

## Student Handout

### Topic C: Turning a Neighborhood Around

#### Guiding Questions

1. What are some of the ways in which Bethel Church has helped its community? What needs are being met?
2. Mary Nelson says, "It takes first a vision of the possibilities, looking at what are the strengths of a community. Asset mapping it's called..." What is meant by a community strength, or an asset? What would be some examples of assets in a community?
3. Bethel's success is attributed to "glue, gasoline, and guts." What do you think might be meant by "the glue that holds us together"? What about the gasoline? (Hint: Ms. Nelson calls it "gasoline for the long haul.")
4. Ms. Nelson says that for the well-being of individuals and families, jobs are the most important thing. Do you agree? Explain.
5. Suppose Mary Nelson were no longer available to work with Bethel. What would be needed to make sure the work continued?

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