



DisciplePath

Church Training *for your disciplemaking journey*

DisciplePath TRAINING CENTER FOR DISCIPLEMAKING CHURCHES
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY EVALUATION

A MINISTRY RESOURCE AND CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY EVALUATION

The **way** you administer the Spiritual Journey Evaluation is **very** important.

First, your purpose is to be able to accurately measure your entire congregation, including your fringe attenders. Therefore, the **ONLY** place where you can give this evaluation and get accurate results is in your Sunday morning worship service. Experience has shown that asking people to fill this out at home and return it will result in a loss of more than half of your surveys. Giving this survey in a Sunday School, Sunday evening, or Wednesday evening service will cause you to collect only your most committed people, losing your fringe and skewing your results.

Second, we would like you to be able to compare your results with the norms from other churches. Unless you give your evaluation during a worship service, so that all commitment levels are involved, your results will be skewed and cannot be compared to any norms.

Therefore, we suggest that you do the following:

1. Determine an appropriate Sunday morning to give the Spiritual Journey Evaluation.
2. Prepare a sermon that will easily wrap around the evaluation. Such sermon topics might include:
 - The Good Shepherd knows his sheep.
 - You Follow Me, a call to discipleship.
 - The Great Commission, the responsibility of the church and the individual.
 - Complete in Christ.
3. Do not announce beforehand that you will be giving a survey on this particular Sunday.
4. Print surveys on one sheet of paper, front and back, and include one in each bulletin. Make sure on this Sunday that **every adult** is given a bulletin.
5. At the appropriate place in your message, stop for 12 minutes and ask all attenders to complete their survey. Tell them you will explain afterwards how to interpret the results to help them discover where they are in their spiritual journey.
6. After 12 minutes, take two more minutes to explain that:
 - Questions 1-10 describe the "Come See" stage;
 - Questions 11-17 describe the "Follow Me" stage;
 - Questions 18-24 describe the "Be with Me" stage; and
 - Questions 25-26 describe the "Remain in Me" stage.
7. Ask all adults (exclude high school and younger) to pass in their evaluations, as they will be used to help the leaders plan further discipling ministries.
8. Tabulate the results as directed and use them to determine your number and type of small groups.

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It is certainly true that the experience of spiritual growth and discipleship is a **process**. This process takes time, involves many steps, and for most, is somewhat erratic, including stops along the way to catch one's breath. The Bible tells us that "The Good Shepherd knows His sheep." Additionally, Peter writes that church leaders are to "Shepherd the flock of God." To do **our** job and help you along your spiritual journey, we must know our sheep just like Jesus does. To enable us to do this, would you please thoughtfully complete the following checklist. Thank you for helping us to be the best shepherds we can be.

For Questions #1-26, please use the following scale:

1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Somewhat Disagree 3 = Somewhat Agree 4 = Strongly agree

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ANSWERS.

1. I have finalized my decision to trust Christ as Savior. 1 2 3 4
2. I am absolutely sure I'll go to heaven when I die..... 1 2 3 4
3. I understand the **need** for personal Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and sharing my faith..... 1 2 3 4
4. I understand the purpose of the church and my need for it. ... 1 2 3 4
5. I understand that it is God's will for me to be a growing disciple and what is involved in this. 1 2 3 4
6. I have experienced the relevance of ministry..... 1 2 3 4
7. I have a clear picture of what God generally wants me to do in ministering to others. ... 1 2 3 4
8. I have seen discipleship modeled and have been challenged to grow as a disciple 1 2 3 4
9. I have seen the gospel shared effectively. 1 2 3 4
10. I am committed enough to join a weekly small group (not just Sunday School) or one-on-one relationship which will hold me lovingly accountable to turn the beliefs listed in Question #3 above into life habits. 1 2 3 4

11. I feel an internal desire to minister to and reach others for Christ. 1 2 3 4
12. I am consciously trying to model my life after Christ, not just mentally but behaviorally..... 1 2 3 4
13. I am usually willing to suffer rather than yield to temptation.... 1 2 3 4
14. I am consistently involved in some ministry, at least as an apprentice..... 1 2 3 4
15. I am presently involved in a small group or one-on-one relationship with (a) mature Christian leader(s), which will last at least nine months ,in which I am finally developing **consistent** habits of daily devotions, frequent Bible study, prayer, evangelism, and Christian priorities.... 1 2 3 4
16. At one time I developed some or all of the habits described in Question #15 above, but I maintained those habits for **less than** one year. 1 2 3 4
17. I have **completed** the challenge of **consistently** practicing the habits of daily devotions, frequent Bible study, prayer, and evangelism for a period of **at least** one year. 1 2 3 4

18. I am consistently involved in a ministry and **could** train an apprentice to do what I do. 1 2 3 4
19. I am bearing fruit. 1 2 3 4
20. I can maturely handle temptation, suffering, and rejection most of the time..... 1 2 3 4
21. I am presently continuing to **consistently** practice the habits of daily devotions, frequent Bible study, and prayer..... 1 2 3 4
22. I am presently continuing to consistently practice the habit of sharing the gospel with unbelievers. 1 2 3 4

23. I am involved in a relationship, small group, or leader training where I am consistently held accountable to practice the basics and grow **beyond them**, or I am willing to become involved in such a relationship or group..... 1 2 3 4
24. **I am training others** to do what I do in ministry or to do another ministry. 1 2 3 4

25. I am constantly abiding in Christ and my behavior is actually continuing to change to be like Him. 1 2 3 4
26. I have been training apprentices or equipping others for ministry for more than two years and would continue to do so even if no one supervised me. 1 2 3 4

For Questions #27-31, please use the following scale:

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| 1 = Almost every day | 6 = About once a month |
| 2 = 3 to 5 times a week | 7 = About once a quarter |
| 3 = Several times a week | 8 = About once a year |
| 4 = About once a week | 9 = Less than once a year |
| 5 = Several times a month | 10 = Never |

27. How often do you have a personal time of Bible reading and prayer? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
28. How often do you **study** your Bible? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
29. How often do you pray for over 5 minutes? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
30. How often do you share the gospel? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
31. How often do you lead a person to receive Christ as Savior? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

32. In the last 3 years, how many persons have you personally won to Christ (excluding your own children) who now attend this church at least once a month?
33. How long ago did you finalize your decision to trust Christ as Savior? _____ years

(Important: Leaving question 34 blank will invalidate the entire questionnaire. Please give us your best answer.)

34. Three years ago, the phase of spiritual life I was in was **best** characterized by the statements in
- Questions 1-10 (or I was not a Christian 3 years ago).
 - Questions 11-17.
 - Questions 18-24.
 - Questions 25-26.
35. During the last six months, I feel my spiritual life and commitment to Christ, as evidenced by my **changed behavior**, has been
- Quickly sliding backward.
 - Slowly sliding backward.
 - Staying about the same.
 - Growing slowly.
 - Growing quickly.
36. My present feeling about my spiritual life is
- I'm dissatisfied with my growth but am not committed enough to do anything about it.
 - I'm dissatisfied with my spiritual growth and truly want to grow more.
 - I'm satisfied with my present spiritual growth rate.
 - I'm growing too fast and need a slower pace.

For Tabulation Use Only

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| Funct. Ph. (1-4) | Cur. Cond. (B,S,G) |

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY EVALUATION OPTIONAL COMPUTER TABULATION

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