# Called to Be Church – Questions for Discussion

Please take about 10-minutes to discuss these questions amongst your table. Space is provided below the questions to jot down whatever points you would like to raise (or you can just remember them – no pressure). After your table is done discussing, we will discuss as a combined group with all tables participating. If you like, you can appoint someone who will introduce your table’s answers or each person can answer as they see fit.

1. What critiques would you give in the ‘priest & angry minister’ anecdote?
2. What would you say to the blogger who left the church?
3. How should the laity live out its role at home? At work? In the neighborhood? In secular society?
4. Avery Dulles proposed a five-component model of the church as listed below. Pick one of these components and discuss the role of the laity.
5. Institution – define primarily by its visible structures
6. Communion – defined primarily by a group of persons united by their common participation in God’s Spirit through Christ
7. Sacrament – defined primarily through its role as a sign and vehicle for God’s grace
8. Servant – defined primarily through its ministry to the whole of the human race (corporal and spiritual work of mercy)
9. Herald – defined primarily through its role in proclaiming and teaching the faith