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How to Begin a Pastorate

**Expect the Unexpected**



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How to Begin a Pastorate

**Talking with a Church**

- There is no “one” way churches go about calling a pastor
- Make use of questionnaires
- Be prepared for the process by writing a brief, personal doctrinal statement



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**Why You Should Prepare a Questionnaire for the Church**

- To get an accurate assessment of where the church is doctrinally, practically, etc.
- To get an idea of compatibility
- To ascertain what the church is looking for and expecting from a pastor



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**Sample Questionnaire Subjects**

1. Church Documents
2. Church Officers and Staff
3. Church Membership
4. Church Life/Services
5. Church Calendar
6. Church Missions



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**Sample Questionnaire Subjects**

**Continued**

7. Church Expectation
8. Church Finances
9. Church Problems
10. Church Property
11. Previous Pastor
12. Personal Questions



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**Final Thoughts**

- You will have to decide what are deal breakers for you
- Be realistic
- Getting Started
  - Be patient
  - Don't change anything right away
  - Don't dwell in the past



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