

**ALTERNATIVE MEASURES of VITALITY FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES**

Here are some non-demographic factors to use in measuring vitality:

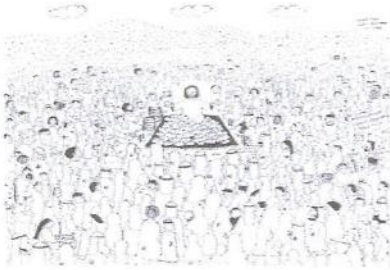
**POSITIVE FEELINGS OF PARTICIPANTS**

**IMPACT ON WIDER COMMUNITY**

**DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**NEW PEOPLE INVOLVED**



**VISIBILITY IN COMMUNITY**

**SPARK FOR NEW IDEAS**

**INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING/ ORGANIZING**

**PRESENCE OF YOUTH**

**OUTREACH TO WIDER COMMUNITY**

**HELP FOR PEOPLE**

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**LEARNING**

**MISSION OF JESUS REFLECTED**

**PEOPLE BECOME DISCIPLES**

**ENTHUSIASM**

**EMPOWERMENT**

Measuring or counting these factors is not easy! Think of how you might creatively use them to determine the impact of your church's ministry.

How could you "measure" the impact of your program using these indicators of vitality?

What would happen if you considered each of the above factors BEFORE you initiated a new program or activity in your church community?