

## ***Uniquely Gifted To Serve***

### **1. What is ministry?**

- Ministry is using whatever God has \_\_\_\_\_ me to \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of others in order to \_\_\_\_\_ his church.

### **2. Why minister?**

- Jesus gave an \_\_\_\_\_ and then told us to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
*Matthew 20:28 The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve*  
*John 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you*
- Jesus love and death ought to \_\_\_\_\_ us to minister  
*2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ's love compels us to, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died*
- God gives Christians their own special \_\_\_\_\_ to enable them to minister.  
*1Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms*
- Jesus is building his \_\_\_\_\_ through ministry  
*Matthew 16:16-18*  
*Ephesians 4:11-12 It was he who gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists or pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built*
- The body of Christ needs the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ in it  
*1Corinthians 12:12-30*

### **3. What can I do?**

#### **Ask yourself these questions..**

What do I love doing?

What would I hate doing?

Which age / type of people do I love working with?

What excites me?

If I knew I couldn't fail, what would I attempt to do for God with my life?

What special abilities do I have?

What is my current job?

What have I been trained in?

What courses have I done (eg first aid, computer)?

What are my skills?

What sort of person am I? Where are you on these spectrums?

Outgoing\_\_\_\_\_Introverted

Co-operative\_\_\_\_\_Work alone

Activist\_\_\_\_\_Think issues through

Creative\_\_\_\_\_Routine planner

What experiences have I had....spiritual/educational/painful?

What ministry experiences have I had at other churches?

### ***Interview Questions***

1. Are you wanting to do more?
2. Have you been involved in a ministry (at another church) before?
3. Have you seen a ministry at this church that you already have thought you would like to be part of?
4. What sort of time have you got to be able to give to a ministry?
5. And I know this can be hard to answer – but have you thought about how God may have equipped you in some way, to serve His people?
6. Are there things over the years, other people have told you, you are good at/have strengths in?
7. Given all the above, are you open to serving wherever we may have a real need – even if you don't actually love it, or aren't sure you would be great at it?

### **Opportunities For Ministry**

*Two types*

- \* Ministry that we do because we have a servant heart
- \* Ministry that uses my gifts

*Two categories*

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| * Ministry that is not organised    | * Ministry that is organised           |
| - encouraging each other            | - word processing/office tasks         |
| - reading the Bible with each other | - operating resources library          |
| - praying with each other           | - welcoming team                       |
| - visiting                          | - visiting in hospitals                |
| - offering hospitality              | - organising prayer meeting            |
| - telephone calls                   | - teaching children's/youth groups/SRE |
| - writing letters                   | - cooking for shut-ins/the sick/events |
| - relationship evangelism           | - administration                       |
|                                     | - music                                |
|                                     | - transport                            |
|                                     | - morning teas/suppers                 |
|                                     | - planning/organising events           |
|                                     | - crèche                               |
|                                     | - cleaning                             |
|                                     | - leading home/Bible study groups      |
|                                     | - operating equipment (data, sound)    |
|                                     | - mission support                      |