

## Discussion Resources For Church

This series of resources poses questions to prompt discussion amongst church members. It is intended to lead to a fresh understanding of the way in which the Church's buildings can serve the work of the Church.

This follows the book "[Making Property Serve Mission – Rethinking the Church's Buildings 21st-Century](#)" by Fred Batterton. This is a series of on-screen slides to accompany the following questions. Download the slides in PowerPoint (Windows) or Keynote (Mac).

### 2: What Property Do You Have?

Questions and comments relate to the following slides:

3. What buildings and land do we have? Did we buy them or have we inherited it from predecessors in the faith? Either way what should we do with them?
4. Is the Church its buildings? How important are the buildings that we use? How would it affect our life as church if we did not have them? Did we pay for them or was it a previous generation?
5. This room in a university building is hired out to church every Sunday. What else would the church need?
6. The age of the building does not matter. Heritage buildings can be adapted to suit contemporary worship. What differences would using a heritage building have over using a new building? How important is it to your mission to have an environment of continuing worship over many years?
7. 20thC buildings may need to be adapted or extended to serve 21stC needs. What other buildings do you use during the week that have not been changed or renovated since your church was last refurbished?
8. Some church communities value having a simple interior space that can be achieved at low cost for a large floor area, often without any natural light. Benefits can be low set up cost and generous floor area. Challenges may be costs of cleaning, heating/cooling, lighting and maintaining a large area with minimal insulation. What other benefits or disadvantages do you see
9. Few churches need very large gathering spaces and most will develop multiple services before building an auditorium for 1000 - 2500 people or more. Any worship auditorium will benefit from careful consideration of each of the very many issues that contribute to its success.
10. Does your church use all of your rooms or land for mission-based activity or to create income for most of the week? How could you increase usage? Do you need to keep it all?
11. Next time we will look at the ways in which property can assist our mission.

