

# GBC Discernment Process

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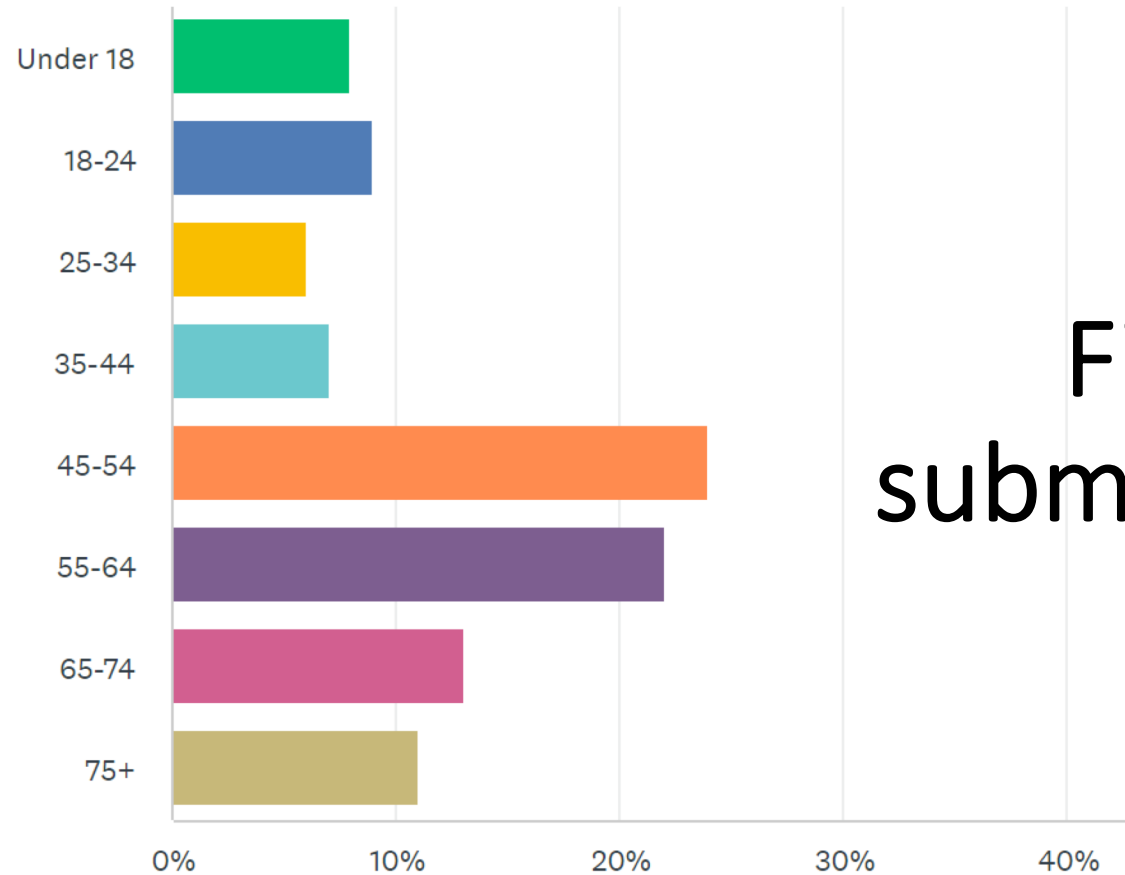
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# Age

## What is your age

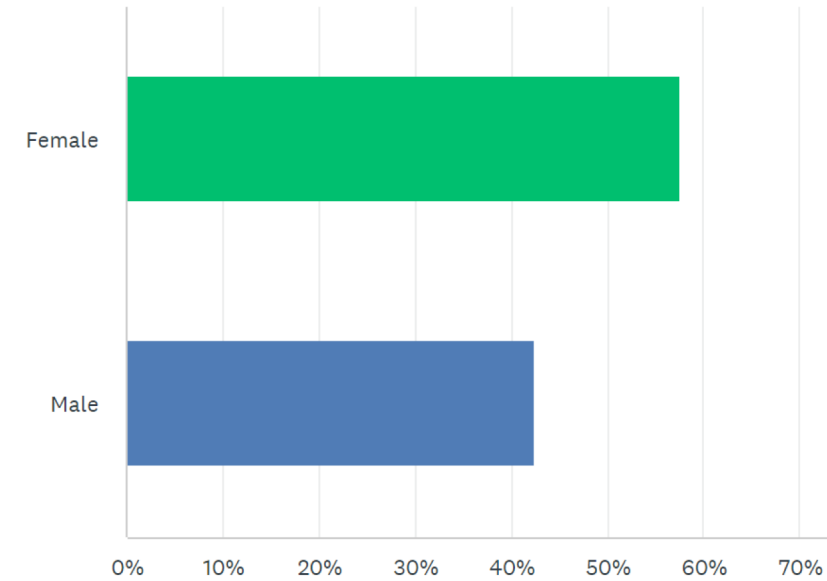
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# Gender

