

Devon Churches Rural Forum Conference July 2018

RE-imagining Rural Ministry: Moving towards new structures

Appreciative Enquiry Questions

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Working in pairs:

1. Think about one thing/event/experience in your role or your church that has made you proud (in a good way) or chuffed or made you feel – yes this is what it's all about!
 - a. Share with your partner whose job is to listen without interrupting.
 - b. Think about why you felt so positive about what happened. What made it worthwhile for you?

Swap over and other partner to share/listen

2. Think about the structures you work in
 - a. How did the structure contribute to the thing you shared or made it possible?
 - b. Reflect on how the structure connects to either your values or your denomination's values?

Work in pairs and take in turns to share listen

3. I am going to invite you to imagine a meeting again, like this one in a year or two's time. Let's imagine positive change has occurred in how your structures work to support mission and ministry in that time. You might want to do this individually.
 - a. What might one positive change look like?
 - b. Could you identify 1 big step and 1 small step that helped achieve the change?

Hear the imagined change in 1 or 2 words – go round the room
Write on post it notes and post on flip charts at the side of the room

Mini plenary – read out some of post-its and see if we can pick up any of these ideas later in the day as we explore different models. If you think of any more add them during the day.

Leave them up for folk to look at during coffee/lunch etc.