**Foundations of Ministry**

**Why Ministry?**

**Spiritual Gifts: How has God used you in ministry and service to others?**

Whether you see spiritual gifts as abilities or as ministries, consider how God has spiritually empowered you in a unique way to be of service to others. Where have you sensed the power of Christ working in and through you to bless others? Is there a common theme in the times you have felt or seen God use you?

**Heart or Passion: What you love to do and care about most.**

What is it that breaks your heart? What would you love to be doing all the time? What do you find yourself talking about with other people with great energy and passion? Is there a ministry or mission that you can’t get out of your mind?

**Abilities: The natural talents you were born with or the skills you have developed.**

What are you good at? What are your most valuable personal assets. What things come easily to you? What skills have you acquired through jobs, classes, books, experiences, etc?

**Personality Style: Your unique combination of personality traits.**

***How we relate to others?***

Are you introverted or extraverted?

Introverted: People who have a preference for introversion enjoy being with other people, but they find that being with others drains emotional energy from them and they have to have a certain amount of solitude to “recharge.”

Extraverted: People who have a preference for extraversion receive emotional energy from being with other people, and they find that solitude drains energy from them. Extraverts can enjoy solitude, but they have to have time with other people to “recharge”.

***How we take in information?***

Intuitive: People who have a preference for intuitive often describe themselves as “innovative”. Intuitive people like the bigger picture and may overlook facts. Intuitive people tend to be more interested in what “might be” than in what “is”.

Sensing: People whose preference is for sensing often describe themselves as “practical”. Sensing people gather information bit by bit, and they focus on facts, data, and experience. Sensing people tend to be more interested in what “is” than in what “might be.”

***How we make decisions?***

Thinking: People who have a preference for thinking use logical analysis to reach conclusions. They may upset people inadvertently by overlooking their emotions and tend to be firm minded ready to offer critiques.

Feeling: People who have a preference for feeling focus more on how a decision will affect other people. They use values to reach conclusions, are sympathetic and dislike telling people unpleasant things.

***How we experience the world?***

Judging: People who have a preference for judging enjoy organizing and finishing tasks. They seek structure and schedules and use lists to prompt action on specific tasks.

Perceiving: People who have a preference for perceiving want flexibility in their work and enjoy starting tasks and leaving them open for last-minutes changes. They adapt to changing situations and feel restricted with too much structure.

**Experience: The experiences in life that have molded you.**

What are some of your most meaningful spiritual experiences? What life experiences have molded and shaped who you are? Who do you believe you could relate to and encourage because of your experiences?