## What is your gender?

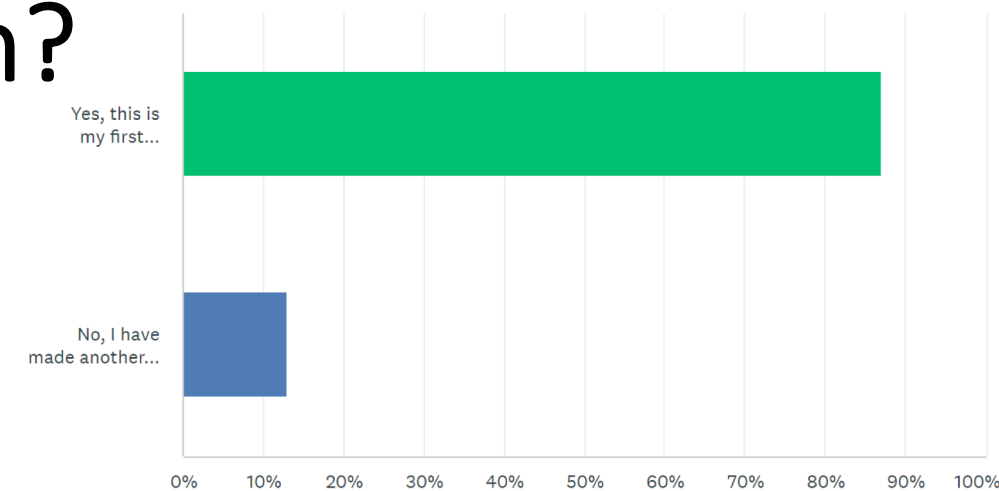
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# First submission?

## Is this your first submission?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 0



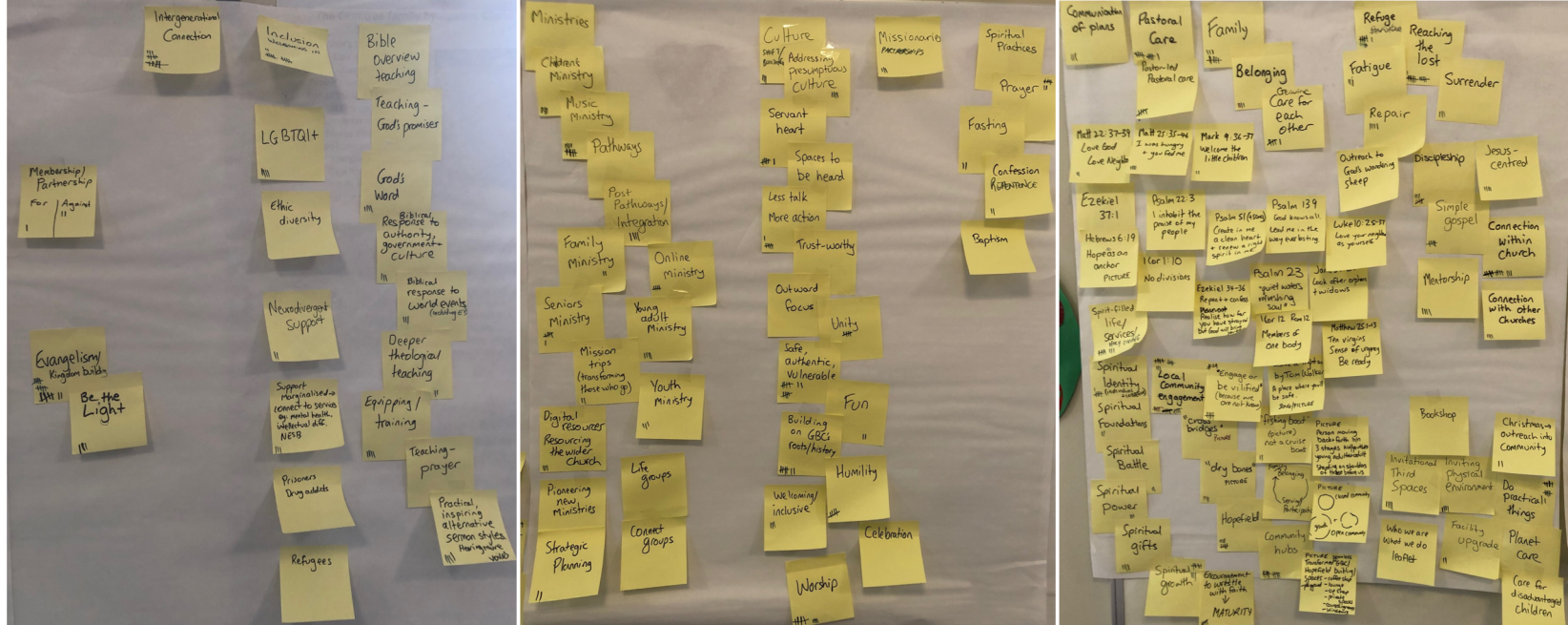
# What was submitted:

