



Our Journey with Jesus

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JESUS JOURNEY

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Purposes of the Jesus Journey Survey

- Reveal where we and our churches are in our journey to be more like Jesus. Following Jesus is not a contractual event; it is the beginning of a journey of invitation, a life-long realization of what life can be when lived fully with God.
- Contribute to our awareness of areas in our spiritual life where we are stronger and less strong. We often grow unevenly in our spiritual journey. Periodically taking stock of where we are on this path can encourage and help us move together toward the spiritual health and growth that God's Spirit can enable.
- Discover our "growing edge," where God is inviting us toward continued growth and maturity. This opportunity to become like Jesus in new ways is not the same for every person: a new follower of Jesus may have different needs than a more mature follower.
- Create an opportunity for churches to reflect, pray, and plan together on how best to grow the spiritual health and maturity of all our people.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



The Jesus Journey Survey Process

The Survey Development Process

- The Journey survey was conducted online; participation was voluntary. The survey included 6 demographics, 4 church participation indicators, 1 spiritual maturity indicator, 1 spiritual change indicator, and 63 attributes of spiritual growth on 7 dimensions — organized for this report into 4 major goals and 16 pathways.
- Survey attributes were developed through extensive prayer and reflection by an invited group of pastors, theologians, and Christian survey specialists tasked with identifying the dimensions of spiritual growth evident in maturing followers of Jesus.
- The 7 dimensions of spiritual growth included: understanding Jesus' teaching about his Father, understanding Jesus' central message, experiencing life with God, the inner effect of life with God, reflecting Jesus' life with others, communicating God's love and truth, and welcoming God's presence and power.
- Draft questions were pretested with multiple church groups in Canada and the U.S., and substantially revised after each pretest. After the first church survey of over 400 persons, final questions were submitted to confirmatory factor analysis — all attributes across all 7 dimensions were statistically supported with high factor loadings, strongly supporting the empirical and theological integrity of the Journey.



The Jesus Journey Survey at Your Church

SURVEY PERIOD

Data collected 9/2/2026 – 9/2/2026

SURVEY RESPONSE

People who completed the survey 120

Survey Interpretation

To ease interpretation, data are typically reported as a percent of people who reported that a characteristic applies to them. When a 5-point scale is used, a person can indicate that this is almost never to always true for them. In this report, we summarize the data by including the percent who agree that an attribute is true all or most of the time for them. This can be interpreted as:

"In our church, X% of people say that this is always
or most of the time true for them."



Profile of My Church

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.

Demographics Included

- 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 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.

- 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



Our Church Demographics

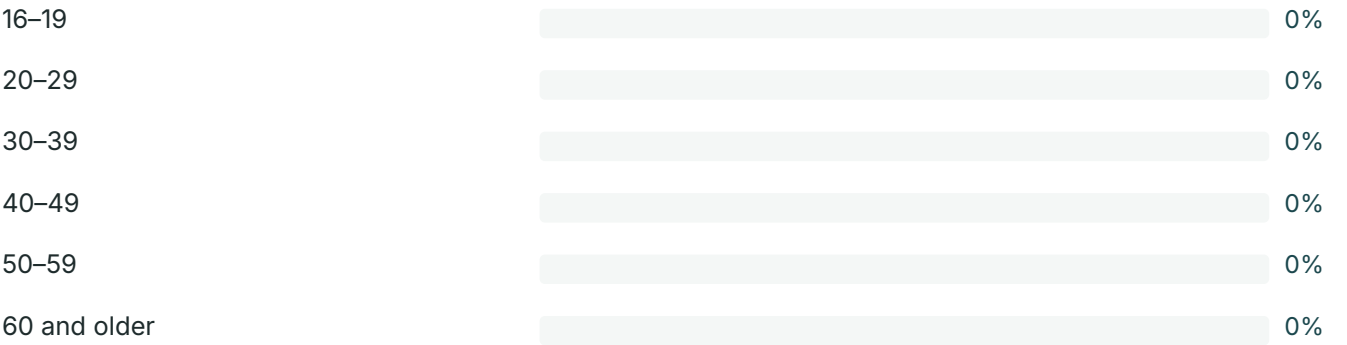
CHURCH SAMPLE SIZE

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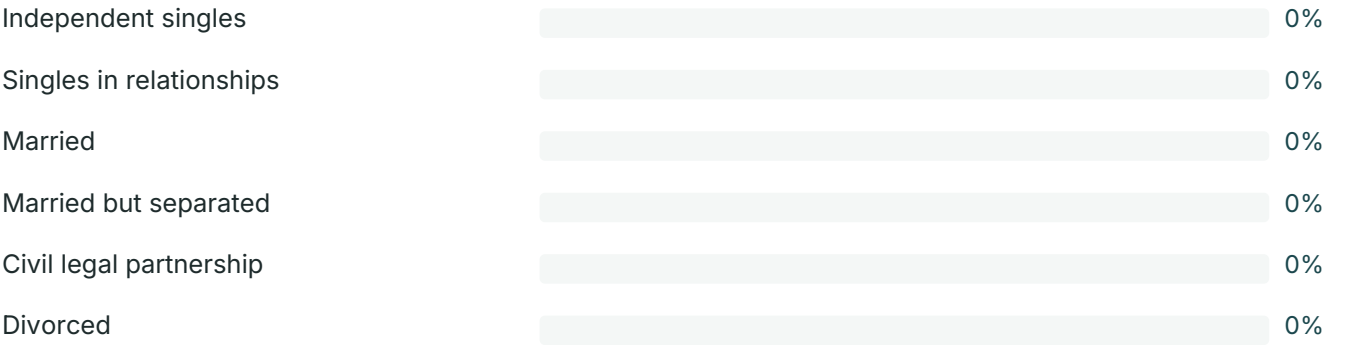
GENDER (% FEMALE)

