

Our Journey with Jesus Report
Sample Church
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JESUS JOURNEY

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Profile of My Church

The demographics of respondents to the Jesus Journey survey

Questions were asked on the survey about personal characteristics. The data reported on the following pages are for all those who responded to the survey. This is background information that will help in the interpretation of all the information in this report. Included is information on:

- 📍 Gender
- 📍 Age distribution
- 📍 Relationship status
- 📍 Ages of children in each household
- 📍 Race and ethnic background

Engagement in the church community

Questions were also asked about the involvement of the survey respondents in the church community. This can help in interpretation since the level of involvement can be related to people's spiritual maturity and engagement. Included is information on:

- 📍 Time involved in the church
- 📍 Frequency of attending formal church gatherings
- 📍 Frequency of participating in Christian small groups
- 📍 Frequency of volunteering in the activities of the church



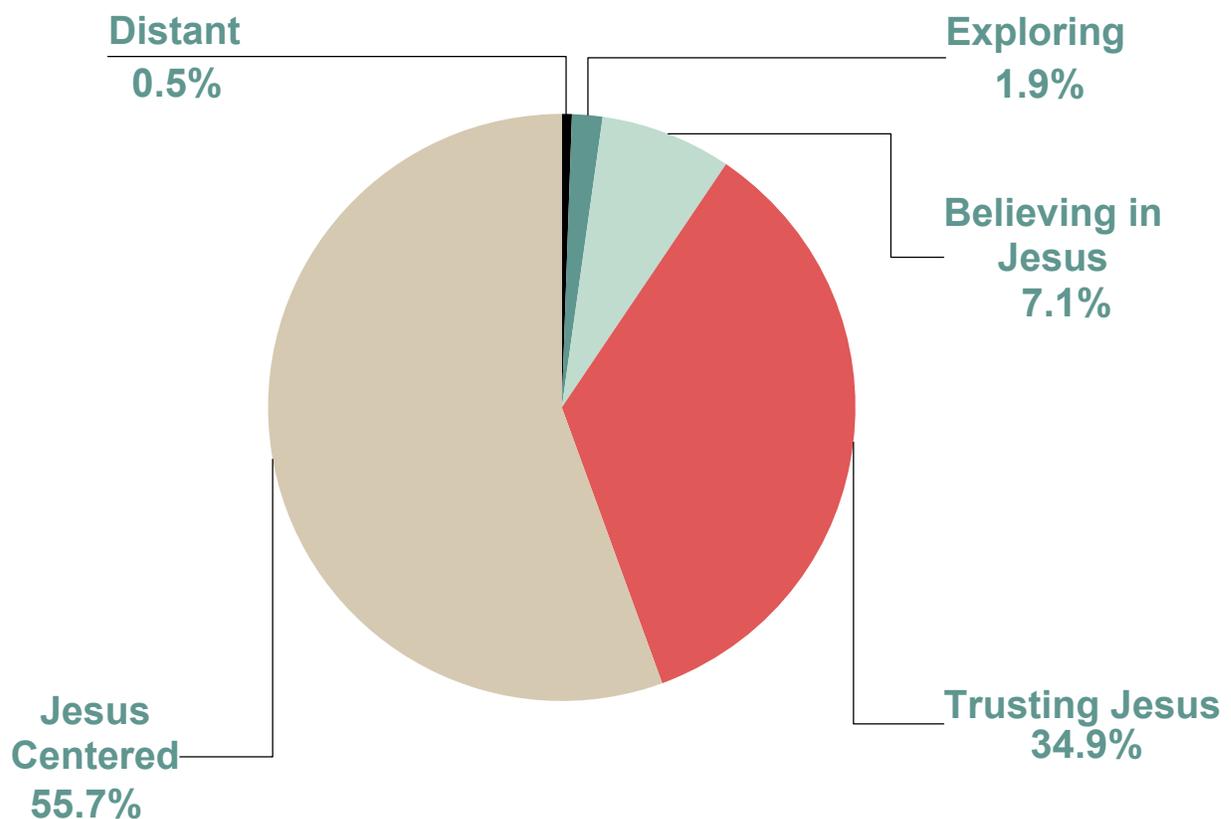
Church Spiritual Maturity Profile

Pre-Christians:

- **Distant** - Jesus is not important
- **Explorers** - Exploring Jesus

Christians:

- **Believing in Jesus** - Believe in Jesus; following him in some of their life
- **Trusting Jesus** - Trusting Jesus with more of their life
- **Jesus Centered** - Jesus is center of life; committed to becoming like him



