

FAITH ON THE WAY

Worksheet 2D : Listening

Preparation

Read the section 'Time of enquiry' on pages 41-2 of *Faith on the Way*.

Task

Either:

1. Working in pairs, try this imaginative exercise:

One member of the pair is a church member. The other has come to church for the first time but wants to talk about what is on his or her mind (it may be a bereavement, a financial or family problem, concern to bring up a child properly, the baptism of a baby, or something joyful they want to share).

Role-play the conversation between the two. Then review the conversation.

- (a) What did the newcomer feel about the church person's welcome? . . . about the quality of listening?
- (b) What can the church person remember and re-tell about the newcomer's concerns?

Or:

2. Another exercise in pairs:

Being yourselves, and not pretending or imagining anything, tell each other how you reached your personal faith.

Who inspired you? . . . taught you? . . . welcomed you? etc.

Then review the conversation.

- (a) How were you listened to?
- (b) What did it feel like to be the listener? Easy or hard?
- (c) What did it feel like to be telling your story?