0%

Ages (%)



Relationship Status (%)



More Church Demographics

Children in Household (%)

(% of church with children in each age category)



Race / Ethnicity (%)

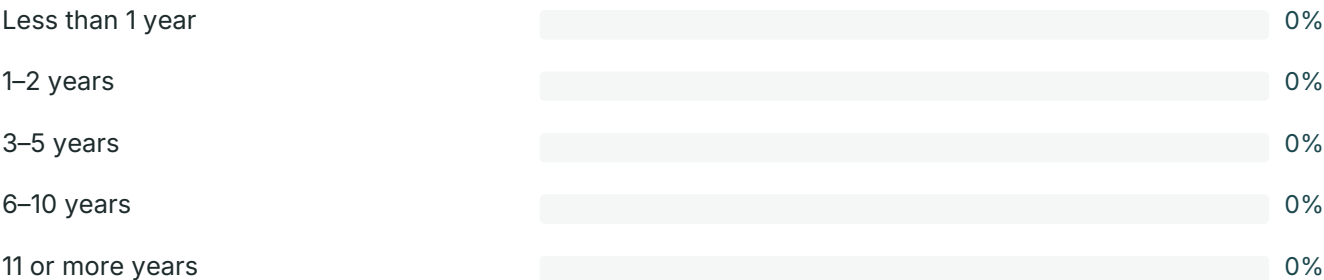


Engagement in Our Church

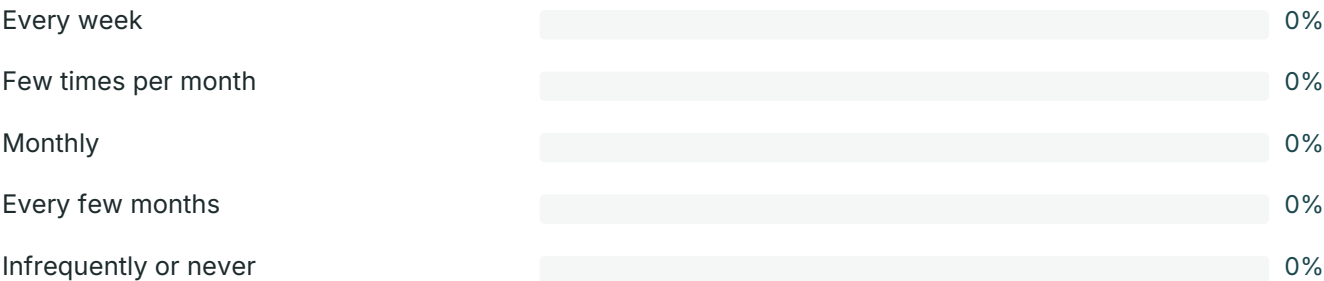
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Time Involved in this Church (%)



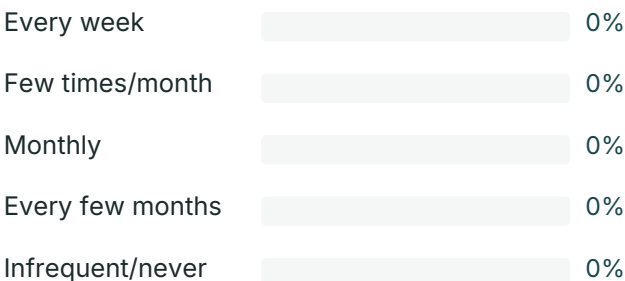
Frequency of Attending Church Gatherings (%)



Small Group Involvement (%)



Volunteering Frequency (%)



