

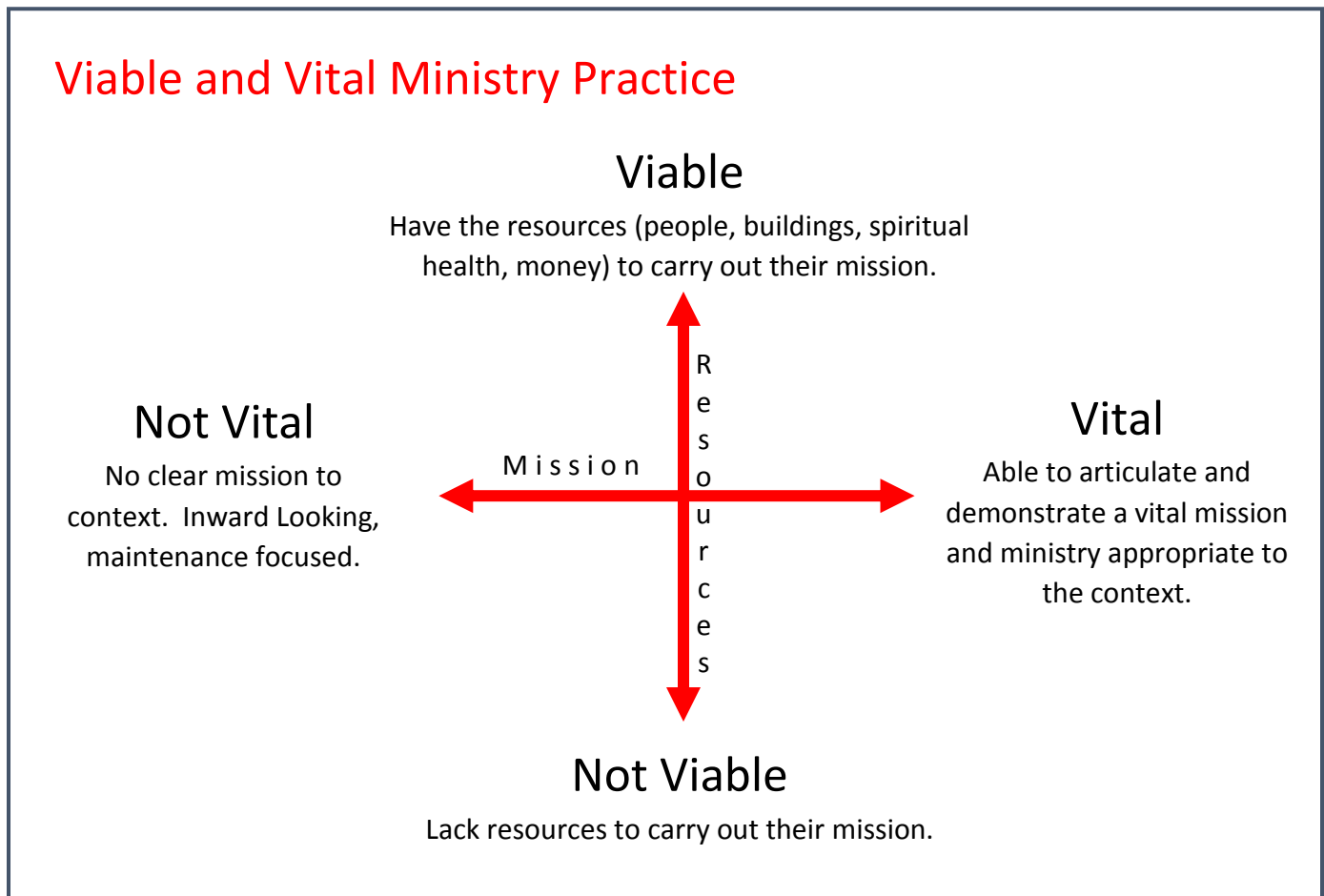
Viability and Vitality

Viable: vi•a•ble vīəb(ə)|/ *adjective* capable of working successfully; feasible.

Vital: vī-təl/ *adjective* 1 a: existing as a manifestation of life;
b: concerned with or necessary to the maintenance of life.

Vitality: vī'talədē/ *noun* 1: The state of being strong and active; energy

The chart below is a tool to help think through the current status of your congregation.



All churches encounter some form of static or unsustainable common life or find themselves ready to prune old growth and build a new cycle of growth in life together. Take a moment to think about where your congregation might be in relation to the above graph. It can help open imagination, ignite longing and prayer, and lead to new life for your congregation moving you toward a vital and viable ministry. Viability of a congregation increases proportionately with its interaction with the surrounding community.