

Worksheet for Discerning our God-given CORE PASSIONS

1) Looking at our congregation from the outside what four areas of ministry would you say are most important to us here? Give specific evidence to why you think each is important to us.

2) What is the most important aspect of ministry for you here in our congregation?

3) What four adjectives would you use to describe our congregation?

4) Discuss your answers to question #1 with your table group and list out the top four ministry aspects compiled by your group in order on the top half of a sheet of newsprint.

5) Discuss your answers to question #3 with your table group and list out the top four adjectives compiled by your group in order on the bottom half of a sheet of newsprint.

6) Using an index card, list everyone's "most important area of ministry" even those which are duplicated. Each group should have the same number listed as there are in the table group.

Compile a listing from all groups of the most important areas of ministry with those listed most frequently at the top with the number of responses given for each area of ministry. Do the same exercise for responses to the first question and compare the two lists. The top four common most important areas of ministry from all responses give a good snapshot of the core passions of the assembled group from your congregation. A significant sample of the congregation participating in this exercise will reveal the core passions of the congregation.

By compiling a listing of the most frequently used adjectives describing your congregation you will have a number of adjectives that can be used to create a descriptive statement about the Core Passions of the congregation.