

Developing Meaningful National Partnerships

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The FIEC was originally set up as a (Poole Connor)

Our aim today: What: Promote informal relationships between UK churches, from different backgrounds

Why? To encourage and challenge one another in gospel ministry

Our Story



Get thinking

Q1: How well connected is your church:

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Q2: What are some of the barriers to you growing a national partnership with another church?

Biblical Reflections: Partnership and Paul

A. People (Observations from the relationships of 2 Timothy 4:9-22)

B. Money (Observations from the financial partnership of 2 Corinthians 8-9)

- This is...
 - A call to *churches*
 - Not limited to *certain* churches
- What financial giving is

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

- A couple of principles
 - One about us:
 - One about God:

Another recent example



See the FIEC In:Dependence podcast – *Gospel Partnerships in Practice*. Released 23rd August 2022

Reasons to build and grow a national partnership

- 1 Theory of weak links
- 2
- 3
- 4 New ways to serve
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Next steps

1. To start off:
 - Get your leaders to think through:
 - i. Who could we help?
 - ii. What sort of church would challenge and teach us?
 1. urban vs rural
 2. multicultural vs homogeneous
 3. prosperous vs deprived
 - iii. What help do we need?
 - iv. Is there a relationship you could pursue?
 - Get your church praying for gospel need outside your area
2. Moving on:
3. Once connected:
 - Build relationship as leaders and then find ways to get members in relationship
 - Specific projects – Holiday Bible clubs
 - Be aware of relational capacity

Prayer

