

## DM 933 RESEARCH DESIGN OVERVIEW

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Why has attendance drop in the African American Churches in the Adamsville portion of Atlanta, Georgia?

The purpose of this study is to investigate why has attendance drop in the African American Church in the Adamsville portion of Atlanta, Georgia? The brick and mortar African American Church is seeing in Adamsville the young African American youth leaving the church in high numbers. The African American brick and mortar church building has been the place were African American people could come make plans that would be an aid to the African American community without outside interference. It has been the one place we could gather together and pray and worship for the benefit of the community and the world.

The study will be structured around the answers to two questions. 1. What are the causes of our African American youth leaving the African American brick and mortar church ? 2. Do the young people in Adamsville feel any connection to the African American brick and mortar church? The purpose of this study is to find ways to reverse the trends in we see in the African American young people in the Adamsville churches in Atlanta, Georgia. The study hopes to help ministers, leaders, pastors and teachers find ways to keep the African American brick and mortar church alive for future generations.

#### Method of Data Collection

The researcher will engage with participants in their social setting and will use a qualitative research method. This method will be used in gathering data in the social world of the participants selected for the study. The researcher will be informed by the data collected and not his subjective preconceptions

Method of data collection: primary Data

The observation Method will be use out in the field by the researcher personally going to the field and observing and collecting data from observation. According to the words of P. V. Young, " Observation may be defined as systematic viewing, couple consideration of seen phenomenon."

#### The interview Method

The interview method will be used by this study to ask questions in an oral way. The aim of method will be to get information required for the study.

Personal interviews will also be used in this study. The researcher will ask questions in face to face contact to the other person or persons.

#### Survey Method

This method will be used in this study because it is the best method to use for diagnosing and solving social problems. The surveys will be done by interviewing groups of six to eight individuals. The qualitative method will be used in these interviews. The researcher will also meet with a single person and interview him.

#### Ethical considerations

There will be no harm done to participants in this study. No animals will be used and persons can withdraw at anytime doing the study. Total confidentiality will be used at all times. All persons will be informed of their right to consent of not to consent, children must have parental consent.

There will be no coercion, no physical or mental stress and no deception.

#### Chapter Summary

In summary this chapter presents the research design and methodology for the study. By bringing together the interview method, the survey method and the population of the community and the

church's data can be analyzed to come up with ways to reverse the trends in this community to bring the young people back to the brick and mortar church.

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