

## MINISTRY PASSION ASSESSMENT



Consider the three thought provoking questions below. Don't answer them yet, simply allow yourself space to ponder how profound these questions really are.

- What do you care most about?
- For what do you have a passion?
- Where would you like to see your life make a difference?

In this workshop, we will define and identify "Ministry Passion" as the **God-given desire that compels us to make a difference in a particular area of life or ministry where God is glorified and people are built up** (edified). Other words that you may relate to or use to communicate your Ministry Passion are:

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| - Assignment | - Burden    | - Call       | - Compassion   | - Destiny  |
| - Dream      | - Energy    | - God's will | - Impact       | - Inspired |
| - Legacy     | - Motivated | - Purpose    | - Significance | - Vision   |

### Before you begin:

The purpose of this assessment is to assist you in the identification and articulation of your God-given Ministry Passion. How cool is this... the results of this time, when prayerfully considered, will release greater motivation and enthusiasm in your life and ministry. Ready for that?

1. You may not, at least initially, be able to answer all of the questions. It's ok. The assessment is designed to explore a variety of ways God speaks to us about our passion. He has probably spoken to you in some of these ways, but perhaps not all of these ways.
2. Take time to PRAY! Lean into God and His wisdom to respond to each of these questions.
3. Complete the assessment on your own. We will spend time chatting it up with others in the workshop.
4. There are no right or wrong answers. Say what is on your heart!
5. At this point, do not consider whether you could do it or how you could do it. All you need to do right now is name it!
6. Assume there are no obstacles to hinder you from fulfilling your heart's desire (passion).

**MINISTRY PASSION ASSESSMENT**

1. Imagine you and I are having a conversation. What topic or subject causes you to speak a little faster and/or lean forward in your chair? What subject could keep you up late at night talking about or thinking about? What are we talking about?

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2. What do you repeatedly see or experience that angers (or annoys) you, which if changed, would be more glorifying to God and edifying to others? Bill Hybels calls this a "Holy Discontent".

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3. I care about some things more than other things. I care most about...

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4. What have you been doing when you feel more alive, energized and motivated after you've been doing this?

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5. What brings tears to your eyes? Maybe even unexpected tears? What were you doing? Thinking about? Hearing? Watching?

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6. List your top five to seven most meaningful and impactful life experiences. These are experiences that have shaped who you are (some may be very positive, some not so much positive as impacting or insightful). These may help you uncover a theme in your life that can be an insight into your Ministry Passion:

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|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| a. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |
| b. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |
| c. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |
| d. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |
| e. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |
| f. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |
| g. Experience | Why is this meaningful? | Theme identified |

Looking over your responses, what theme(s) or patterns seem to be most evident or repeating?

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7. Some Ministry Passions can be centered around a people group, social issue, or spiritual growth point. Consider these partial lists and **indicate any that tug at your heart**. It's ok (really!) if you do not have a desire to make a difference in any of these areas. Perhaps they prompt you to think of another group or issue that resonates within your heart. Fill in a blank of two if that is the case.

**a. People Groups**

Infants	Children	Youth
Divorced	Widowed	Single Adults
Career women	Young marrieds	Refugees
Parents	Empty Nesters	Homeless
Unemployed	Elderly	Disabled
Prisoners	Poor	Hospitalized

**b. Social or Spiritual Issues**

Environment	Child care	Homosexuality
Discipleship	AIDS	Politics
Violence	Injustice	Racism
Education	Addictions	Economics
People far from God	Technology	Health care
Poverty	Family	Abortion
Hunger	Literacy	Nutrition
Healing	Prayer/Intercession	Direction in life

8. At the end of my life, I'd love to be able to look back and know I'd done something about...

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9. **SUMMARY:** Looking at the 8 questions above, I'd say my Ministry Passion is to...

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