

VITAL SIGNS: 20 WAYS TO PUT WHOLE-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP AT THE HEART OF YOUR CHURCH

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Looking for simple, practical ideas on how to embed frontline focus into church life? This is the book for you.

Vital signs considers 20 aspects of church life through the lens of frontline ministry, exploring how what we do when we gather can equip people for when we scatter. The four sections cover four aspects of church life:

1. When it's just us.
2. When we gather.
3. When we plan.
4. When we respond.

It has loads of great suggestions; for example, if you are a church that offers prayer at the end of a service, normally focused on those who are going through a tough time, or perhaps are looking for healing, include in your invitation something like this: 'If you're facing a significant transition, moving job, retiring, joining a new club, or a particular challenge we'd love to pray with you.'

It also has some great one liners, for example 'In church life headlines all too easily sideline our front lines'.

The book includes access to a free vital signs health check tool that will help you assess how you are doing against each sign. It's also realistic about how much change is possible, encouraging simple steps.

Aimed at overall church leaders and those leading alongside us, this is a great resource to help the whole church become more frontline focused and would be ideal to use with those you share leadership with.

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