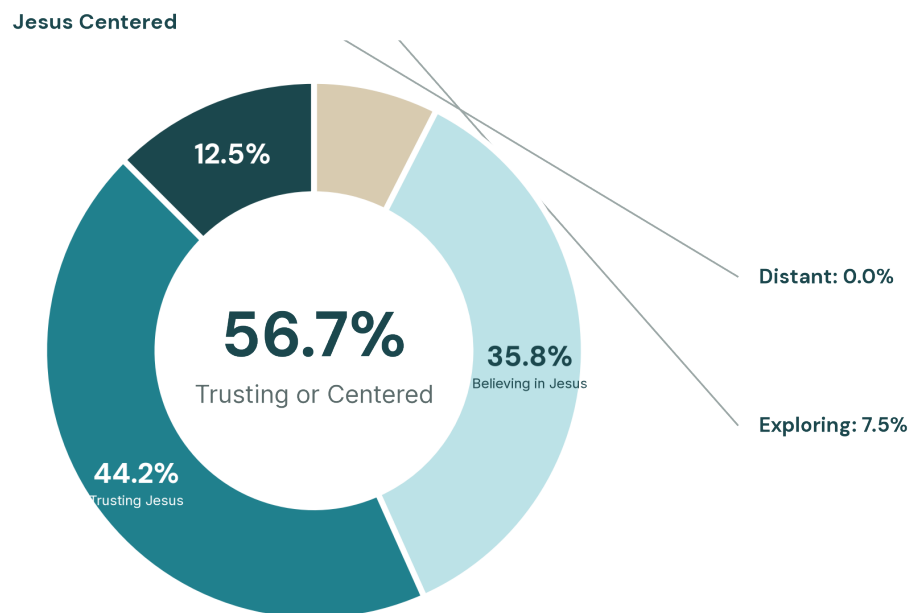
Church Spiritual Maturity Profile

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

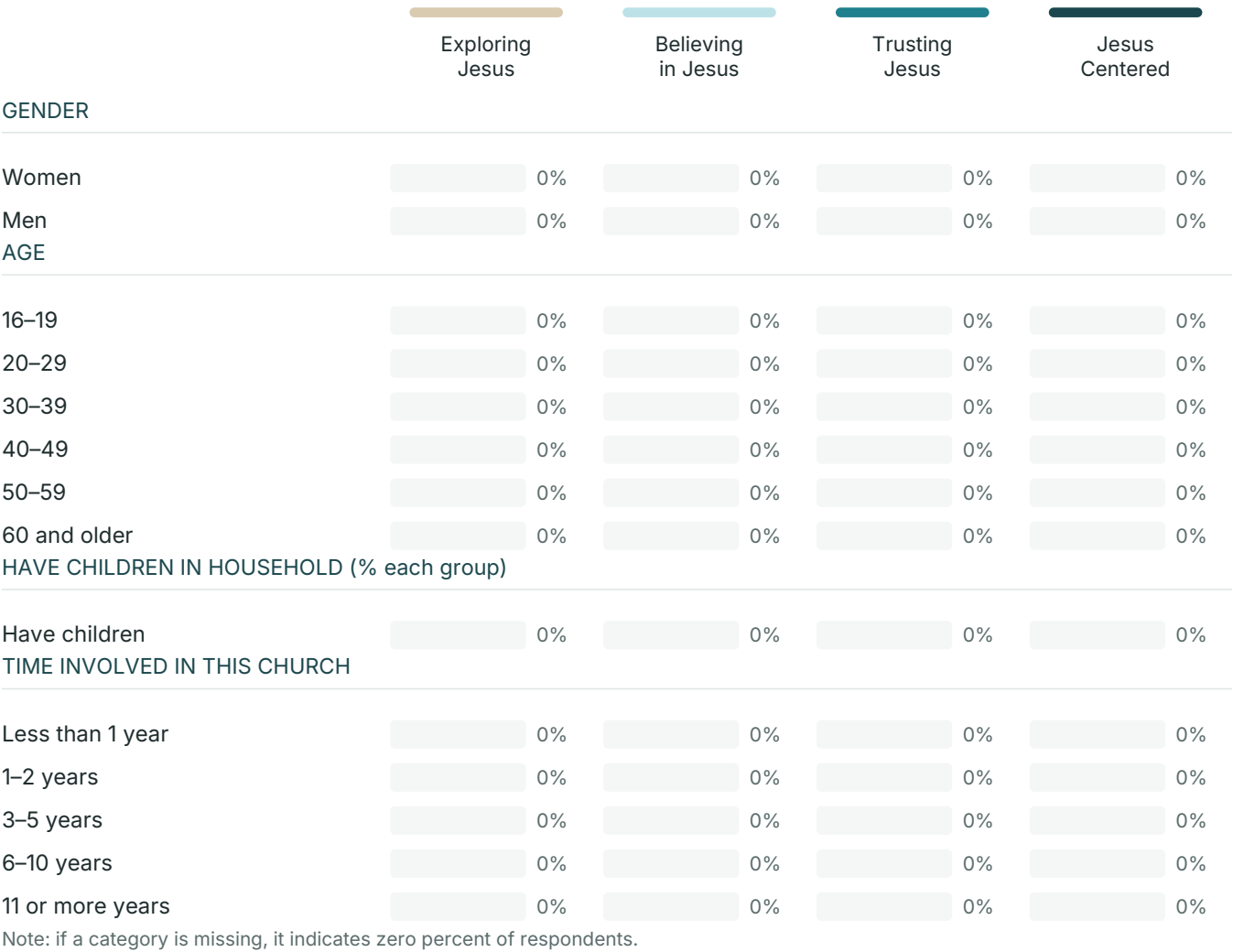


56.7% of your church is Trusting Jesus or Jesus Centered.

Note: if a category is missing, it indicates zero percent of respondents.



