

INTRODUCTION

The **Dynamics of a Growing Church** Video Training Program provides you, the pastor, with a tremendous tool to use with your church leadership. Featuring church development experts Dr. Howard Hendricks and Rev. Al Broom, you and your leadership will be challenged, inspired and provided valuable insights on how to create a climate of growth in your church.

To help you derive maximum benefit from this program, the following suggestions are offered.

1. **Schedule unhurried time** when you and your leadership can come together and have adequate time for discussion and application. *Leadership retreats* are excellent ways to combine prayer, fellowship and this leadership development program.
2. **View your role as a facilitator.** With Dr. Howard Hendricks and the Rev. Al Broom providing the content of the program you can relax and become a co-learner with your leadership. At the same time you will take an active role as facilitator. The lesson plans for each session will provide the step-by-step game plan for how to facilitate the discussion and application of the program.
3. **Use a visual display** to focus discussion. During each session there will be a discussion and application time. Use an overhead projector, blackboard or flip-chart to focus discussion.
4. **Prepare** for leading the program. Preview the videotapes and lesson plans before your session. Order the number of participants manuals you will need. Make sure you have an overhead projector, blackboard or flip-chart to use.
5. **Ask God to work** in the hearts of your leadership.

Session 1 Lesson Plan

UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

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STATE: "Before we can begin to explore the dynamics of why churches grow and how our church can grow, we first need to understand the purpose of the church. We will hear from Dr. Howard Hendricks. A profile of his background is written up on the back cover of your study guide. I think you will enjoy his humorous, yet challenging talk. Turn to page 6 for your note-taking outline."

START VIDEO TAPE: Session 1, Understanding the Purpose of the Church

Application

1. Ask each person to respond to questions 1-3 on page ⁹10.
2. Using the visual aid (overhead projector, blackboard or flip chart) record each person's evaluation of question #1. Briefly discuss the results.
3. Lead the group in sharing their ideas to questions 2 and 3. Record their responses on your visual aid.