

Scripture, vision, leadership, ministry, ministry leaders

The Board and I would like to try an approach later this year that we believe will further ground Opawa's vision both in the Scripture and among us as a church community.

(This is based on something done at Baptist Assembly last year that worked very well among 700 delegates).

Timeline:

August – Opawa has, not a church “business” meeting, but a church “Scripture” meeting;

Step one -- 7:30-8:05--- Steve preach a Biblical text

Step two -- 8:05-8:20—everyone writes down 1 action step that could be taken at Opawa in response to this Biblical text; coffee

Step three - 8:20-8:50 – people divided into groups of 4. People shared their action step in two's. Each two are asked to choose one of the action steps (1 gets left behind)

Step four – Each two joins with another two. They repeat the process; share action steps and again are asked to chose one.

By the end of this process, each group has debated every member's idea and each group has emerged with 1 agreed action step.

Step five.- 8:50-9:05 – The action step selected by each group is read aloud to the church. These are printed up on the wall of the church and in next Sunday's newsletter and retained by the church leadership. Prayer to conclude.

The result should be say 10-15 clear actions steps that are based on Scripture, discerned by individuals and blessed by the Opawa body of Christ.

September – Board and ministry leader's have a day, planning for 2007. The actions steps are clarified and discussed. If we as Board and ministry leaders, after prayer, believe they are of God, they can be delegated among staff and ministry leaders

October – Ministry leaders prepare goals for 2007, based on action steps from the community.

November - Ministry leaders clarify resources, including financial, needed to reach those goals

December – Goals collated by Steve into the 2007 vision; Resource requests are clarified into 2007 Budget.

February – AGM, presents Goals and budget in continuity with August church meeting.