



Spiritual Life Report: Message to The Sanctuary

4 Categories of Spiritual Growth:

Exploring Christ

Growing in Christ

Close to Christ

Christ-Centered

“Who Are We?”

(Demographics and General Issues)



Have Kids: More than 90% of you have kids still at home

- Married: 2/3 are married.

- Highly educated-75%+have post HS post education.

(achievement/goal oriented)

- Financially capable-**

 - 50% of households make right at \$100K/year

 - 70% of households make more than \$50K/year

 - 96% said this is my church and I'm staying (this is off the charts)

Thus, We are going to treat you as such. As people are very capable, driven, and goal-oriented and thus are being rewarded financially for all it and need to be directed toward your true potential.



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Evaluation of Your Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Struggles

#1 Evaluation of Your Spiritual Growth

·The majority of you (69%) said that in the last 2 years you have “stalled” spiritually.

·Why you stalled spiritually:

- 44%-let other activities take precedence
- 44%-conflicting responsibilities (job, family)
- 41%-lack of meaningful church community
- 51%-lack of accountability/encouragement (lack of spiritual friendship/relationships)
- 73%-lack of discipline in spiritual practices

·You said this is the most responsible reason for stalling spiritually!
(no other category was even close!)

Lack of Relationship

- **What was responsible for helping move on from being stalled spiritually?**
 - 33%- Shared struggles with friend or mentor
- **What was MOST responsible for helping you?**
 - None of the “most mature” listed a friend or mentor as the most important factor

Work Hard

- **How satisfied are you with your spiritual growth?**

- 89% said “I desire for Jesus to be first in my life”
- 57% said they are “less than satisfied”
- 66% said I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Jesus Christ.

- **Point:** You get out of is directly related to what you put in to it. So, if you are not willing to put your life into it how can you expect to get much out of it and be satisfied. You have said that I want Jesus to be first, I am not satisfied with where I am at with that desire, but I am not really willing to pay the price to get there!

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Evidence Your Spiritual Practices

What I Am Doing

•**How often do you engage in the following spiritual practices:**

- Reflect on Scripture-67% said you do this daily or several times a week.
- Journal about my spiritual life-50% Never do.
- And only 21% do it at some point in a month

Point: we have to move from Christianity being a wonderful sounding concept we agree with and like to a way of life. How do we move to what appears to be a fantasy about what walking with Jesus looks like to actually doing it. These stats also tell us that you hear Scripture or hear ideas from it but don't write it down and being to take it to the next step of how this needs to be a part of your actions or even how it can change you.

•**Select the activities that are most important to your experience of connecting with God through prayer:**

- 32%-Of you said you pray in earnest for others
 - Only 1 group was even above 50% in this area!
- 18%-said that you are experiencing a time a of solitude to hear God's will.
- 13%-said you respond to the message you hear from God through reflection on Scripture.
- 39%-said that my church helps with having regular prayer life. (this is too low... we hear you!)

Point: So, you are saying that you reflect on Scripture but don't write it down, contemplate it as God speaking to you about His will or connecting it to life. Are we really reflecting?

How My Church Is Doing

87% of you want the church leaders to provide guidance to individuals about their spiritual development.

86% of you want the church leaders to encourage the use of the members gifts and talents.

79% said they are satisfied with how the church helps them grow spiritually.

But 57% are less than satisfied with your own spiritual growth.
(Does this make sense?)

How Am I Serving

In summary you said:

1. Serving is important
2. Serving is a way to connect
3. Serving with my family is important so have them with you!

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Life Groups

51% of you are involved in a small group (which means half of you are not)

How important is it for my small group to provide these things:

91%-Hold me accountable to lead the Christian Life

86%-Provide a place where I can develop genuine friendships.

84%-Provides a safe place to process life issues.

How satisfied Am I with my small group experience:

61%-Said I am satisfied that it is a place where I can develop genuine friendships
less than 40% indicated satisfaction with the other two areas: (accountability and place where I can process life issues.)

