

### 3. Where is HBC at now?

Have a look at the [HBC ministries list](http://HBCministries.list-hunterbiblechurch.org)- you'll find it on our website: [hunterbiblechurch.org](http://hunterbiblechurch.org) under 'resources / ministry'.

- which of these ministries could you take on?
- do you know of any urgent / important needs?
- are you interested in starting new ministries?

### 4. Where will you go from here?

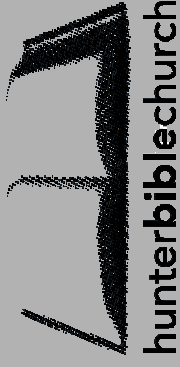
- what further information do you need?
- what ministries would you actually like to begin?
- who do you need to contact?
- what training do you need? When can you start?

#### What next?

Hopefully by now you've made some progress on how you can serve at HBC. You might like to talk it through with someone from the Ministry team: email Richard Sweatman (pastor for Ministry) at [richard@hunterbiblechurch.org](mailto:richard@hunterbiblechurch.org) or phone him on 0411 681 892 and he can find someone for you to speak with.

Take a few moments now to pray for God's wisdom and strength to serve him faithfully. Pray that 'in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet 4:11).

Glorifying God in Christian service is a fantastic privilege! May God bless you in the many ways you serve!



a short Bible study  
and questionnaire to  
help get you started

Thanks for taking some time to consider helping out at church!

This brief Bible study and questionnaire is designed to help you think through *why* and *how* you might serve God and others here at HBC. Set aside about 15 minutes including some time for prayer. Enjoy!

### The 'why' of Christian ministry

Answer the following questions:

What are some of the common motivations for doing things at church?  
Are these good or bad?

Find a Bible and read 1 Peter 4:7-11

*Peter has just explained how Christ suffered and died for us, taking our place as 'the unrighteous' before God (3:18). He now sits at God's right hand (3:22) and will soon judge the whole world (4:6).*

1. How does 'the end of all things' (4:7) re-organise our priorities?
2. What are some of the important priorities from verses 7-10?
3. How might you put verse 10 into practice in your own life?
4. What will be the final motivator for us in this ministry (4:11b)

The Bible challenges us here to be active in love and service. Some other passages that teach about the reasons for and nature of 'ministry' are Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 2:10, 4:11-12 and Colossians 3:23-24.

### The 'how' of Christian ministry

Having thought about why we serve, use the questions below to help you think about *how* you might begin serving at HBC.

#### **1. Where are you coming from?**

- what *experience* have you had in ministry?
- what *training* have you received?

#### **2. Where are you at now?**

- what are your gifts and abilities?
- what are your strengths and weaknesses?
- what are you passionate about?
- what are you involved in now?
- what are your life circumstances?
  - o time
  - o transport
  - o family / relationships
  - o other issues...