

# IDEAL CHURCH

Issue five 3x5 cards to each person. Ask each to write one idea on each card with the theme, "The Ideal Church would be one that . . ." Give a few minutes to complete. Then ask each to rank in order of importance, from one (most important) to five (least important).

Mark the rank on the *back* of the card. Then, in a sharing time, trade cards (one for one) with others, that teens might accumulate the five best cards they can for their ideal church. Instruct the group to discard three, keeping the best two. With these two cards, find others with whom you can form a church consisting of several members of the group (perhaps four to five people). Each church group should name their church as they see fit after discussion. Then, each group, if time permits, should design a symbol for their church. The wrap-up would be for each group to present their church to the group, explaining their goals as a church community, in addition to explaining their symbol and meaning. This is great for senior high or adult groups and it really gets some discussion going about what is important in the Ideal Church.