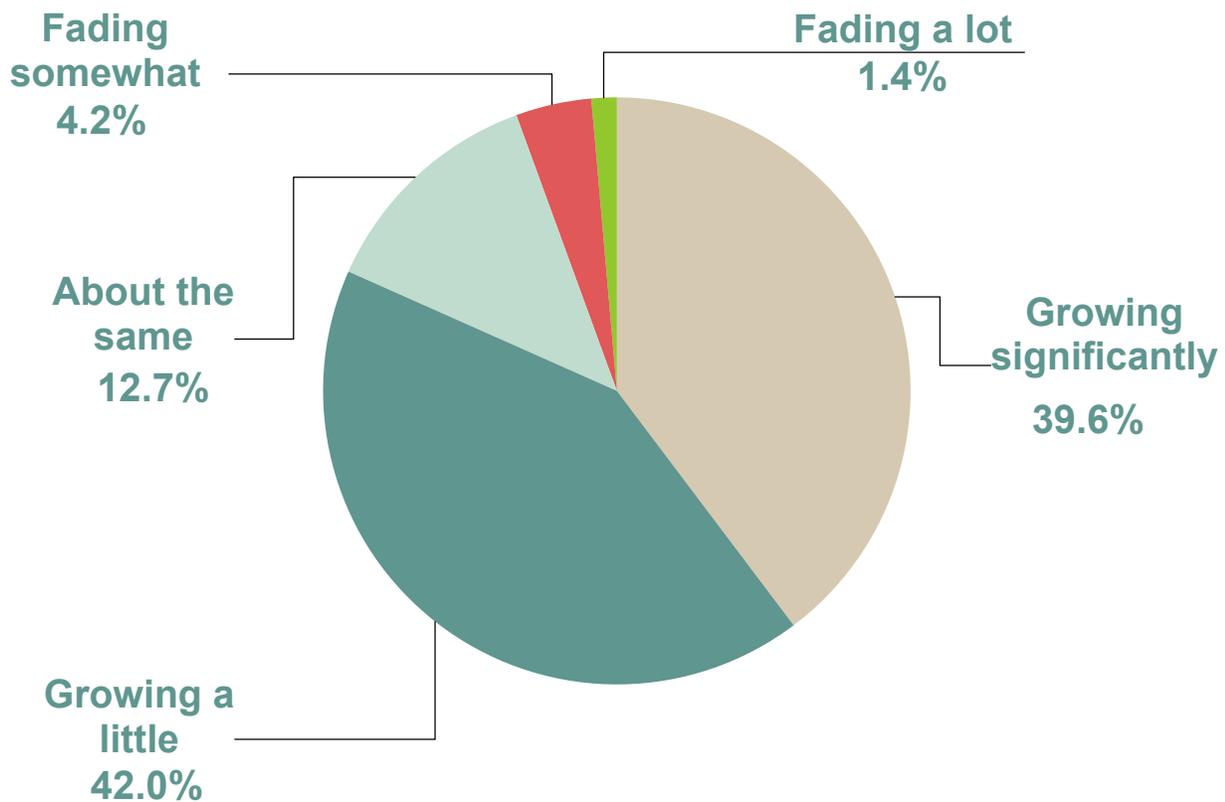
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Church Spiritual Change Profile

Compared to 2 years ago, faith and trust in God is:

- "Growing significantly"
- "Growing a little"
- "About the same"
- "Fading somewhat"
- "Fading a lot"



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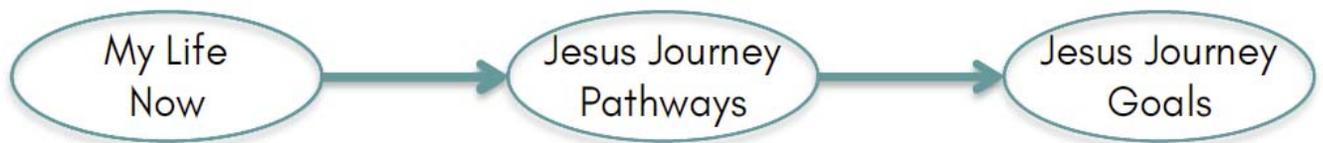


Jesus Journey Profile

Journey Goals and Pathways

Four major Journey Goals are revealed in the following pages. And for each Journey Goal, there are 4 Journey Pathways (or attributes) that reveal where we are on our walk with Jesus:

