

Bottlenecks in Your Ministry



A bottleneck is defined by Wikipedia as “a phenomenon where the performance or capacity of an entire system is limited by a single or limited number of components or resources.”

As we prepare for our time together, I would ask you to look at the following chart. Please check any of these typical bottlenecks that you feel are having a negative impact on your ministry. Feel free to also add any other bottlenecks you have discovered that you feel restricts you and your ministry. Check all that apply. If you are in a ministry outside the local church, please check your responses for your ministry situation.

Please return your completed charts to gordonpnfld@gmail.com when you complete them. This will help us in our preparation for our time together at SBC. See you soon!

| Bottleneck | ✓ | Bottleneck | ✓ |
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| No clearly defined purpose | | Stubborn, rebellious church members | x |
| Lack of clear vision | | Fear of change | |
| Loss of vision | | Desire to relive the “good ole days” | |
| Unresolved conflict | | Competing visions | |
| Strong personalities | | Controlling lay leadership | |
| Unconfessed sin | | Forgotten mission | |
| Poor fit between pastor and congregation | | Conflict between the “pioneers” and the “homesteaders” | |
| Failure to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ | | Facility issues (out of date, too small, not functional, etc.) | |
| Financial Issues | | Community issues (declining community, changing community) | |
| Pastor does not know what to do next. | | Pastor is afraid to take next steps. | |
| The church is “comfortable.” | | The pastor is “comfortable.” | |
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