

## **Practical Theological Reflection Questions**

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### **Descriptive Movement: What is happening?**

1. The Contextual Question:

What was the context of this issue or event?

2. The Reflexive Question:

What baggage am I bringing to this issue or event?

3. The Perspective Question:

How would others see this issue or event?

### **Interpretive Movement: Why is it happening?**

4. The Social Science Question:

What wisdom from social science can help explain what is going on?

5. The Elder Question:

What wisdom from elders can help explain what is going on?

### **Normative Movement: What ought to be going on?**

6. The Theology Question:

How can theology inform what ought to be happening?

7. The Tradition/History Question:

How can church tradition/history inform what ought to be happening?

8. The Exemplar Question:

How do exemplars inform what ought to be happening?

### **Correlative Movement: Where is the common ground?**

9. The Affirmative Question:

How do the movements affirm one another?

10. The Challenge Question:

How do the movements challenge one another?

11. The Synergy Question:

How do the movements build on one another?

### **Pragmatic Movement: How might we respond?**

12. The Orthopraxy Question: What is orthopraxy relating to this ministry issue or event?

13. The Action Steps Question: What are two specific action steps that can be taken towards orthopraxy?

14. The Ethical Question:

What is professional, safe and ethical practice related to this issue or event?

15. The Formation Question:

How have I been formed into the image of Christ through this exercise in Practical Theology?