



what are you discerning?

Prayerfully discern how your church can be First Thousand Days (FTD)-friendly

follow God's leading and guidance

Your church is located in a context, with unique strengths and opportunities. Becoming FTD-friendly will have different expressions in different churches. This step is all about prayerfully discerning, along with the leadership/eldership and others in your church, what you can be and do to ensure loving connections are formed around families in your church.

We believe that God has gifted every church congregation with a range of spiritual gifts, empowering his body to further His mission. Instead of looking at what you don't have, or wish you had, consider who is already in your congregation that can be brought in to your FTD team – what strengths and knowledge can you ask of them, and where would you like to see your church grow in the area of FTD – being lead by God.

Don't copy other churches. What is unique to your church and community? What could God be leading you to do?

As you pray with your leaders/eldership/pastors and others, what do you sense God leading you into? Pray through the six ways a church can be FTD-friendly (<https://sikunye.org.za/play-your-part/ftd-friendly-churches/>), with your congregation and context in mind. This isn't about copying other churches but growing your sense that you are putting your best efforts into what God is lead you to.

You will find that as you pray and discern, certain opportunities will come to mind that you sense God pointing you towards. We encourage you to keep discerning and reviewing your activities. Some ministries or activities are good for a season, but then naturally slow down. Other areas of ministry will grow and increase in reach and effectiveness.