Diversity in Church Spiritual Maturity



Diversity in Church Spiritual Maturity

	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
FREQUENCY OF ATTENDING CHURCH GATHERINGS				
Every week	0%	0%	0%	0%
Few times per month	0%	0%	0%	0%
Monthly or less	0%	0%	0%	0%
FREQUENCY OF SMALL GROUP INVOLVEMENT				
Every week	0%	0%	0%	0%
Few times per month	0%	0%	0%	0%
Monthly	0%	0%	0%	0%
Every few months	0%	0%	0%	0%
Infrequently or never	0%	0%	0%	0%
FREQUENCY OF VOLUNTEERING				
Every week	0%	0%	0%	0%
Few times per month	0%	0%	0%	0%
Monthly	0%	0%	0%	0%
Every few months	0%	0%	0%	0%
Infrequently or never	0%	0%	0%	0%

Note: if a category is missing, it indicates zero percent of respondents.



Church Spiritual Change Profile

A following question was asked on the survey: "Compared to where you were 2 years ago, where is your faith and trust in God today?" People reflected on this question and chose one of the following answers:

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

Reporting on the Spiritual Change Levels

Of course, we hope that a high proportion of your church reports that they are growing in their faith and trust in God. You can celebrate that! But you will probably find that some people see themselves as stuck where they were, and others may feel their faith has been fading some. Knowing this can help you understand how to support the spiritual growth and maturity of your people.

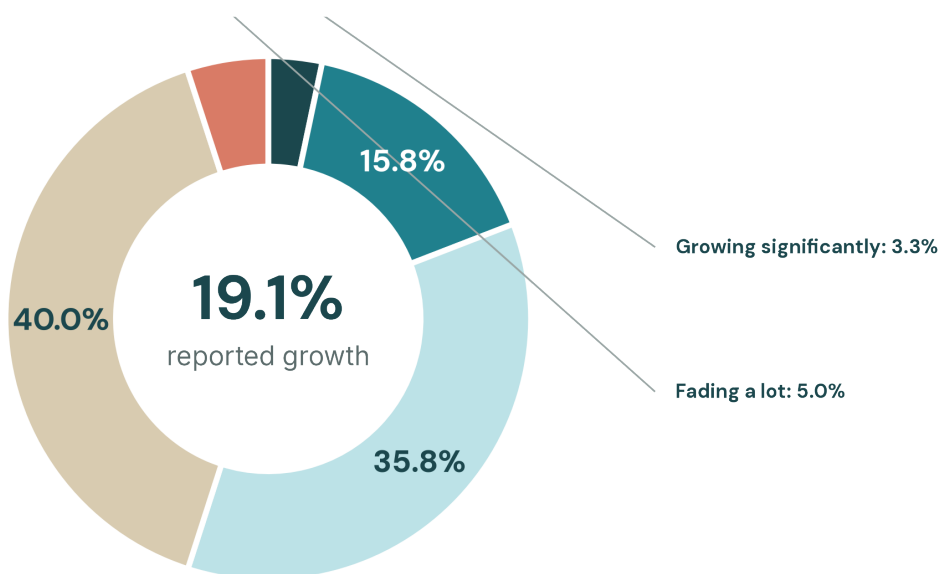
To help you, the analysis that follows gives you valuable information on the characteristics of people in your community who fall into each of the levels of self-described spiritual growth.



Levels of Spiritual Change

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

■ Growing significantly ■ Growing a little ■ About the same ■ Fading somewhat ■ Fading a lot



19.1% of your church reports growing faith and trust in God.

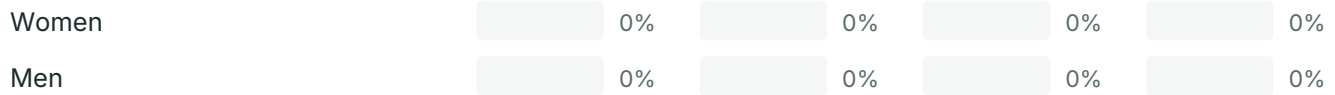
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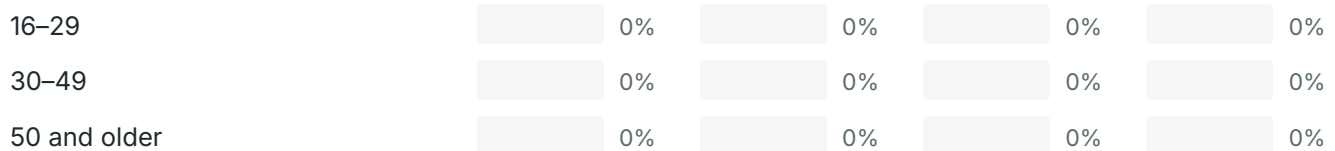
My Faith and Trust in God Is...