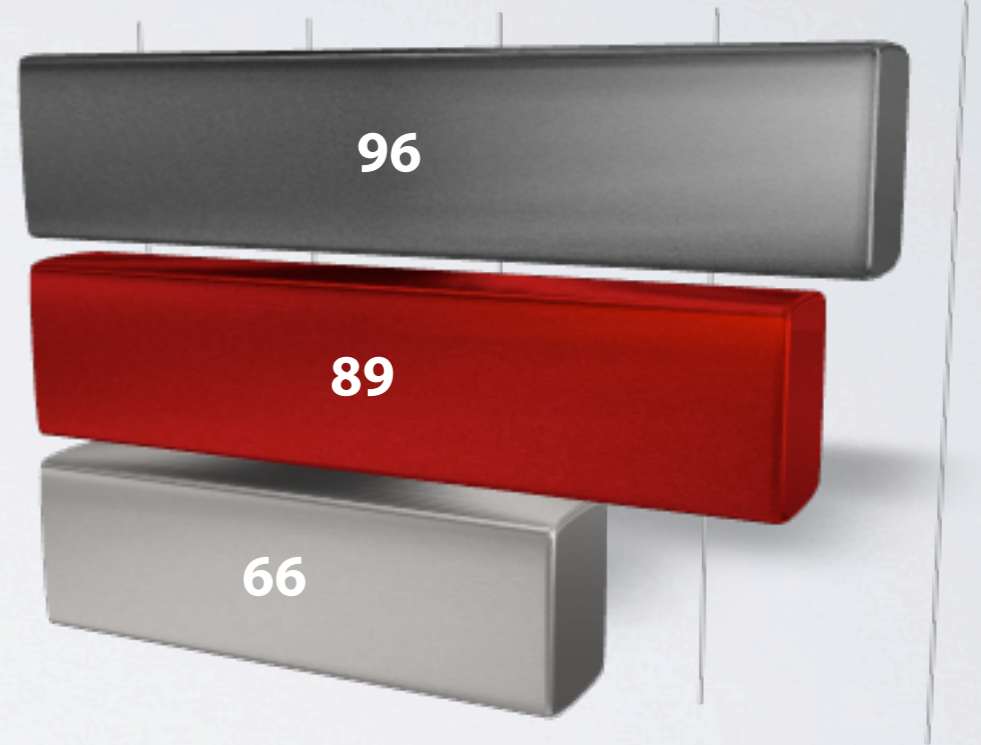
What relationship is the most significant in helping you grow spiritually?

22% said "spiritual mentor"

96% Are staying at The Sanctuary

89% Want to be like Jesus

66% Will give everything to be like Christ



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Outreach

Less than half of all of you reported that you do have- “a tremendous love for people I know and those I don’t know”

Which means half of you “don’t have a tremendous love for others”!
Our most mature group only reported this at reality at 69%!

Only 39% of you say you feel equipped to share the gospel.

68% of you said you are satisfied with the churches role in helping you learn how to evangelize. (how have we helped when 38% said you don’t feel equipped?)

16% of you did not invite anyone to church

62% of you invited from 1 to 5 people

22% of you invited 6 or more (which is one every other month!)
(the question about spiritual issues mirrored this.)

Point: We are getting ready to equip you (Great Commission Series: Irresistible) and we are planning for an ongoing training class for this.

Giving

The Sanctuary: *130 households=400 people.*

Your current financial contribution to the church:

54% of you said "I am giving 10% or beyond"

46% of either don't give, or give when you can, or are trying to work up to giving 10%

But nearly 10% of you reported: "I do not currently give"

Based on statistical analysis:

40 households make at least \$40K/year

70 household make at least \$100K/year

19 households make at least 150K year

Our current budget projection is right around \$500,000 for this year

However, IF EVERYONE ONLY MADE WHAT THE LOWEST AMOUNT IN THEIR INCOME BRACKET AND JUST GAVE 10% (Tithe) THE SANCTUARY WOULD BE OPERATING WITH NEARLY 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN RECEIPTS!



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