area could partner with agencies like yours to help others?
4. What advice would you give me as a new spiritual leader in our community?
5. Who else would you recommend that I talk to that could help me learn more?
6. How can I pray for you or your family? How can we serve you?
7. Thank you for your time! May we keep you updated on our progress?

After you’ve done your “Check the S\*O\*I\*L” interviews, bring your team together and pray about what you’ve learned. Glean the key issues from those conversations as indicators of how the Lord is leading you to engage your community redemptively.