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I KNOW OF ONE THING THAT WILL HELP YOUR CONGREGATION GROW MORE THAN ANY OTHER ONE THING. WHICH DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE? Most congregations are doing some combination of what is on the list below and more, and many of these are essential, some more than others:

1.  Build a new sanctuary.
2.  Build a new sports/family life facility.
3.  Start up new children, youth, or adult programs.
4.  Add new staff members.
5.  Have a more powerful worship team, better music.
6.  Have more special events to draw people to the church: concerts, sports, fireworks …
7.  Find a more effective preacher who communicates the Word better.
8.  Spend more time in prayer.

9. Relocate to a more visible place.
10.  Launch a powerful promotional campaign in the community seeking to invite more
      people to your church
11. Do more benevolent projects in the community such as food kitchens, clothes closets, etc.
12. Hand out more evangelistic tracks at malls, etc.
13. Make better use of social media, website, sermons online, etc.
14. Improve use of audio/visuals in work of church/video, large screens.
15.  Start satellite churches.
16.  Start a house church program.
17. Start or expand radio and TV ministry.
18. Have baptism Sundays where you try and baptize dozens to hundreds of people on the same day.

19.. Insist that you (preacher) and your staff start and continue training as many of your members as possible to effectively share the Gospel with those they know outside of the church, who aren’t attending now and probably aren’t interested in coming to anything you are doing or offering.

While many of these things are fine, there is still one thing that will help your congregation grow spiritually, in depth and do more than any other thing to help you consistently grow. This is one man’s opinion and observation. I can find very, very few who are doing it though.

What is it?

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That’s it.

It will build your current disciples in their walk, and it will show them how to go and make disciples.