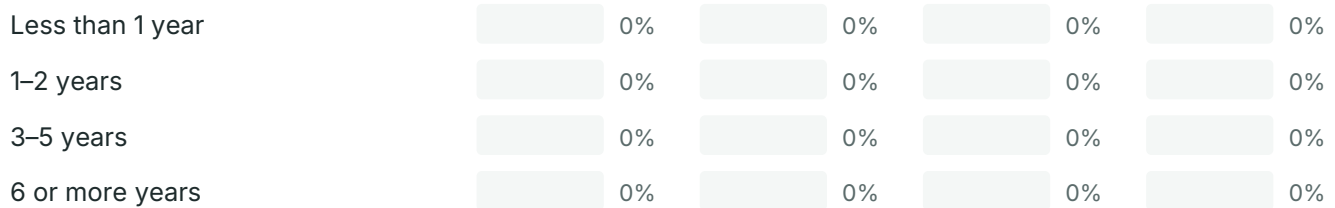
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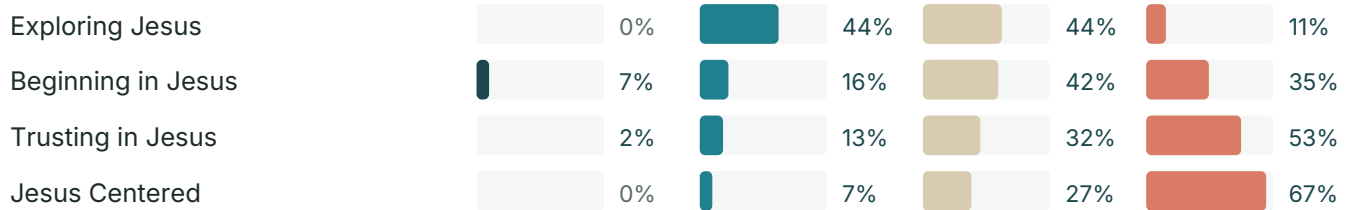
AGE



TIME INVOLVED IN THIS CHURCH



LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY



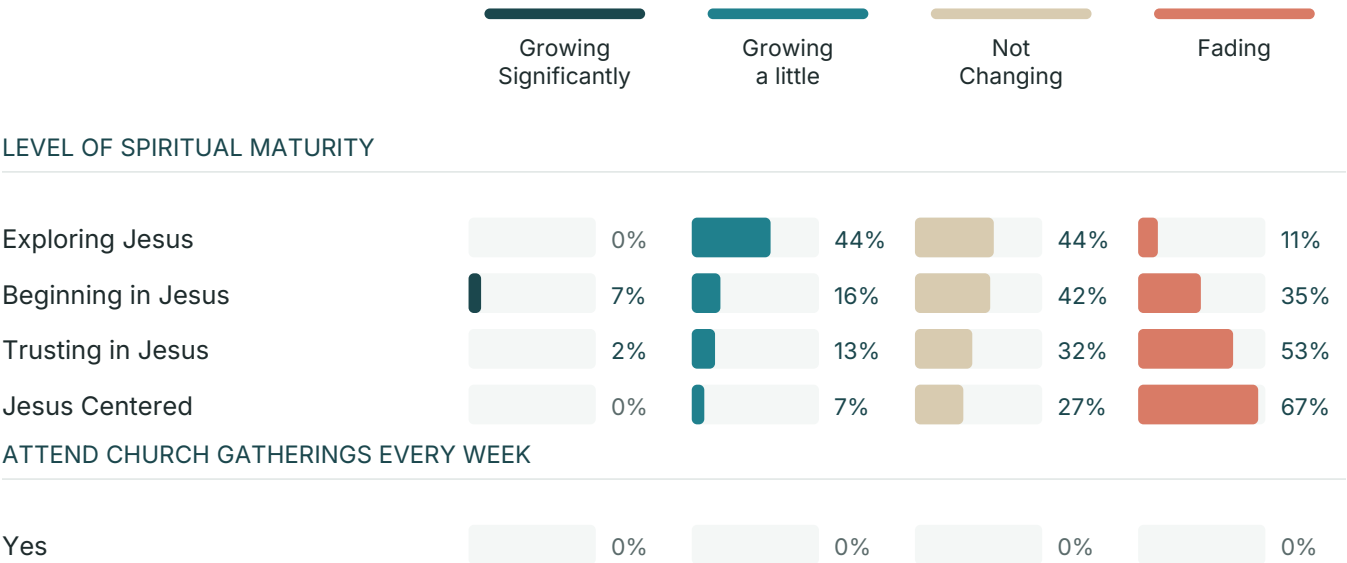
ATTENDANCE



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My Faith and Trust in God Is... (cont.)



Jesus Journey Profile

Attributes of Movement on the Journey Toward Jesus

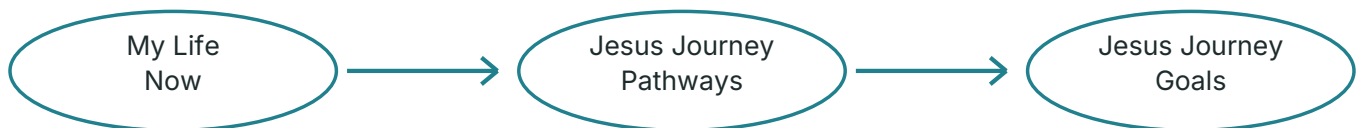
- The Jesus Journey survey asks 63 questions that delve into the life and beliefs of the person being surveyed. This is the heart of the Journey profile — less about experiences in church and more about the life one lives day by day in growing toward God and living a life guided by God's Spirit.
- Each person was asked "How true is this of you now?" followed by a series of 45 statements. Possible answers were: 1) Never or not yet true; 2) Occasionally true; 3) Quite often true; 4) Most of the time true; or 5) Always true.
- In addition, everyone was asked, "How often do you believe these to be true?", followed by a series of 18 statements, with a parallel 5-point belief scale.
- It would be unusual for anyone other than Jesus to say that each attribute is "always true" for them. We are all in process, and the statements reveal how far along we are in our Journey to be aligned with God and his purposes in our lives.



