

Narrative Questions – Redefined

Question 1: How has the Holy Spirit been evident in your congregation in the past year — through conversions, growth in the fruit of the Spirit, or other transformational experiences that make disciples of Jesus Christ? (Holy Spirit Question)

Q1 Redefined: *Where have you seen God at work in your midst through the growth of faith – new believers, fruit of the Spirit, changed lives – in your church?*

Question 2: How has your congregation extended itself beyond its bounds through the establishment of new communities of worship and discipleship, expanding the Kingdom of God? (Evangelism Question)

Q2 Redefined: *How has your church gotten outside of its comfort zone in telling others about Jesus? Through new worshiping opportunities/church plants? Through discipling others? Through outreach?*

Question 3: In what ways is your congregation seeking the welfare of the community to which you have been called — devoting itself to the poor, seeking justice, and living out the whole of the Great Commission? (Justice Question)

Q3 Redefined: *In what ways is your church serving or engaged in the local community around you?*

Question 4: How are you encouraging people to allow God’s Word to shape their priorities and actions, and to nurture constant learning and the life of the mind (Biblical Authority Question)

Q4 Redefined: *How is your church engaged in the study of the Bible? Are you living and growing under its authority? How are you engaged in theological reflection?*

Question 5: How are you helping children and others new to the Christian faith to discover Jesus and grow in their understanding and love of God’s Word? (Discipleship Question)

Q5 Redefined: *How is your congregation living into its baptismal vow? How are children and new believers growing in maturity of faith in Christ?*

Question 6: Describe the moral expression in your congregation — are you more like the world or more like participants in the values of the Kingdom of God? (Witness Question)

Q6 Redefined: *What is the moral compass of your congregation?*

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Question 7: How is your congregation intentionally unleashing the ministries of women, men, and people of different ethnic groups who are experiencing God’s call? (Leadership Formation Question)

Q7 Redefined: *How are you identifying the gifts of believers and engaging them in the ministries of the church or identifying new ministry callings?*

Question 8: How is the idea of ministry as the joy and calling of every disciple evident in your congregation? How are you equipping people to represent Jesus more effectively in their respective professions? (Priesthood of All Believers Question)

Q8 Redefined: *How does the congregation equip its members to live for Christ in business, government, medicine, education, the home, etc.?*

Question 9: Illustrate the commitment of your congregation to global evangelism and discipleship, including examples of where you are engaging and with whom you are partnering. (Global Mission Question)

Q9 Redefined: *In what ways is your church engaging in worldwide mission and/or the global church?*

Question 10: How does your congregation understand commitment to the larger church through our connectional relationships within the Body of Christ? (Body of Christ Question)

Q10 Redefined: *How are you engaged in the work of a MAG, your presbytery, ECO, and relationships with other churches in your community?*