

Group Responses to “Change Your Questions Workshop”

What makes for a powerful question?

Responses:

- Understanding context
- Open ended
- Disruptive questions – cognitive dissonance – change your orientation
- Thought provoking
- Not one right answer
- Not rhetorical
- Answer behind the answer...a question within a question.
- Obvious and more penetrating answer
- Invite growth/ spiritual growth...invites you to growth, change, transformation. Look within.
- Pushing the envelope, challenging the status quo.
- Connection

What Questions Is Your Church is asking?

How can we attract more young families?

When did the Bible become political?

How can we get more money?

Why do we have to change?

How can we connect to the community?

Why are people leaving?

Why do we need a Trustees meeting?

Why don't we do things the way we used to do?

How can we engage more with social justice?

Why are we talking about social justice? Why is the pastor preaching about it?

What do you notice about these questions?

Fear based,

It is about us

burnout

resistance

discomfort

Are we loved?

Seeking comfort rather than challenge

Exhaustion

Q-Storming Questions

(Powerful questions you would like to ask)

What can we provide our youth as an alternative to drinking and drugs?

What is the joy for you in serving?

What inspires you?

What is the Christian mission?

What are your hopes and dreams for your church? Your family?

What keeps our neighbors awake at night?

Are my actions faithful?

How do we define our community? What do we mean by community?

Who is my neighbor?

What is our purpose? What makes us a church? What makes us effective?

What is our connection to various constituencies? Commuters?

What will we look like in 5 years?

Who is this for?

What represents extravagant welcome?

What do you hunger for?

What would you set aside an hour a week to do?

What are you looking for?

What needs to you have that are unmet?

How can you use your privilege for good?

When have you felt God's presence?

What makes God real for you?

What do I want beyond myself, in the next generation?

What difference does it make to be a Christian? What would my life be without it?

If our church went out of existence, who would notice?

What can we give? What can people bring to us?

What does it mean to spiritually transform myself, rather than be converted?

What do we need to say "no" to?

What do we not tolerate?

When someone leaves, what do we do next?

Where is the energy?

What is the purpose of this organization?

Where is God in this?

Where is God leading us?

Is God leading us?

Are we listening?

Would Jesus come to my church on Sunday?

How would we feel if Jesus walked in right now?

Would Jesus hang out with me on Saturday night?

