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To: Ray Smith

Subject: Cathy's comments on Joe's e-mail

Comments on Joe Lochamy's e-mail from Cathy Smith (with her permission to share):

Ray,

I think Joe is absolutely right and he's really good at putting ideas into words. Our small group had a good discussion yesterday, but I'm afraid we don't have a lot of answers how to fix things. I think that's because Joe is right; our weaknesses are symptoms of a deeper lack of spiritual maturity. Someone mentioned in our group that the list of items had almost no mention of evangelizing or helping people outside of our church. I think we've become very focused on trying to attract our own members to participate and we don't have any time or energy left for outsiders.

I think a real key is for us each of us as individuals to try and think of what we could personally do differently to be more pleasing to God.

We tend to want to say what the elders or preacher or youth minister or parents should be doing instead of thinking of our own actions.

Cathy