First Steps

God calls each of us to work for His kingdom in many ways. This checklist will help you discover if ministry is a good fit for you. We’ve also provided some resources to use in your decision-making process. If you still have questions or are uncertain about your future, contact us. We can help direct you toward your next steps.

EXPERIENCE
- I enjoy being involved in ministry and/or service.
- Others have told me I would be good in a ministry position.
- When I’m involved in ministry, I feel like it’s something I could do with my life.
- God seems to use me to make a difference in other people’s lives.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION
- I am active in church.
- I have experience in leadership at church and school.
- I have served others in church, school and the community.
- I have been on a mission trip.
- I would like to go on a mission trip.

If you have checked a majority of the above boxes, you may want to consider a career in ministry. Below are a few suggestions to guide you as you make your decision about a call to ministry.

PRAYER
- Pray about God’s will for your career.
- Ask others to pray for you to understand your calling.

COUNSEL
- Talk with your pastor about your calling and pastoral ministry as a career.
- Talk with your parents about your calling and your career.
- Talk with other adults whose counsel you value.
- Talk with ministry college students and/or graduates about their experience.

STUDY
- Read and study the Scriptures.
- Read about pastoral ministry as a career. Research the requirements for ordination.
- Begin to research the education and practical training you will need.

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