

Listening for Mission Audit



practical ways to listen to your community

- 01** Have read a local newspaper and circled at least 3 things that break my heart.
- 02** Have asked at least 5 neighbors what they think would make my neighborhood/community better.
- 03** Can name 3 prominent idols in my mission context.
- 04** Have prayed daily to see the community with God's eyes.
- 05** Have "prayer walked" the community/network in which I am seeking clarity for mission more than once, at different times of the day/evening.
- 06** Can share the names and stories of 3 people in the community I've gotten to know as a result of time spent listening.
- 07** Can point to a sore spot in the community.

- 08** Have had conversations with at least 3 people who have lived a very different cultural experience than me, and encountered in those conversations a perspective I had never considered before
- 09** Can point to a pain point in the community that is not already being served by other orgs. (or may be being served but there's an element missing—with homeless, feeding was being addressed, social services exist, addiction specialists were connected, but no one fostering life-giving play)
- 10** Can point to 3 realities in the community where something good, beautiful and true is already happening.
- 11** Have been in conversation with others about what I am reading in Scripture and what I am seeing in the community.
- 12** Can describe a pain point in the community that is breaking my heart and is keeping me awake at night
- 13** Have asked at least 10 people outside my church about their hopes, dreams, fears, and stresses.

- 14** Can describe what places of worship and mission already exist and what that tells me about my context.
- 15** Have dug into demographics information about my community (Mission Insite)
- 16** Have interviewed at least 5 of these local leaders: law enforcement, educators, city officials, business people, social services, non-profit group
- 17** Have asked at least 5 people who would potentially be engaged with a mission initiative what they would like to see happening
- 18** Have a team of people listening to the community with me, and more than one person on the listening team has had a similar Holy Spirit “nudge”
- 19** Have noticed there are potential partners or friends/allies who care about the same things I am (or am becoming) passionate about.
- 20** Have had someone notice what I’m doing or hear my emerging vision for mission and get excited about it, and suggest connecting me with someone else in their network