Journey Goals and Pathways

Four major Journey Goals are revealed in the following pages. For each Journey Goal, there are 4 Journey Pathways 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; trusting God in challenges
- **Goal 2: Experiencing Jesus**
responding to God; communicating with God; growing in faith; worshiping
- **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



Journey Goal #1: Trusting Jesus

How well do I know God's story and trust Jesus with my life?

The Journey profile captures 4 Pathways that reveal our progress in the Goal of Trusting Jesus:

- **Believing God's Story: God the Creator is completely renewing the world from its broken state.**
 - 5 questions on beliefs about God's character and plan to renew creation.
 - How much do I believe in God's good plans for all of creation? (Jeremiah 29:11)
- **Receiving God's Love: I am secure in God's unconditional love for me.**
 - 4 questions on believing and being secure in God's unconditional love.
 - How much do I believe that God actively loves and cares for me? (John 15:9–13)
- **My Identity in God: My identity is rooted in the way God sees me.**
 - 3 questions on seeing oneself as rooted in how God truly sees each person.
 - How secure is my identity in Jesus and God's good intentions for me? (1 John 3:1)
- **Facing Challenges: I trust in God's commitment to me in the midst of challenge.**
 - 3 questions on trusting God's commitment in the midst of challenges.
 - How able am I to experience God's peace even when challenges come? (Philippians 4:6)



Journey Pathway Results: Trusting Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
1. Believing God's Story: I believe that God the Creator is completely renewing the world from its broken state.				
I believe God originally created the world to be good.	11	37	53	73
I believe human failures have caused our world to be broken, altering what God designed.	44	37	58	87
I believe God will one day make everything new, as God intended it to be.	11	42	64	67
I believe I can sometimes have experiences of God's promised future in my everyday life now.	22	54	53	87
I believe I will not always experience God's healing in every circumstance of my life now.	33	44	68	67
2. Receiving God's Love: I am secure in God's unconditional love for me.				
I believe God is loving, caring and active in my life, like a very good parent would be.	44	60	72	93
I believe Jesus has provided a way for me to have a relationship with God forever.	44	56	76	80
I believe nothing can keep me from experiencing God's unconditional love — even my own sin — if I turn to God.	33	70	74	93
I know there is nothing I can do to make God love me more or love me less.	0	0	11	13

* Percent within each maturity group who said this is always or most of the time true of me.



Journey Pathway Results: Trusting Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
3. My Identity: My identity is rooted in the way God sees me.				
I believe the way God sees me is rooted in God's faithful love for me.	56	70	72	93
The way I see myself is determined most of all by how I believe God sees me.	0	0	9	27
The things I do for Jesus I do for the joy of serving, not as a duty or obligation.	0	0	17	20
4. Facing Challenges: I trust in God's commitment to me in the midst of challenges.				
I believe the challenging circumstances of my life will be used by God to deepen my trust in God's care for me.	11	67	74	80
Even in hard or difficult times, I am able to experience a deep sense of peace, trusting that God is with me.	0	2	11	20
When I face challenging situations, I first seek to know how God would want me to respond.	0	9	6	0

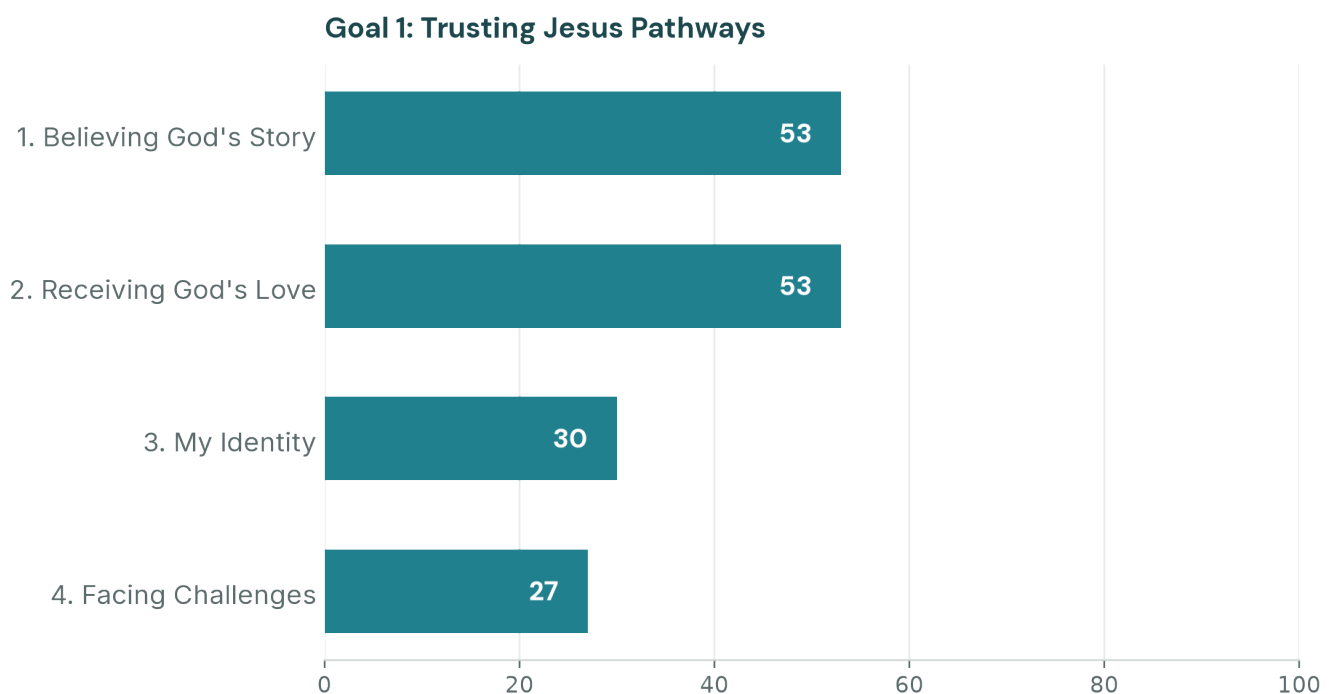
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Journey Pathways in Our Church

