

Questions for Reflection
Alone, with a Friend, or in a Small Group
May 9, 2021

1. How does God use you in service?
 - a. How are you blessed by blessing others?
 - i. How is God already using you (outside the church)—things that aren't church-y?.
2. Read Romans 12:3-8 (New Revised Standard Version)
 - a. What is one thought or idea from this scripture especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenge, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped or surprised you?
 - b. In Chapter 12 of Romans, Paul is exhorting the early church about proper behavior as a follower of Jesus.
 - i. Why do you think he begins with the section about the importance of all tasks in the church?
3. Unless each of us have embraced our gifts for mission and ministry, God's Kingdom cannot reach its full potential.
 - a. What old thinking on this topic do you need to break away from?
 - b. In what ways are you being called to re-imagine how you are being called to serve God?
4. How would the church change if we moved to empowering laity rather than funding staff?
5. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed that we could follow all of Jesus' teachings if we remembered these three simple rules:
 - a. Do No Harm
 - b. Do all the good you can
 - c. Stay in love with God
 - i. How have you practiced living by these rules in the last week?
6. What is your SHAPE?
 - A. S is for Spiritual Gifts
What are your spiritual gifts, the capacities or strengths with which others have recognized you making a difference and being a blessing to them?
 - B. H is for Heart
What strums your heart strings?
What are your interests, your passions, the things about which you care deeply?
 - C. A is for Abilities/Assets
What are your abilities, the things you do well, that you do naturally, or have learned to do over time? What assets do you have that enable you to do certain things?
 - D. P is for Personality
What is your personality?
How has God wired you?
 - E. E is for Experiences
What experiences have equipped you to gain knowledge, strength, or perspective that can be a blessing to others?