

MINISTERS: THE ULTIMATE SGM INTERVIEW QUESTION

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All of us facing an upcoming search, my home church included, would like to know what questions YOU would ask of potential candidates.

Our faith is undergoing a paradigm shift. Our congregations are shifting from being minister centered to ministry centered. The integration of small group ministry is one example of how this shift is manifesting. The response to small group ministry suggests that our members are ready and willing to do ministry.

Not all ministers have experience with intentionally sharing ministry or training, empowering and supporting lay persons in doing ministry. In some cases sharing ministry can challenge a minister, calling into question a minister's conception of his or her role in a congregations ministry system.

How do you feel about this paradigm shift?

How is this shift changing your ministry?

Tell us of one of your greatest challenges and successes when it comes to sharing ministry and supporting a lay person's ministry within a congregation.