

Time



'Strength: Time' Discipling Questions

1. If you knew today the exact number of days you had left to live on this earth (say, '1,783'), how would your view of how you would spend your remaining time differ from your current view? Why is there a difference?

2. How well do you think you use your time? Explain why you rate yourself this way.

Circle one: 'poorly' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'very well'

3. Which of the following activities do you do? (Circle)

Working, playing, doing a hobby, spending time with family, spiritual refreshment, ministry, eating, sleeping, transit, watching TV, surfing internet, gathering with church on Sundays, Mission Group, shopping, going to movies, playing sports, talking on phone, texting, homework, housework, entertaining guests, napping, dining out, yard & garden work, gaming, washing cars, vacations, personal grooming, sport or music/band practices, helping those in need, outreach events, budgeting, paying bills, banking, walking the dog, feeding the cat, arguing, reading, cycling, skateboarding, shopping online

4. Of the areas listed above, which ones cause the most stress related to time for you? (ie. "Work takes me away from my family 8 hours a day.")

5. When was the last time you talked to someone about time struggles in your life?

- A week ago
- A month ago
- A year ago
- I never have

6. Do you believe that people generally know you as a punctual person? Why?

7. How did you respond the last time someone asked for your time?

- Gave them all the time they needed
- Gave them some time but cut it short
- Gave them no time

8. What does your response to people asking you for your time tell you about the way you handle the time you have been given?

9. Have you ever considered dropping certain activities in order to prioritize Kingdom ministry? How have you done that?

10. How do you multi-task during conversations? (ie. Texting multiple people while Tweeting, Facebooking, talking on the phone, watching TV, eating a snack and clipping your nails.)

11. Do you generally drive at the speed limit? Why do you think that is?

12. Do you feel that in your life you have a healthy amount of creative rest and spiritual refreshment time? How do you determine that?

13. What do you think might be the top three obstacles to freedom of time in your life? (ie. lack of personal discipline, poor planning, resistance to prioritizing, too much to do, etc.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

14. How could a discipling partner help you in this area?

Talent



'Strength: Talent' Discipling Questions

1. Are you currently in a ministry role at Southside on Sunday morning?

Yes No Which role(s)?:

2. If 'Yes', how well do you think you are matched to your current ministry role? (Do you enjoy it? Do you have the skills required? Is it too much time involvement? Do you resent doing it?) Explain why you answered this way.

Circle one: 'poorly' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'very well'

3. Are you currently involved in mission during the week? (MG Focus, refugees, homeless, etc.)

Yes No Which role(s)?:

4. If 'Yes', how well do you think you are matched to your current mission role? (Do you enjoy it? Do you have the skills required? How have your talents and gifts been used in this role) Explain.

Circle one: 'poorly' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'very well'

5. Do you have talents and abilities that you feel are not being used in ministry right now? What area and why is that? (ie. Personal reasons, fear, no one knows, etc.)

6. Do you feel that people generally know you as a person for whom mission is very important?

7. Can you recall a good experience you had while ministering to someone in the last four weeks? What was it?

8. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being terrible and 10 being excellent, how would you rate your ministry life over the last year? Why?

Circle one: terrible 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 excellent

9. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being terrible and 10 being excellent, how would you rate your life as a missionary over the last year? Why?

Circle one: terrible 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 excellent

10. In what ways would you like to improve the way you use your gifts and talents for the Kingdom?

11. What do you think might be obstacles to being fully released for ministry and mission in your life? (ie. lack of personal discipline, lack of passion, need for training, not great opportunity, etc.)

12. How could a discipling partner help you in this area?

Treasure



'Strength: Treasure' Discipling Questions

1. Imagine that God loaned you His very own personal car for one year, at the end of which He wanted it back. How well would you treat it that year? Would you treat it any differently than if it was a car that you bought with your 'own' money?

2. Generally, how well do you treat all the material goods you have right now? (ie. furniture, car, electronics, clothes, etc). Explain why you rate yourself this way. (How do you maintain them? Do you treat them roughly, keep them clean, etc?)

Circle one: 'poorly' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'very well'

3. Pick a favourite item from everything you own (shoes, car, TV, house, food, computer, book, DVD player, clothes...). How would you describe your 'grip' on this item on a scale of 1-10 with 1 being 'death grip' ('No one else can EVER touch it!') and 10 being 'open-handed' (for anyone and everyone else to have or use). Explain your perspective of your grip on all of your material goods.

Circle one: 'death grip' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'open-handed'

4. How often do you buy new electronic items?

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Seasonally
- Annually
- Almost never

5. Do you get defensive when someone asks you question #4?

6. How often do you shop for new clothes or shoes?

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Seasonally
- Annually
- Almost never

7. Do you get defensive when someone asks you question #6?

8. When was the last time you told someone you trusted intimate details about your own 'personal finances'?

10. Do you believe that people think of you as a 'generous person'?
(Can you give an example of how you gave away a belonging to someone in the last month?)

11. Have you ever considered moving into a less expensive living situation so that you could give more for God's kingdom?

12. Do you keep money available so you can be ready to help someone else financially?

- No
- Yes, a small amount (in the 'tens' of dollars)
- Yes, a moderate amount (in the 'hundreds' of dollars)

13. Have you been tithing consistently this past year?

14. On a scale of 1-10, rate your 'above-and-beyond-your-tithe' offerings this past year with 1 being 'non-existent' and 10 being 'abundant'. Explain.

Circle one: non-existent 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 abundant

15. If your giving isn't where you want it to be, what's it going to take to get it back on track?

16. What do you think might be the top three obstacles to financial generosity in your life? (ie. student loans, debt, under-employed, no budget, lack of personal discipline, etc.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

17. How could your discipling partner help you in this area?

Terra

'Strength: Terra' Discipling Questions



1. What is your attitude towards the earth?

Circle one: 'Use it up!' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'I want to help it flourish'

2. How much trash do you put out each week **per person** in your household?

- less than ½ garbage can
- more than ½ garbage can
- more than one garbage can

3. List 3 ways you can become more economical at home (energy, food, waste, water, etc).

4. Good stewardship doesn't necessarily mean buying inexpensive things. When might you choose to pay more for something you could get more cheaply?

5. How often do you eat animal based products? (beef, pork, chicken, fish, eggs, dairy)

- more than 2x per day
- more than 1x per day
- none

6. What % of the following is true for you?

___% of the food I eat is from a local farm (within 100 kilometres) or my garden

___% of the food I eat is organic or sustainably grown

___% of my seven dinners a week are vegetarian

___% of the food I buy is eaten

7. How often do you walk, skate or cycle to the grocery store, library, outreach event, video store, coffee shop, church gathering, Mission Group, work or friend's and family's houses?

Circle one: 'I drive' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'I walk, skate, cycle'

8. On average, how far do you travel on public transportation (bus, train, subway or ferry), bike, skate, foot or motorbike each week?

9. How many:

- cars do you own? _____
- hours per year in airplanes? _____
- kilometres per week biking or walking? _____
- kilometres per week driving or riding in a car? _____

10. When things break, do you fix them or replace them?

11. How often do you shop at locally-owned stores vs. big box (Walmart) stores?

Circle one: 'locally-owned shop' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 'big box store'

12. What kind of lifestyle changes will you need to make in order to live more simply?

13. What do you think might be the top three obstacles to growing in this area in your life? (ie. ignorance, laziness, low priority, lack of theological understanding, etc.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

14. How could your discipling partner help you in this area?