



## Suggested Discernment Questions for Potential BeFriender Ministry Program Leaders

1. What interests you about the position of BeFriender Ministry program leader?
2. When you think about your average day, week, or month, what activities do you make time for?
3. After reading the qualifications and responsibilities of a BeFriender program leader:
  - a. What gifts do you feel you would bring to this ministry?
4. In what areas do you feel you would need additional training and support?
5. Describe a situation in which you had to express your own negative feelings about someone else's actions. How did you handle it? What was it like for you?
6. Describe a time when you tried to help someone and you or your ideas were rejected. How did you feel? What did you do?
7. Tell me about times when people have sought you out to tell you something that was significant to them. How did you feel as a result?
8. Tell me about a time when you shared your own personal struggle with a friend. What led you to choose that person? What was the experience like for you?
9. What do you do to nourish your spiritual life?
10. Who is God for you, and what is your relationship with God like?

### Foundations Principles

God is present

Caring, not curing

Nonjudgmental presence

Active listening

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11. How has your image of God changed during your life? What precipitated that change?
12. What do you find most exciting or encouraging about the church today?
13. What are some concerns you have about the church or organization?
14. Describe an interaction you've had with someone whose image of God is different from your own.
15. What benefits do you believe BeFriender Ministry would provide for you?
16. Is there anything (time, other commitments, priorities, etc.) that would prevent you from serving as a program leader?
17. What questions do you have about BeFriender Ministry?