- **Goal 1: Trusting Jesus** (knowing God's story; receiving God's love; identity in God; and trusting God in challenges)
- **Goal 2: Experiencing Jesus** (responding to God; communicating with God; growing in faith, worshipping)
- **Goal 3: Reflecting Jesus** (Expressing God's love, practicing faith, journeying with others, reconciling)
- **Goal 4: Serving Jesus** (Partnering with God; stewarding resources; showing compassion; acting justly)



The analysis on the next pages provides the following information for your church:

- Description of the 4 Jesus Journey Goals and 16 Pathways to those Goals revealed in the data
- The specific statements that align with each Jesus Journey Goal and Pathway
- Comparisons (%) between the answers of those who:
 - 1) Are not yet sure about the relevance of Jesus ("**Exploring Jesus**"),
 - 2) See Jesus as important and willing to follow him in some areas of their lives ("**Believing in Jesus**"),
 - 3) Are learning to trust Jesus with more of their lives ("**Trusting in Jesus**"),
 - 4) Are committed to Jesus in all aspects of their lives ("**Jesus Centered**").



Journey Pathway Results:

Experiencing Jesus Pathways

% Always and Mostly True of Me*

	Exploring <u>Jesus</u>	Believing <u>in Jesus</u>	Trusting <u>Jesus</u>	Jesus <u>Centered</u>
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5. Responding to God: I am sensitive to God's leading and respond to God's will.

1. I am very aware of the active presence of God in all aspects of my life.	0	13	47	75
2. When I notice that I am moving away from God, I quickly turn toward God to be restored.		27	42	78
3. I expect God's Holy Spirit to guide me and give me the power to live my life God's way.		40	64	91
4. I trust in and am committed to God's purposes for my life.		40	72	96

6. Communicating with God: My relationship with God is strengthened by frequent and meaningful communication.

1. I believe that openly and honestly speaking to God is necessary for a healthy relationship with God.	80	93	95	99
2. I believe God regularly communicates with me in ways I can recognize.	0	40	58	81
3. I spend time every day speaking with God and seeking God's thoughts and direction.	0	7	34	76
4. When I notice I have thoughts, motivations, words and actions that are displeasing to God, I am quick to confess them.	20	13	36	68

* Percent within each category of respondents who said this is always or most of the time true of me. You can interpret this to mean that this reality is true for X % of the people in this category.



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7. Growing my faith: I intentionally respond to the invitation of God in tangible ways.

1. I faithfully set aside personal time to read from or listen to the Bible.	0	13	22	53
2. I read, listen, or view the writings and/or media of other Christians for help in understanding God better.	0	13	38	59
3. To support God's grace working in my life, I engage in spiritual practices such as fasting, meditation, or silence, etc.		7	15	36
4. I regularly invite God's leadership to be expressed in my life.	20	40	55	82

8. Worshiping: I take time individually and with others to express my gratitude and commitment to God.

1. I take time to regularly express praise for who God is in my life.	0	27	47	77
2. I am a person who regularly gives thanks to God for acting in my life.	0	33	65	90
3. I meet together weekly with other Christians to worship/pray/learn.	40	53	54	75

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Reflecting on Your Jesus Journey Report

Understanding your community

This report is a picture of your community. You may see things that you did not know or now need to understand better. We hope it gives you information that you can pray over together, and make whatever adjustments your church needs to grow stronger in your journey with Jesus.

Here are some questions to begin your reflections and conversations:

- Any surprises in your church demographics? Any worries to highlight? (pages 6-8)
- How well are your people getting connected? How about small groups or volunteering? (page 9)
- What is your church mix of spiritual maturity? Who are your less mature people? (pages 10-13)
- Are your people growing or fading in their spiritual maturity? Who is not growing? (pages 14-16)
- Which Trusting Jesus Pathways are doing well; which are not? How are the less spiritually mature doing in building their trust in Jesus? (pages 19-22)
- Which Experiencing Jesus Pathways are doing well; which are not? Which pathways might deserve your focus and attention? (pages 23-26)
- How are your people doing on the Reflecting Jesus Pathways? How big are the differences between those who are less mature and those who are more centered on Jesus? (pages 27-30)
- How well are your people doing on the Serving Jesus Pathways? Are any of these pathways deserving of further attention? (pages 31-34)
- Overall, what patterns do you see in these summary graphs of the Jesus Journey in your community? What patterns are you pleased to see? Which patterns concern you most? (pages 35-37)

"Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." (Prov 19:21 ESV)

