


## Using the VAP→IT in Small Church


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### Small Churches Defined

- Worship with under 100 in attendance
- Typically offer one worship service
- One pastor
- Small staff or volunteers



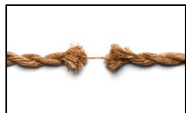
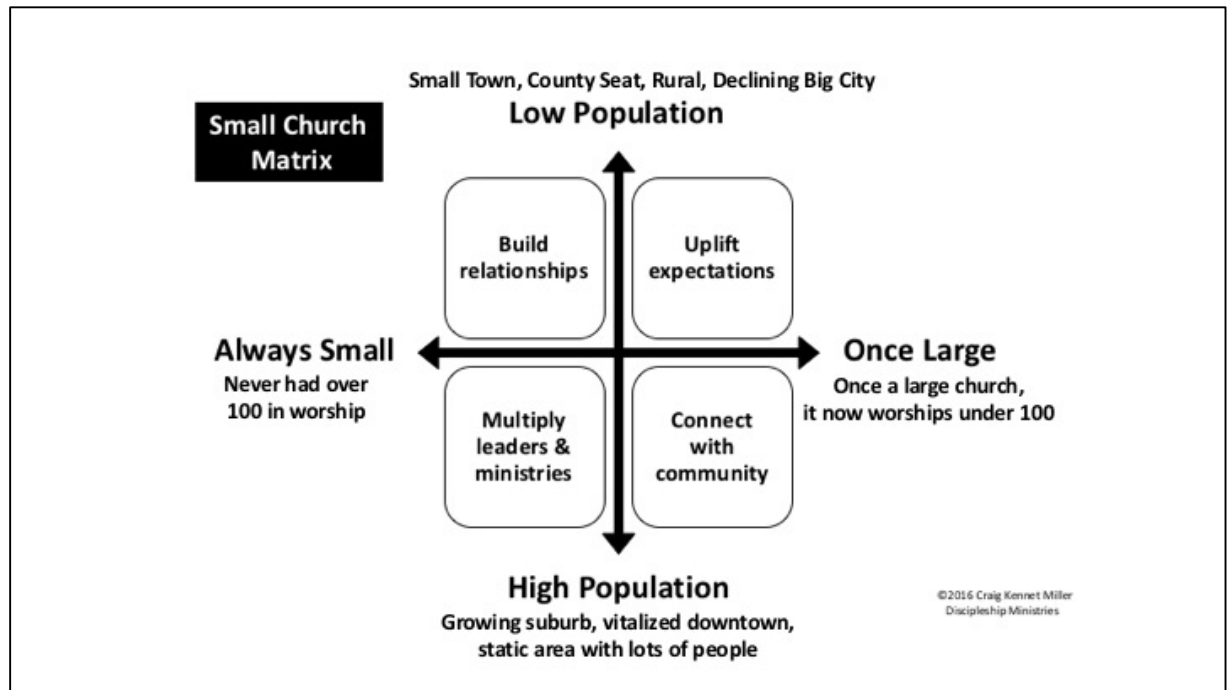
### 5 Strengths

1. Effective in discipling individuals
2. Everyone knows your name
3. High level of caregiving
4. Strong sense of fellowship
5. High participation



### 5 Weaknesses

1. The family church
2. Disconnected from their neighborhood
3. Fear of outsiders
4. Hard for new people to belong
5. Churning of pastors

**Four focuses for building ministry:**

- **Build Relationships** with key stakeholders in the community
- **Uplift Expectations** by finding and celebrating successes no matter how small they are
- **Multiply leaders & ministries** so the pastor/staff delegates aspects of ministry to others
- **Connect with the community** so that people in your church can see new opportunities

(Each box above highlights the best starting point for each small church context)