Summary for Goal 1: Trusting Jesus

This graph combines the data from the previous 2 pages for all the questions on the 4 Journey Pathways under Goal 1: Trusting Jesus. It provides the average percent who said these attributes are always or most of the time true for them across all church respondents, not broken down by spiritual maturity.



Journey Goal #2: Experiencing Jesus

How well do I know God's story and trust Jesus with my life?

The Journey profile captures 4 Pathways that reveal our progress in the Goal of Experiencing Jesus:

- **Responding to God:** I am sensitive to God's leading and respond to God's will.
 - 4 questions on sensitivity to God's leading and responding to God's will.
 - How aware and open am I to being guided by God day-to-day? (Romans 12:1-2)
- **Communicating with God:** My relationship with God is strengthened by frequent and meaningful communication.
 - 4 questions on faithfully communicating with God as a basis for relationship.
 - How often do I pray and seek God's guidance for my life? (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- **Growing My Faith:** I intentionally respond to the invitation of God in tangible ways.
 - 4 questions on intentionally responding to God's invitation in tangible ways.
 - How faithful am I in setting aside time to develop practices that draw me close to God? (1 Tim. 4:8)
- **Worshiping God:** I take time individually and with others to express my gratitude and commitment to God.
 - 3 questions on taking time to express gratitude to God, personally and with others.
 - How often do I express praise and thankfulness to God for acting in my life? (Psalms 86:12)



Journey Pathway Results: Experiencing Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
5. Responding to God: I am sensitive to God's leading and respond to God's will.				
I am very aware of the active presence of God in all aspects of my life.	0	5	19	27
When I notice that I am moving away from God, I quickly turn toward God to be restored.	0	9	19	33
I expect God's Holy Spirit to guide me and give me the power to live my life God's way.	0	7	23	47
I trust in and am committed to God's purposes for my life.	0	0	4	7
6. Communicating with God: My relationship with God is strengthened by frequent and meaningful communication.				
I believe that openly and honestly speaking to God is necessary for a healthy relationship with God.	67	58	74	80
I believe God regularly communicates with me in ways I can recognize.	67	74	77	87
I spend time every day speaking with God and seeking God's thoughts and direction.	0	5	19	27
When I notice I have thoughts, motivations, words and actions that are displeasing to God, I am quick to confess them.	0	9	8	13

* Percent within each maturity group who said this is always or most of the time true of me.



Journey Pathway Results: Experiencing Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
7. Growing My Faith: I intentionally respond to the invitation of God in tangible ways.				
I set aside regular time to develop spiritual practices that draw me close to God.	0	0	6	13
I actively seek to grow in my understanding of Scripture and what it means for my life.	0	12	21	33
I look for ways that God's Spirit might be inviting me to grow and change.	11	14	15	20
I take practical steps to respond to what I sense God inviting me toward.	11	23	28	53
8. Worshiping God: I take time individually and with others to express my gratitude and commitment to God.				
I regularly take time to worship God, alone or with others.	0	2	24	20
I express thankfulness and praise to God for what God has done in my life.	0	5	13	7
Worship is an important part of my ongoing relationship with God.	33	60	64	73

