

Spiritual Strategic Journey (SSJ) 1.0 Process Overview

Purpose: A Spiritual Strategic Journey 1.0 process seeks to empower a congregational journey that is both spiritual and strategic in nature, and moves them in the direction of their full Kingdom potential. They are pulled forward by God's future story of ministry for them as a congregation on mission. The goal is to live into their Future Story of Ministry as a congregational movement.

Readiness: Before the SSJ process can begin, it is necessary for a congregation to determine their readiness for the process and the journey, and their willingness and commitment to engage in the full process.

Seasons: A Spiritual Strategic Journey process has three seasons: Spiritual Season, Strategic Season, and Journey Season. Each season lasts around 120 days, although the journey is really only beginning and is the ongoing aspect of the SSJ process.

- **Spiritual Season for Transitioning:** This season is about transition in the relationship of the congregation with God, one another in the congregation, and the context in which the congregation serves. The primary activity is 100 Days of Discernment.
- **Strategic Season for Changing:** This season is about determining the changes that need to be made. The primary activity is crafting the Future Story of Ministry of the congregation.
- **Journey Season for Transforming:** This season is about taking the journey in the direction of God's full kingdom potential for your congregation. The primary activity is developing the Future Story Fulfillment Map and to begin living into the Future Story.

Outcome: The outcome of the SSJ process is a dynamic, ever-changing Future Story of what will characterize the congregation ten years into the future, a Future Story Fulfillment Map that is an operational plan for the first one to three years, and a congregation committed to live into their Future Story.

Impact: The impact of the SSJ process is not only clarity of direction and a purposeful future, but congregational leadership committed to living into that direction, and proactively aligning their programs, ministries, and activities to fulfill the Future Story of Ministry.