



# 5 STEPS TO BECOMING THE CENTER OF YOUR COMMUNITY IN A DISASTER

When you think about a disaster happening in your community, the question isn't if it will come, but when. Imagine if your church could become the center of a vibrant response when the community needs it – what would that mean for the community and your church? Here are five steps you can take so you know what you need to when a disaster strikes.



## 1. Know Your Story

- a. What disasters do people still talk about today?
- b. Who were the helpers when those disasters happened?
- c. What would you do differently if it happened again?

## 2. Know Your Resources

- a. What are you able to give that people need?
- b. What opportunities do your building, current ministries, and people create?



### 3. Know Your Neighbors

a. Who suffered the most during the last disaster?

b. Who are the most vulnerable in your church? Make a list of those people and how you would support them.

c. Who is least prepared for a disruption of daily life?

d. What might they need that you can provide when a disaster strikes?

### 4. Know Your Assets

a. What skills do your people have? (Construction skill, first responders, food preparation)



b.What physical assets are available? (Church building, vehicles, other resources)

c.What training would help you develop those skills (disaster response feeding, crisis care,)

### 5. Know Your Partners

a.Local Government (emergency management, first responders, schools)

b.Local Businesses

c.Nonprofits

