

Listening for God In the Congregation (10/20/24)

We gather members and participants together to listen to what people are thinking and sensing regarding the vitality and sustainability of BLC. Through small group conversation we gather information of how others are listening for God.

Here are some TIPS and QUESTIONS for group discussion:

It is often best to avoid the word “Why?” in framing our questions to one another; instead we recommend the following introductions to a question:

- (1) Please share what....
- (2) Can you describe how....
- (3) Please tell us where you see....
- (4) Etc...(open ended, positive or neutral)

Small Group Time:

Here are some sample questions we’d like to discuss today (note the last **3 bolded questions** from our 10/13 Temple Talk):

1. Can you describe how BLC has been important to you? When has BLC “been there” for you?

2. Please share when you have found BLC lacking, if ever? Has there been a time when BLC has not “been there” for you?

- 3. What bold new or existing ministry would you get excited about at Bethlehem?**

- 4. Please tell us what one thing defines Bethlehem for you?**

- 5. To whom is God calling us to serve?**

After a short break we come back together as a larger group to share some key takeaways (on the back portion of this page) from y/our listening for God in the Congregation sharing in our first hour.

What were the key takeaways from the previous discussions in our table/small groups?

Transitioning to the Community and Neighborhood Visits (Roger...separate handout)