

## AM I CALLED TO MINISTRY AND TO GOD'S SERVICE?

### Instructions:

In pairs, read the Bible verse(s) you have been allocated. (You may wish to use your Bible to look at the context). Discuss it and decide what it says to you about yourself in relation to God's service and ministry. Then in the right hand column write down a couple of words or a short statement in your own words, which you both agree expresses the heart of this *(Quotations are from the NRSV)*

1) "For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."	Ephesians 2 : 10
2) "But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace..."	Galatians 1 : 15
3) "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received"	1 Peter 4 : 10
4) "And Jesus came and said to them 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'"	Matthew 28 : 18 - 19
5) "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ".	Ephesians 4 : 11 - 12
6) "If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it..."	I Corinthians 12 : 17, 18, 27
7) "Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we all stand before the judgement seat of God... So then, each of us will be accountable to God."	Romans 14 : 10 & 12
8) "Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ."	Colossians 3 : 23 - 24

**Questions:**

**A:** Looking at the statements we've written in the right hand column overleaf, do you find any of them **hard to believe about yourself?**

If so, which one/ones?

Use this space to jot down the number (1 - 8) of each the hard-to-believe statement(s) and if you can, why you find it hard. Be honest! You won't have to show your paper to anyone.

**B:** Looking at the same eight statements, which one **most helps or encourages you** as you think about serving God?

How and why does it help you?

(Again, jot down the statement's number and any thoughts about it.)