



# Nehemiah Parish Basics Case Study

On Saturday, Feb. 11th, we were welcomed by [Church of the Ascension in Miami](#) as they hosted the first Nehemiah Process Parish Basics session. We discussed the art of welcoming and how the disease most people suffer from is loneliness. How can a parish and its members combat this? How can we invite people? We (the members of the parish) must be the sign of the church. The gospel is needed now more than ever. How can we be the sign for the church? Does your parish have a church t-shirt? Is there uniformity in your welcome? What community groups are meeting at your church? Is there a crossover with the community? Are you having events to bring people in?

**Grow where you are planted.**

The [Church of the Ascension](#) has a beautiful, well-equipped building that includes rooms of different sizes and a fully equipped computer lab and kitchen that would be well suited to host various types of conferences and business meetings. Working with community groups such as Rotary

and Chamber of Commerce will provide a wealth of networking opportunities. Evaluation of local conference center competition and license requirements along with a brochure and website design will be a great way to begin the process.

Another opportunity noted is based on demographics and location. [The Church of the Ascension](#) is found in the middle of a vibrant neighborhood. The church is easy to find, right off the turnpike and offers a large amount of parking. An easy way to utilize the church's large open space would be to hold a flea market. Funds could be raised by collecting money for tables at the flea market, the church could also sell food and snacks. A check on local permits needed and signs set up could happen quickly. This is a great way to welcome the community into the space and show off what they have to offer. We utilized handouts [Hospitality 101](#) and [parish specific demographics](#) to make suggestions.

The Nehemiah process is very thankful to our friends at [Church of the Ascension](#) for hosting us and allowing us to share and welcome neighboring parishes into their beautiful space.

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