



## 21st Century Evangelicals

**A snapshot of the beliefs and habits  
of evangelical Christians in the UK**

*Time for discipleship?*

**Discussion questions**

We hope you have been able to read our recent research report [Time for discipleship?](#)

This handout suggests some questions and discussion starters that can be used by small groups to dig deeper into the findings. The questions are based on the main research findings, available on pages 4-5 of the report. At [www.eauk.org/discipleship](http://www.eauk.org/discipleship) you can also view short video clips of key leaders in the UK Church discussing the findings.

You might want to start by praying together and reading a Bible passage such as Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 14:25-27, John 13:34-35 or Acts 2:41-47.

### **Being a disciple**

- What would you say is the difference between a church-goer and a disciple of Jesus?
- When you first became a Christian what sort of learning, teaching, mentoring or discipling did you receive, from your church or elsewhere?
- In your early discipleship was there an emphasis on equipping you to live your life as a Christian, applying God's word in your everyday life?

### **Faith through hard times**

- How have your life experiences impacted your faith?
- Do you find your faith grows more in the hard times or the good times?
- Have you been inspired by others who have coped and kept their faith through hard situations?
- Do you see God at work in your life over the long term? How about each day?

### **Quality time with God**

- Do you set aside time to focus on God?
- When you do, are you easily distracted? If you are, what steps can you take to help you concentrate on God?
- Can you relate with the idea of 'mobile discipleship', praying and reading the Bible on the go?
- How often do you read the Bible? What helps you do this?

## Discussion questions

### **Time with others**

- Are you spending time with other Christians, talking about your faith and building each other up?
- Who might God be calling you to get alongside and support?
- Do you have a mentor or someone who you are accountable to and can talk about your faith honestly with?
- Do you mentor anyone, formally or informally?

### **Times are changing**

- What have you learnt from Christians of a different generation from you?
- Do you take time to get to know and learn from Christians of a different age from you?
- What do you see as the weaknesses or challenges for Christians in your generation?

### **Time to share our faith**

- Do you feel equipped to share your faith? If not, how can you intentionally develop in this?
- If you do feel equipped, how can you encourage others to be more confident in evangelising?
- Do you think your church invests enough in youth work and discipling young people? Do you think this should be a priority for the Church in the UK?

### **How can the Church respond?**

- Would you say your church is intentionally discipling people, both new Christians and 'older' ones?
- How can discipleship be developed in your church?
- Would you say prayer is prioritised in your church?
- How can you help disciple others?
- Is your church equipping people to share their faith and be disciples in their day-to-day lives, with their colleagues, neighbours, family and friends?