- a. 106 submissions of varying length (a few words to a few pages)
  - i. Individuals
  - ii. Life groups
  - iii. Some had single points and themes
  - iv. Others had many points and themes
  
- b. Varied in format:
  - i. Words
  - ii. Scripture verses
  - iii. Images / pictures (word and drawings)
  - iv. Dreams
  - v. Songs

# Process

## April/May:

- Prayer
- Reading initial submissions
- Thanking participants



## June (all submissions in):

- Agree to individually pray and review – summarising ideas and noting themes
- Collectively review all summaries, tally ideas and group findings
- Saw God at work throughout the process multiple times

# Presenting findings:

- Word Cloud
  - the summary of our summary of your submissions!
- 7 Key Themes
  - from grouping the summary of the submissions
- Table of detailed results
  - detailed summary of submission by category and sub-category
- Pictorial version of results

Evangelism/Kingdom Teaching Gods promises Communication of Plans  
Safe authentic vulnerable Love God Love neighbour Invitational third spaces  
Neurodivergent support Support to marginalised Strategic Planning private spaces  
Surrender lounge Spirit filled Life/Services/Holy Living Servant heart  
Addressing presumptuous culture Intergenerational Connection Music Ministry op shop  
young adult Inclusion counselling rooms Be the light LGBTQI  
Discipleship Fasting Mission trips Baptism **reflecting** leaflet  
Ethnic diversity Spiritual Power **Ezekiel** all end times spaces be ready  
transforming Hopefield **Matthew** little Romans Quiet waters  
Childrens forth Spiritual Gifts refresh my soul  
Jesus Centred maturity Luke  
Reaching the lost Hearing more voices connect to services  
Practical Things ministries moving Seniors ministry far Repair kids/youth  
Outward focus **Psalm** build Online ministry outreach Circle stages  
**back** Corinthians Spiritual Battle  
Teaching God's Word disadvantaged leading Mentorship Family ministry  
Prayer Young adult ministry Connect Groups Create in me a clean heart  
intellectual differences Fun Refugees  
Membership/partnership Non English Speaking backgrounds

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(51)

**Restoration**  
(18)

# Ministries (101)

<b>Evangelism</b>	Evangelism/Kingdom Building	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>
	Simple_Gospel	5	
	Be_the_light	3	
	Christmas outreach	2	
	Who we are leaflet	1	
<b>Pastoral_Care</b>	Pastoral_Care	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>
	Pastor_led	5	
<b>Music</b>	Music_Ministry	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Online/digital</b>	Online_ministry	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
	Digital_resources_resourcing_the_wider_church	3	
	Pioneering_new_ministries	1	
<b>Integration</b>	Pathways	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
	Pre&Post_Pathways_integration	4	

<b>Age-specific</b>	Children's_ministry	4	<b>22</b>
	Caring for disadvantaged children	1	
	Mark_9:36-37 Welcome the little children	2	
	Youth_ministry	3	
	Young_adult_ministry	4	
	Family_ministry	2	
	Seniors_ministry	6	
<b>Mission</b>	Mission_trips (transform those who go)	2	<b>5</b>
	Missionaries_Partnership	3	
<b>Small groups</b>	Life_Groups	1	<b>2</b>
	Connect_Groups	1	
<b>Communication/Planning</b>	Communication_of_Plans	3	<b>5</b>
	Strategic_Planning	2	



# Spiritual Journey (83)

<b>Spiritual Practices</b>	Psalm_51(+song) Create in me a clean heart, renew a right spirit	1	<b>20</b>
	Discipleship	8	
	Prayer	7	
	Confession/Repentance	2	
	Fasting	2	
	Baptism	1	
<b>Bible Teaching</b>	Teaching_God's_Word	4	<b>22</b>
	Equipping_&_training	4	
	Practical_alternative_sermon_styles; hearing more voices	4	
	Biblical_Response to world events (including end times)	3	
	Biblical_response to culture, authority, government	3	
	Deeper_theological_teaching	2	
	Teaching_God's_promises	1	
	Teaching_on_prayer	1	

<b>Spirit_Filled</b>	Spirit_filled_Life/Services/Holy_Living	8	<b>41</b>
	Spiritual_Growth	8	
	Spiritual_identity - Individual and collective	6	
	Encouragement_to_wrestle_with_faith → to maturity	5	
	Spiritual_Gifts	4	
	Spiritual_Power	3	
	Spiritual_Foundations	2	
	Spiritual_Battle	2	
	Hebrews_6:19 Hope as an anchor (+picture)	1	
	Psalm_139 God knows all, Lead me in the way everlasting	1	

