

## Theme 2: Spiritual and Moral Crisis (Jinja, Uganda)

### 1. What is the role and place of the church in Jinja in responding to the crisis of Spiritual and Moral Crisis?

- **Supporting vulnerable groups:** The church's role is to offer support to vulnerable people within the community, such as widows, orphans, and the sick. By caring for these groups, the church can directly address the spiritual and moral challenges that arise from neglect and lack of care.
- **Demonstrating love and unity:** Participants emphasised that the church must foster love and unity within the community. By showing love and compassion to all, the church can bring people together and reinforce positive moral and spiritual values. This sense of togetherness is essential for maintaining moral integrity and providing guidance to those in crisis.
- **Preaching regularly:** The church's role also includes regularly preaching the Word of God through sermons, Bible studies, and crusades. By keeping the community grounded in spiritual teachings, the church can provide a moral compass for its members, helping them navigate through moral crises.

### 2. What are three practical steps that the church in Uganda can take to respond to the Spiritual and Moral Crisis?

- **Helping the needy:** The participants highlighted that one of the most practical steps the church can take is to help those in need, particularly orphans, widows, and the poor. By visiting these vulnerable groups and offering material and spiritual support, the church can lead by example in addressing moral and spiritual deficiencies.
- **Teaching community values:** Another key step is educating the community on love, thanksgiving, and generosity, including the importance of giving tithes. This education reinforces the spiritual discipline needed to uphold strong moral values and prevents moral crises from deepening.
- **Praying for the community:** Regular prayers for the community, especially for those in need, are seen as a vital response to spiritual crises. Prayer not only offers spiritual support but also fosters a sense of community and moral responsibility among the church members.

### 3. What are three practical steps that your church community can take to respond to the Spiritual and Moral Crisis?

- **Visiting and supporting the sick:** The church community should regularly visit hospitals and pray for the sick, both within and outside the church. This act of compassion demonstrates the love of Christ and directly addresses spiritual and moral neglect.
- **Encouraging church-based marriages:** Participants noted that encouraging marriages within the church, where individuals share common spiritual values, is a way to counteract the crisis of divorce and failed marriages. This step helps promote moral values and stabilises families.
- **Preaching against social evils:** The church must actively preach against social ills such as tribalism, racism, and corruption. These issues undermine both moral and spiritual integrity, and the church has a responsibility to lead the fight against them.

