



## Discovering Gifts of Ministry

### About this Faith Practice

Ministry is exciting, life-giving, participation in what God is doing in the world. We are people created in the image of God and each uniquely gifted and called to carry out our Creator's ongoing work. As we uncover and discover our gifts of ministry, we discern God's mission for our lives as individuals and in community with one another. Discernment is a life-long process as our gifts of ministry may emerge and evolve or shift and change over time. Our gifts bring both joy and challenges to our lives. The opportunity to minister with God in this world is a gift God gives to us.

### Let's Begin...

Now that you've downloaded the files for your faith practice and age group or setting, you can get started planning one or multiple sessions:

- 1 **Open the .pdf file for your age group or setting. Choose an Exploration, the approach you think will help your group to best experience the faith practice. Choose any one of the following Explorations to use for one session:**



**Discovery**



**Scripture**



**Discipleship**



**Christian Tradition**



**Context and Mission**



**Future and Vision**

**Note:** If you're planning multiple sessions, you can follow the order suggested above or feel free to use any order that fits the needs of your group. Some groups may choose to start with Scripture and then see where that leads them. Others may be more ready to act in their community and might want to start with Context and Mission.

- 2 **Locate the Exploration you've chosen**

- 3 **Look through all 9 activities and select the ones you would like to do with your group.**

- If you're planning a 30–45 minute session, choose 3 activities.
- It is best to select at least one activity from Exploring and Engaging, at least one from Discerning and Deciding, and at least one from Sending and Serving.
- For 45 minutes to 1 hour, choose 4 or 5 activities.
- For a 1½ to 2-hour session, you can use all 9 activities.

**Tip:** Look for this symbol  to find activities designed for Easy Preparation (able to be done with minimal preparation using supplies normally found at the church).

**4** Make copies of any handouts () related to your activities. Order posters () if using art (see “Ordering Posters,” below).

### Use of Art, Music, and Scripture in Faith Practices

Faith Practices activities include many opportunities to grow in faith through the use of scripture, music, and art.

#### Ordering Posters

If you choose activities that use an art image, you or your church will need to purchase posters of the art by clicking on the link provided in the activity. If you wish to use art, you will need to plan ahead, since it takes 1 to 2 weeks for the posters to arrive after you place your order.

#### Art

Six posters are used with the faith practice Discovering Gifts of Ministry and may be ordered by clicking on the links provided.

##### From Imaging the Word Poster Sets

“Vision after the Sermon” by Paul Gauguin

[https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Ecommerce/1102072326?VIEW\\_PRODUCT=true&product\\_id=37962&store\\_id=1401](https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Ecommerce/1102072326?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=37962&store_id=1401)

“Sisters in the Wind” by Ethan Hubbard

[https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Ecommerce/1102072326?VIEW\\_PRODUCT=true&product\\_id=15626&store\\_id=1401](https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Ecommerce/1102072326?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=15626&store_id=1401)

“Pentecost from the Rabbula Gospel,” Anonymous

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##### From Art.com

“Diamond Peak” Nevada, USA

<http://www.art.com/products/p13950276-sa-i2807680/diamond-peak-nevada-usa.htm?sorig=cat&sorigid=0&dimvals=0&ui=55eedd136d4049bcaab8f63c70afd3e3&searchstring=diamond+peak>

“Farm Garden with Sunflowers” c.1912 by Gustav Klimt

<http://www.art.com/products/p15177883-sa-i3715775/gustav-klimt-farm-garden-with-sunflowers-c1912.htm?sorig=cat&sorigid=0&dimvals=0&ui=55eedd136d4049bcaab8f63c70afd3e3&searchstring=klimt+farm+garden+with+sunflowers>

“Banjo Lesson” by Henry Ossawa Tanner

<http://www.art.com/products/p10286254-sa-i677605/henry-ossawa-tanner-the-banjo-lesson.htm?sorig=cat&sorigid=0&dimvals=0&ui=6ce32fa19f9d47aaa58758970c9f0162&searchstring=banjo+lesson>

### Music

Three music selections are used with Discovering Gifts of Ministry. A web link is provided to give more information about each music selection

“The Summons” by John Bell (tune: Kelvingrove)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0aAkOe87mo&feature=related>

“One Spirit of Love” by Paul B. Svenson ©1987/2011 Dad’s Songbook Music LLC –

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBg80JaNJ1M>

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” African-American spiritual (tune: I’m Gonna Live)

[http://www.hymnary.org/text/im\\_gonna\\_live\\_so\\_god\\_can\\_use\\_me?tab=about](http://www.hymnary.org/text/im_gonna_live_so_god_can_use_me?tab=about)

### Scripture

Twelve Bible passages are used with Discovering Gifts of Ministry, two with each Exploration.

Discovery	Ezekiel 2:1-5	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Scripture	1 Kings 3:3-15	Mark 1:14-20
Discipleship	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Christian Tradition	Isaiah 49:1-7	Luke 10: 38-42
Context and Mission	Nehemiah 2:11-20	2 Corinthians 3:1-6
Future and Vision	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20	Philippians 4:1-13

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