

Discernment workbook

You can use the following worksheets to help you discern whether you're exercising a ministry as an Evangelist or called to explore such a ministry.

Give yourself plenty of time to do this – it could be one long sitting or over a few days or weeks. We encourage you to be honest about yourself; there are no right answers. Remember, God is calling you as you are and you don't have to be the finished article or try to be like someone else.

We recommend that once you have answered the questions you take them to a person you know and trust in church leadership. You could discuss what you've written and/or pray with them about this discernment.

Once you've finished the questions, offer your answers to God in prayer, and ask for God's guidance.

You can complete the online quiz at:

www.methodist.org.uk/evangelistcommunity

Or, if you'd rather use paper, consider these fourteen statements and tick the ones which feel most true:

- I find I naturally build relationships and partnerships in my community beyond the church.
- I enjoy finding imaginative ways to communicate the gospel.
- I speak from a living relationship with Jesus Christ.
- I am passionate about encouraging other Christians to share their faith.
- I find myself having faith conversations almost by accident.
- I have offered prayer to friends, family or neighbours who aren't Christians.
- I have journeyed with others as they explore faith and become followers of Jesus.
- I try to challenge the Church when it becomes inward looking.
- Being connected – both to God and to other people – energises me.
- I find it stimulating talking about tricky faith questions with people outside the Church.
- I see God in diversity – I don't want to 'make disciples' that look just like me.
- I look out for, and can respond to, opportunities for evangelism as they arise.
- I seek to connect others with communities of faith.
- I have used the Bible to help others consider how their story intersects with God's story.

Consider the following questions:

In what ways do you consider yourself an evangelist?

Think of a time you shared your faith through your actions.

What did you do?

What was the impact?

In your context, where are your opportunities for evangelism?

When was the last time you felt 'out of your comfort zone' in an evangelistic experience?

What did you learn about God?

What did you learn about yourself?

Think of a time you had a faith conversation with somebody.

Where do you see God was at work in that conversation?

What was the impact of this conversation?

When was your last positive experience of sharing your faith?

What gifts or skills did you use to do that?

In what ways do you feel most comfortable talking about Jesus?