# Local Community (79)

Local_Community_Engagement	28
Practical_Things	11
Community_Hubs	10
Hopefield	9
Engage_or_be_vilified because we are not known	5
Invitational_third_spaces	4
Inviting_Physical_Environment	4
Facility_upgrade	2
Matthew_22:37-39 Love_God_Love_neighbour	2
Planet_care/ev charging	1
“cross_bridges” picture/vision	1
Luke_10:25-37 Love_your_neighbour_as_yourself	1
Picture/vision: Transformed_GBC /Hopefield building/ coffee_shop, lounge, op_shop, private_spaces, counselling_rooms, windows	1

# Culture Building (83)

build & shift culture	3
Matthew_25:1-13 Ten_virgins, sense_of_urgency, be_ready	1
Safe_authentic_vulnerable	12
James_1:27 Look after orphans and widows	1
Worship	9
Psalms_22:3 I inhabit the praise of my people	1
Building_on_GBCs_roots/history	7
Servant_heart	6
Picture/vision: "working fishing boat" Not a cruise boat	2
Picture/vision: A loop between these 2 Family, belonging $\leftrightarrow$ serving/participating	1
Less_talk_more_action	6

Unity	5
1Corinthians_1:10_No_divisions	1
1Corinthians_12, Romans_12 Members of one body	1
Humility	5
Addressing_presumptuous_culture	4
Welcoming/inclusive	3
Picture/vision: A circle representing a closed community, and an open circle that was growing reflecting an open community	1
Surrender	3
Spaces_to_be_heard	1
Trustworthy	1
Outward_focus	1
Bookshop	1

# Family (55)

Family	8
Intergenerational_Connection	15
Connection_within_church	13
Genuine_Care_for_each_other	6
Mentorship	4
Belonging	4
Connection_with_other_churches	4
Picture/vision: person moving back and forth between 3 stages kids/youth <-> young_adult <-> adult. Standing_on_shoulders of those before us.	1

# Inclusion (51)

Inclusion	12
Refuge	11
Reaching_the_lost	11
LBGQTI+	4
Ethnic_diversity	1
Neurodivergent_support	2
Support_to_marginalised (connect_to_services) Eg. mental health, intellectual differences, Non English Speaking backgrounds	3
Prisoners/drug_addicts	1
Refugees	1
Song: Leave_a_light_on by Tom Walker; a place where you'll be safe	1
Matthew_25:35-46 I was hungry you fed me	4

## Restoration (18)

Fatigue	3
Repair	4
Outreach to God's wandering sheep	1
Membership/partnership	3
Ezekiel_34-36 Repent, confess, realise how far you have strayed, but God will bring you back	1
Psalms_23 Quiet_waters, refresh_my_soul	1
Ezekiel_37:1 Dry_bones	1
"dry_bones"_picture/vision	4

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Spirit-filled life.  
Holy living.

Jesus at the centre

Foot bridges

Digital

Simple Gospel

Pioneering

Celebrate

Mission

Baton-passing

GBSeen

Worship

Ministries

Ezekiel's  
'dry bones'

Whatever you did...  
you did for me.

Teaching

Vulnerability.  
Authenticity.

Refuge

I will leave a  
light on



GBSee

Third space

Inclusion

Hope as an  
anchor

A working boat

Come. Stay. Be.

Intergenerational

Family

Identity

Local  
community

Outreach.  
Connection.

Hopefield

Property  
configuration



An open circle

GBSeasons

Welcome.  
Welcome in.

Care

GBSea

Repair

Less talk.  
More action.

Urgency.  
Readiness.  
Oil in my lamp.



Spiritual growth

Spiritual  
disciplines

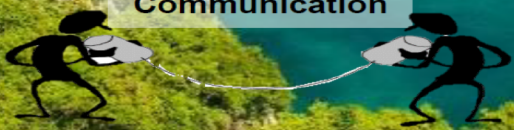
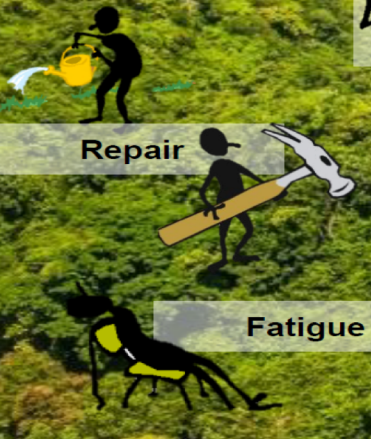
Equipping



Strategy & decision  
making

Communication

Fatigue





# Next Steps

- a. Digital version of content available on GBClicks
- b. Prayer over these themes
- c. 17<sup>th</sup> September – focus day participation for next steps in developing strategic priorities