



# Issues to Consider

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## Joining Church

1. Those who come through people in church
2. Those who come through activities of the church, inside factors
3. Those who come because of outside factors

## Leaving Church

1. Why they leave:
  - a) Lose faith
  - b) Unable to get involved
  - c) Too demanding
  - d) Attracted elsewhere
  - e) Move home
2. Where they go:
  - a) Another church
  - b) Another religion
  - c) No church but still believe
  - d) No church but no long sure of beliefs
  - e) No church and no faith

## Types of People in Church

1. Distinguish by activity:
  - a) Those who keep it all together (key people)
  - b) those who recruit
  - c) Those who contribute to church work/life
  - d) those who do little
  - e) Those who hinder
2. Distinguish by knowledge:
  - a) new to faith
  - b) initial discipleship,
  - c) mature,
  - d) leader.

## Types of People outside Church

1. Distinguish by need:
  - a) Need nothing
  - b) aware there could be better
  - c) searching
  - d) desperate
2. Distinguish by knowledge of Christianity:
  - a) Hostile,
  - b) know nothing
  - c) awareness,
  - d) sympathy,
  - e) fellow traveller, but...
3. Distinguish by contact with Christians, from none, occasional, regular, frequent.

These are purely to breed thought and are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.