



# MAKING THE MOST OF CAREER DAY

Ready to take the next step in your pathway for success? There's no better place to explore your options than at The Riverside Church Career Day.

## **1. Be prepared.**

*Before the big day, make a note of the career field that interest you the most.*

## **2. Make your questions count.**

*Rather than focusing on collecting a brochure/information from every representative booth, make it your goal to have in-depth conversations with a few of the representatives on hand.*

*Questions you might want to ask representatives:*

- What are the major duties/responsibilities of your job?
- What character traits/work habit do you or your employer expect an employee to have?
- What training/education is required for this job?
- What other jobs/people depend on your job getting done?
- What are the "normal" hours of your job?
- What types of demand (physical, mental, emotional) or hazards, if any, are involved in your job?
- What specific types of tools, equipment, and/or technology do you use on a regular basis?
- What led you to this job/career? If you have/had a role model or mentor, please tell me about them.
- What do you like most about your job? The least?
- What courses in middle/high school would help a student prepare for your job/career?
- What extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, and/or part-time job might help someone prepare for your job?
- What changes, positive and/or negative, have taken place in your job/career recently or since you started?
- How much have these changes affected you and/or your career?
- What do you think your job/career will be like in ten years?
- As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? How is your job similar to / different from what you wanted to be when you were younger?
- What is the employment outlook for this field of work and/or how difficult is it to find your type of job?
- What other occupations are related to your job/career?
- What advice would you give a student who is considering your type of job/career?

## **3. Keep an open mind.**

*Take time to do a little exploring. Chatting with representatives from a variety of fields and backgrounds can also help you cement your own preferences.*

## **4. Follow up.**

*Ask the representatives for their contact information and be sure to follow up.*