

Are You Being Called to Plant Something New?

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Simple Church Planting Assessment: What if God is calling you to start something new? Church planting does not always mean starting a traditional congregation. It might begin around a dinner table, at a neighborhood park, or through relationships with people who are not connected to a church community. God calls both clergy and laity to cultivate new Christian communities. Could you be one of them?

1. Explore Your Calling

For each statement, select the response that best describes you.

1= Not Really | 2 = Somewhat | 3 = Definitely

Statement	1	2	3
1. Reaching New People: I feel drawn to connect with people who are not currently part of a church.	☐	☐	☐
2. Imagining New Possibilities: I can envision new ways for people to experience Christian community.	☐	☐	☐
3. Building Relationships: I enjoy bringing people together and creating spaces where they belong.	☐	☐	☐
4. Making Disciples: I am passionate about helping others encounter Christ and grow in faith.	☐	☐	☐
5. Trying Something New: I am willing to experiment, learn, and take faithful steps into the unknown.	☐	☐	☐

2. What Do Your Answers Suggest?

Add up your points: _____

12-15 Points | Explore Your Calling

You demonstrate several interests and characteristics associated with church planting. Consider having a conversation with someone to explore your potential calling.

8-11 Points | Stay Curious

You may have emerging interests or gifts for cultivating new Christian communities. Consider having a conversation with someone to explore what church planting involves and where God might be leading you.

5-7 Points | Keep Discovering

Church planting may be unfamiliar to you, and that is okay. Consider learning about different expressions of church and opportunities to participate in new ministries.

3. Imagine: Imagine + Activate

To *imagine* means to engage the imagination in ways that move toward action. Perhaps God is stirring something new within you. You do not need a complete plan or all the answers to begin exploring. What new Christian community might God be inviting you to imagine?

4. Take the Next Step

A calling often begins with a conversation. If these questions sparked your curiosity, connect with a pastor, church planter, district superintendent, or new church developer. Share your interests, ask questions, and explore what God might be inviting you to do.