

**Study Questions for “Is the Low Fuel Light Ablaze on Your Spiritual Dashboard?”  
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1. In what ways is pastoral ministry different from other kinds of work?
2. Quiz your pastor(s) on the ways they “recharge their batteries” for ministry. How does your congregation care for its pastor(s)? In what ways could a sabbatical for the pastor rejuvenate the congregation as well as the pastor?
3. How well does your congregation balance worship, service, and education? Which, if any, leg of this three-legged stool is too short? What would you suggest to bring the stool back into balance?
4. What are some points of contention in your congregation? How well does the congregation deal with conflict? Think together about how you could confront conflict and who in the congregation, district, or denomination could help you. What role does the pastor play in dealing with conflict?
5. Interview your pastor. Ask how he or she has changed since beginning his or her ministry. What writers, theologians, Bible scholars, seminary teachers, or church leaders influenced your pastor professionally? What have been the greatest challenge and the greatest joy about pastoral ministry? The same questions could be asked of members of the group.