

EXEGETE YOUR COMMUNITY

A. Gather Data (understanding the narratives of the community)

1. Map out the geography/ territory
2. Understand the demographics
 - a. Gender, Occupations, Age
 - b. Educational level
 - c. Race/ethnic background (do not assume)
 - d. Income
 - e. Marital status (family structure)
 - f. Housing
3. Observe the Social structure
 - a. What groups are there? How do they group?
 - b. How do they interact
 - c. Cultural aspects
 - d. Recreation
4. Categorize
 - a. Values
 - b. Interests
 - c. Needs
 - d. Likes/dislikes
5. Religious Analysis
 - a. Predominate religious groups
 - b. Spiritual Climate
 - i. Existing theologies
 - ii. Philosophies
 - iii. Ideologies
6. Determine the People's Needs (Ministry)
 - a. Find out what is not there that we could provide as ministry? (Meet needs)
 - b. Understand how do the people look, think and behave differently than us.
 - c. Answer the question "Can we be a ministry provider that meets their need?"