

## GAP 16: INTEGRITY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

### Driving Question for Collaborative Design

How might Christians in the church, parachurch, and workplace collaborate to reach and disciple others with integrity in their witness by exposing corruption and modeling Christlike organizational practice?

### Description

Public stories of corruption from the church, parachurch, and Christian leaders in the workplace, are a significant barrier for the gospel. Public reporting of financial corruption, institutional cover-ups of abuse, actions of narcissistic leaders, and unbiblical corporate practice, all compromise the credibility of the gospel and its promise to transform character and behavior. Integrity in all our dealings is essential as followers of Jesus in every sphere, and yet regrettably rare.

Acknowledging this hard truth, this conversation prayerfully explores:

### Collaboration Questions

- What are the major challenges to integrity in the various spheres of public life?
- What are the major areas of corruption within mission/church organizations/business as mission?
- What are wise practices to prevent and/or redemptively respond to corruption?
- What teaching is required to form Christians with deeper integrity in everyday life?
- How can organizations witness with integrity to the wider culture, changing the perception of the church?
- What are the points of possible partnership, addressing corruption, between the church and civil society?

### Sub-Topics

- Wise practices for accountability and preventing corruption
- Societal reputation of the church, parachurch, and business as mission/Christian workers
- Partnership with civil organizations

### Preparation before Seoul 2024

Please read these sections of the State of the Great Commission Report:

- Introduction from the Theology Working Group
- Part I, on the State of the Great Commission globally, captured by text and graphics
- Part II, with the article on 'Integrity and Anti-Corruption', also drawing on 'Rising Debt Ratios' and 'Societal Influence of Christianity'
- Part III for your particular region in which you primarily work or serve in church or parachurch