

WORKING DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

The aim of this questionnaire is to help you begin to think through the relationship between your work, faith and church. You may wish to keep it for personal reflection and prayer, or share your answers with someone else.

Please use 'work' to denote the major occupation(s) of your time, whether paid, voluntary, part-time, full-time, family care, working from home, retirement pursuits/projects, recreational activities etc – time spent engaging with activities, people and organisations beyond church.

1. Your name:
2. Your place of work:
3. Job title:
4. Basic description of your job(s) or role(s):

5. Does your work . . .

Please tick **one** box on each line

	All the time	Usually	Occasionally	Never
Take place at one main workplace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take place mainly at home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve travel within the UK?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve travel abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demand weekend working?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve shift and/or night working?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require you to bring work home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What sort of person does your work require you to be?
eg. thinking, feeling, creative, managerial, able to work with others, etc.

7. What is the aim of your occupation?

8. What do you enjoy most about your work?

9. **What pressures are there in your job?**
eg work-load, colleagues, poor plant / environment, balancing home / work commitments and time, customers, working practices, increased regulations etc.

10. **What are the frustrations of your job?**
eg no chance to affect policy decisions; quality of end product; relationships etc.

11. **Who has 'power' to control what happens in your situation?**

12. **What are the priority values of your company/place of work – in theory and in practice?**

13. **What essential aspects of your potential are not drawn out by your job?**

14. **Do people know you are a Christian? If so, how?**

15. **Are there pressures in your job that have the potential to compromise your Christian principles? If yes, what are they?**

16. **If God were to make your daily occupation a perfect one today, what**

would you look for him to do:

a) in the situation?

b) in you?

17. What difference does being a Christian make to your work situation?
18. What part of the gospel message sustains you most in your everyday life?
19. What have you found most helpful in your recent / current experience of church?
20. How would you describe your relationship with your church?
eg. regular attender, occasional attender, on the fringe, etc?
21. In what ways does your church recognise and support you in your work?
22. In what ways could people from your church help you in your work situation?

Here are some comments people have made about how they see their work in relation to church life? How strongly do you agree or disagree?

Please tick **one** box on each line

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My real life is centred on my church; my job is to provide me with an income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work and church are quite separate, and I like to keep it that way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My work is my vocation and I want my local church to support me in this	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work and family life are so busy that church has to be fitted in as and when	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My church does not understand the issues I face from Monday to Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church on Sunday is a welcome relief, an escape from the pressures of ordinary life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I look to the church to help me in living out the Christian life at work and at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The church provides me with the strength and resources to face my work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Church does not have much to say about business, commerce and manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. To encourage your work life and your discipleship through your work would you like

- a regular meeting point with others
- a short study course
- a network of contacts in the diocese
- an annual meeting
- something else

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25. Would it be possible to arrange for your parish priest / lay leader to spend an hour or so at work with you? Would you like this to happen?