



Creating Your Healing the Heart Task-Force

You may be leading the Healing the Heart of Your Church process in your church, but don't go it alone. Start by gathering a group of folk who are willing to help spearhead the project. You'll need people willing to research church documents, hold interviews with current and past church members and report on what they discovered at your retreat. These should be folk who have read *Healing the Heart of Your Church*, or at least have bought into the need to heal your church.

Once you gather your team, divide your church's history into 3 or at most 4 eras. Assign parts of your taskforce to each era. This diversifies the workload and makes for broader participation at the retreat.

As your team goes about their work, encourage them to go after the stories behind the facts and not just the facts. It's the stories that inform the narrative of your church. That narrative is the context into which Jesus speaks. Based on your historical narrative you will seek to determine what Jesus is saying to your church.

Additionally, you can have your taskforce help with set up and logistics for the retreat. You may include them as you come up with Jesus' letter to your church (after the retreat), particularly if your taskforce is made up of church officers. If that's not the case, the role of the taskforce diminishes after the retreat. Your church leaders should take point when it comes to writing Christ's letter to your church, developing your corporate covenant and preparing your solemn assembly.