

FBC Meridian Apprentice Questionnaire

This questionnaire will serve the church to evaluate you in four crucial areas: creed, character, calling, and competency. Please answer honestly and to the best of your ability.

Creed:

1. What is your position on the inerrancy, inspiration, and sufficiency of Scripture?
2. What is the gospel?
3. What is justification?
4. What is sanctification?
5. What does the Bible mean in speaking of predestination and election?
6. What does the Bible teach about the perseverance and preservation of believers?
7. Do you believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin? What is the significance of your belief?
8. What is your interpretation of the biblical teaching on Hell?
9. What is your view concerning baptism?
10. What are your beliefs concerning spiritual gifts?
11. How would you describe a successful church? What is the mission of the church?

Character:

12. There are many who profess to know Christ who are mistaken. What evidences do you have that you have been given new life by God?
13. Closely examine each of the Bible's qualifications for pastors and deacons (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 6:1-6; 1 Pet. 5:1-4). Which are your strongest qualities? With which requirements do you have the most trouble? Why do you believe these areas of difficulty do not presently disqualify you from ministering? (Note the phrase "must be" in 1 Tim. 3:2.)
14. What are your specific and regular practices regarding the spiritual disciplines (e.g., personal prayer, Bible study, meditation, stewardship, learning, etc.)?
15. How do you disciple your family?
16. Are there any sins you have or are currently practicing that you feel would exclude you from serving the church in this capacity?

Calling:

17. Do you believe God is calling you to be an elder? Why?
18. Why do you want to serve in this capacity?
19. How does your wife feel about your commitment?

Competency:

20. In what ways do you think God has gifted you to serve as an elder?
21. In what ways have you served churches in the past? In what ways are you serving now?