

DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE

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WELCOME

Dear Friend

This course in Lent 2025 is an examination of what it means to be a disciple of Christ today. It is an opportunity for both self-reflection on where you are spiritually, and a toolkit to help you identify what you need to do – or maybe stop doing – in order to grow as a Christian. Many of us have acquired various spiritual habits and disciplines over the years, some of which remain helpful, and some of which we might have outgrown.

Questionnaire

This is part of the preparation for our course, and the questionnaire is a way for you to look objectively at your Christian discipleship, to identify what areas might need to be addressed, and to listen to God's Spirit as to where he wants you to be moving forward.

Remember: This is yours and no one will see it other than you, and you might want to refer to it when you talk about the weekly sessions with your partner.

How will it work?

It starts with the idea that 'We are all part of the body of Christ,' but often our faith is seen as private and individual. So in order to address that, I am asking you to find a partner to work with as we move through this course together. It can be someone you know well or someone you'd like to get to know; all that matters is that you are able to trust one another and feel comfortable sharing your thoughts.

Come along to each weekly session with your course partner and arrange to meet up each week for an hour or so to discuss where you are with the course, (Is it helpful, challenging, upsetting, not what you thought....)

In the book of Proverbs (Ch27 v17) it states, 'As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.' With God's grace both you and your course partner will support, encourage, and challenge one another as we all seek God together.

Philip Goodey

FAITH JOURNEY

Acts 10:47-48

Then Peter said, 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

01

WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN?

Yes
(Go to
question 02)

No
(Go to
question 04)

Not sure
(Go to
question 05)

02

IF SO, WHEN DID YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

03

WHAT'S THE STORY?

DID IT HAPPEN SUDDENLY OR OVER A PERIOD OF TIME?
DID SOMEONE HELP YOU, WALK WITH YOU, PRAY WITH YOU?

04

IF YOU'RE NOT A CHRISTIAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?



Yes
(Speak to Phil
Goodey or a
Christian friend)



Not sure
(Go to
question 05)

05

TRY TO EXPLAIN IN SOME DETAIL WHAT'S HOLDING YOU
BACK FROM TAKING THAT STEP.

06

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH
MORE CONFIDENTLY?

PRAYER LIFE

1 Thess. 5:16-18

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

01

DESCRIBE HOW YOU PRAY.
FOR EXAMPLE, IS IT DAILY/WEEKLY/OCCASIONALLY?
DO YOU PRAY OUT LOUD OR SILENTLY,
OR DOES IT DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES?

02

PRAYER LOOKS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE. DO YOU PRAY IN TONGUES? DOES GOD GIVE YOU PROPHETIC WORDS OR PICTURES? DESCRIBE WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR YOU.

03

IS LISTENING TO GOD PART OF YOUR PRAYER LIFE?



Yes

No

Sometimes

04

DO YOU EVER USE PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE TO GUIDE YOUR PRAYERS?

Yes

No

Sometimes

05

WHAT'S YOUR DEFINITION OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING?

Prayer

Meditation

Silence

Worship

Thanksgiving

Intercession

Pleading with God

Lament

06

DO YOU HAVE A REGULAR QUIET TIME WITH GOD?

Yes

No

Sometimes

07

DO YOU HAVE A SYSTEMATIC METHOD OF PRAYING (SUCH AS LECTIO365, COMMON WORSHIP DAILY PRAYER, ETC.? AND, IF SO, WHICH DO YOU USE?)

READING SCRIPTURE

2 Tim. 3:16-17

'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.'

01

HAVE YOU READ THE BIBLE?

- Just the New Testament
- Just the Old Testament
- Bits of it
- All of it
- I tried but gave up
- Not really

02

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU READ IN SCRIPTURE?

- I don't understand much of what I read in Scripture
- I try to put it into context and then relate the passage to modern life
- I listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to help me pick out the bits God wants me to focus on
- I use study notes (i.e. Every Day With Jesus, The Bible In A Year, Daily Bread etc.)

Other comments

CHURCH LIFE

Romans 12:1

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship.'

01

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES?
IF SO, WHICH ONES?

02

WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AS A
MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH? LIST AT LIST THREE OF EACH.

Strengths

Weaknesses

03

DO YOU TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DELIVERING THE WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP? FOR EXAMPLE: MOVING CHAIRS, SERVING COFFEE, READING LESSONS, LEADING PRAYERS, PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, ETC..

04

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO MORE IN CHURCH, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

05

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE OUR 'WORSHIP' OUT OF THE BUILDING AND INTO THE COMMUNITY?



Yes

No

Not sure

06

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS HOLDING BACK THE CHURCH?

07

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS ENABLING US TO THRIVE AND GROW?

08

DO YOU SEE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'THE CHURCH' AND 'THE KINGDOM OF GOD'? IF SO, TRY TO EXPLAIN IT BELOW.

CHURCH OUTREACH AND MISSION

Acts 10:47-48

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

01

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO 'OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU'? DO YOU OBEY IN THIS WAY?

02

SHOULD THE CHURCH...

Yes No Not sure

...be involved in bringing change into people's lives?

...focus on helping people?

...focus on sharing the Gospel?

...focus on what happens on Sundays more than what happens during the week?

03

WHAT IS CONVERSION, REPENTENCE, AND SALVATION?
HOW DO THEY APPLY TO YOU LIFE AND THE LIVES OF
PEOPLE YOU ENCOUNTER DAY-TO-DAY?

Conversion

Repentence

Salvation

04

HAVE YOU EVER LED SOMEONE TO FAITH?

Yes

No

05

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU IN
SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH SOMEONE
(WITH 1 BEING TOTALLY LACKING CONFIDENCE, AND 10
BEING COMPLETELY CONFIDENT)?

1

10

06

CAN YOU TELL SOMEONE HOW YOU CAME TO FAITH AND
THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES IN YOUR LIFE?

Yes

No

I need some help

07

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A CHURCH
PLANT IN ONE OF THE ESTATES AROUND HIGHWORTH AND
BROAD BLUNSDON?

Yes

No

CONCLUSION

Romans 8:16

'For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, 'You are God's beloved child!'

01

LIST FIVE AREAS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE WHERE YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

02

LIST FIVE AREAS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE YOU'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

EXTRA NOTES

