

# Ask 1 Person 1 Question Today

1. What's God calling you to do?
2. What's your goal?
3. What's going on?
4. How does God see this?
5. How is God using this in your life?
6. How can you achieve your God-given mission?

## What will you do?

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**Want to empower others to reflect?** Ask open-ended questions (What's going on?), make inviting statements (Tell me more about...), and listen to the person at least 80% of the time.

## To Provoke Reflection, Ask Open-Ended Questions

**Want to empower others?** Provoke them. Provoke them to reflect.

**How does reflection empower?** Reflection empowers people to think about ministry direction, make effective decisions about key projects, and deepen learning from books and workshops. Reflection empowers people to increase clarity about a ministry situation, see an issue from a variety of perspectives, and plan effectively.

**How can you provoke reflection?** You can give suggestions. Suggestions provoke reflection, provided they fit the situation and the person is willing to receive them. I appreciate suggestions I receive, but I must admit that sometimes the suggestions don't fit my situation and sometimes I'm not prepared to receive them. The same holds true for advice. How about you?

**Instead of giving suggestions or advice, what can you do?** Ask open-ended questions. Why? Three reasons: open-ended questions are more likely to fit the situation, people are more willing to respond to open-ended questions than to suggestions and advice, and answering questions involves reflection.

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Ask, don't advise.  
Ask—then listen**

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**So, ask questions like:** What's your goal? What's going on? What are your options? What will you do? Ask questions like: What is God calling you to be? If this project were finished, what results would you see? What's the upside and the downside of this situation? If you could accomplish one thing this week, what would it be?

**Remember, ask open-ended questions to provoke reflection.** Ask, don't tell. Ask, don't suggest. Ask, don't advise. Ask—then listen.

**Provoke someone to reflect. Today.** To learn more, visit <http://closethegapnow.org>

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