

Video 5: Meeting Together

- **Determine where to meet**
 - Will one church host and rotate hosting?
 - Meet halfway – restaurant / hotel?
 - Camp or retreat center?
- **Determine who will attend**
 - All of the session?
 - Part of the session
 - Staff?
- **Plan and agree on an agenda**
 - Length
 - ½ day – Sunday afternoon
 - Full day – Saturday
 - Friday / Saturday setting
- **What do you want to accomplish?**
 - Initial meeting – get to know each other / develop relationships
 - Assimilation into ECO
 - Try to tackle all NQs or just a few?
 - Provide answers ahead of time
 - Sharing of Best Practices
 - What do you do well?
 - How can you learn from one another?
 - What will you hold each other accountable to in the coming year?
 - When you come back together what will you want to share?
- **Additional Ideas for Meetings**
 - Will you use an icebreaker as a way of getting to know one another
 - Can smaller groups be used (for discussion or focused prayer?)
 - How will interactions among elders and perhaps staff from different churches be encouraged?

- What role will prayer and worship play in the meeting?
- Should you bring in an outside facilitator or coach?
- Do you want to study a book together?
- What about going through ELI or discipleship assessment together?
- Other shared ministry / mission opportunities?
- **Determine Next Steps**
 - How will you be in touch between meetings?
 - Meet up at Presbytery?
 - Meet more than annually?
 - Staff connections?
 - Determine next annual meeting time
 - Who will host?
 - Where will you meet?
 - Prayer! How will you be praying for one another?