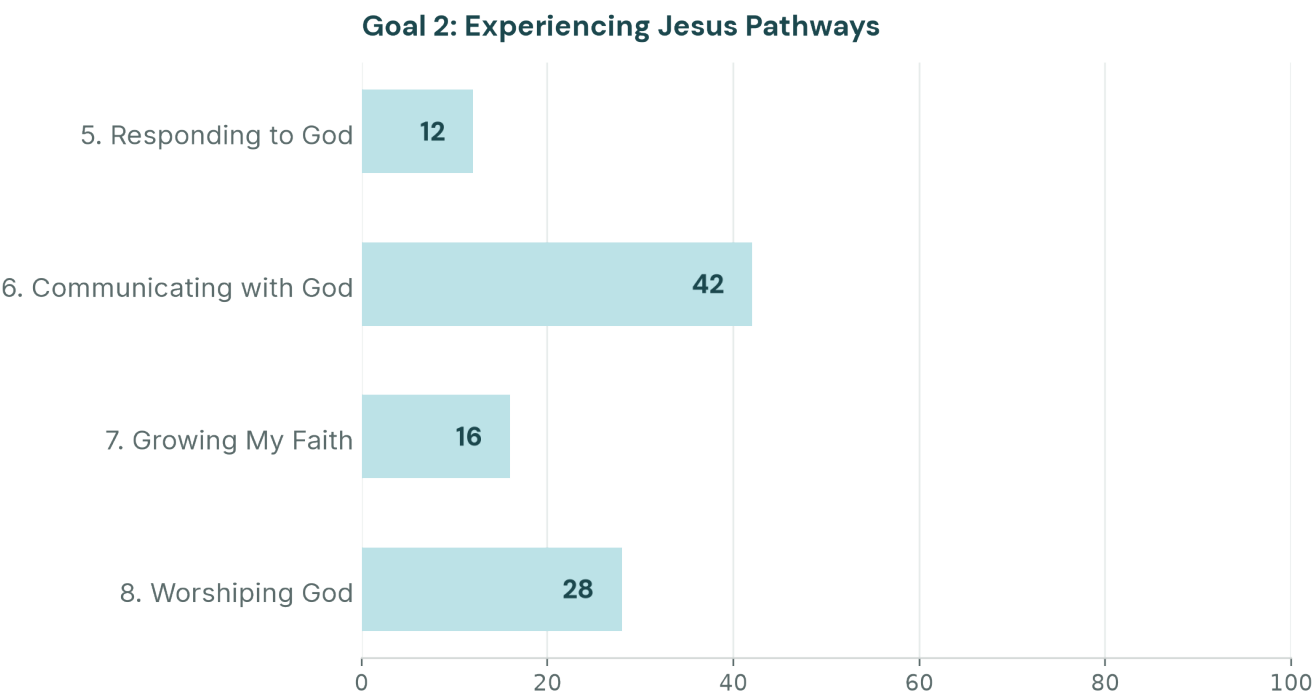
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Journey Pathways in Our Church

Summary for Goal 2: Experiencing Jesus

This graph combines the data from the previous 2 pages for all the questions on the 4 Journey Pathways under Goal 2: Experiencing Jesus. It provides the average percent who said these attributes are always or most of the time true for them across all church respondents, not broken down by spiritual maturity.



Journey Goal #3: Reflecting Jesus

How much does my life reflect the character and love of Jesus?

The Journey profile captures 4 Pathways that reveal our progress in the Goal of Reflecting Jesus:

- **Expressing God's Love:** A central goal of my life is to be an expression of God's love.
 - 5 questions on loving others as an expression of God's love working through me.
 - How is my love for God reflected in how I treat others? (1 John 4:11–12)
- **Practicing My Faith:** I express my faith by practically acting as I believe Jesus would act.
 - 5 questions on translating belief into practical, everyday action.
 - How consistently does my behavior reflect what I believe? (James 2:14–18)
- **Journeying with Others:** I walk out my Jesus journey in a give-and-take relationship with others.
 - 4 questions on mutual, honest relationships that support spiritual growth.
 - Do I have people I trust to walk this journey alongside me? (Hebrews 10:24–25)
- **Reconciling:** I embrace others as they are and am committed to asking for and releasing forgiveness.
 - 3 questions on pursuing reconciliation and forgiveness in relationships.
 - How readily do I extend and receive forgiveness? (Colossians 3:13)



Journey Pathway Results: Reflecting Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
9. Expressing God's Love: A central goal of my life is to be an expression of God's love.				
I believe loving others can make a difference in my relationship with God.	56	63	64	93
I believe loving others as Jesus has loved me is one of the most important things I can do to further God's will in this world.	11	49	55	100
Others see my love for God in how I express my love for them.	0	12	6	0
In the various settings of my life, people see in me God's love expressed.	11	37	47	53
I see God actively forming me to be a gift of love and grace to others.	22	14	45	27
10. Practicing My Faith: I express my faith by practically acting as I believe Jesus would act.				
Following Jesus has changed my behavior, affecting how I speak, the places I go, and the moral decisions I make.	33	58	72	93
I actively try to listen and understand everyone with whom I have some relationship.	44	54	72	67
I am willing to share about Jesus when talking with others.	11	35	47	40
I try to focus on seeing people around me through God's eyes, not just my own.	22	19	26	47
I ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's presence to people with whom I am praying or interacting.	11	21	32	53

* Percent within each maturity group who said this is always or most of the time true of me.



Journey Pathway Results: Reflecting Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
11. Journeying with Others: I walk out my Jesus journey in a give and take relationship with others.				
I have people I trust with whom I can be honest about the state of my spiritual life and walk.	33	54	70	73
I have formed some close relationships through which I try to help people on their spiritual journey.	22	46	62	73
I welcome the practical wisdom and input of other Christians in my journey to become more like Jesus.	33	49	66	87
I encourage other followers of Jesus to believe and have confidence in God's active presence in their lives.	11	30	42	47
12. Reconciling: I embrace others as they are and am committed to asking for and releasing forgiveness.				
I work towards pursuing reconciliation in any broken relationships by both requesting and giving forgiveness.	56	46	58	87
I do not demand that people change for me to forgive them.	0	30	40	60
I work toward forgiving others who have wronged me just as God forgives me.	11	26	45	67

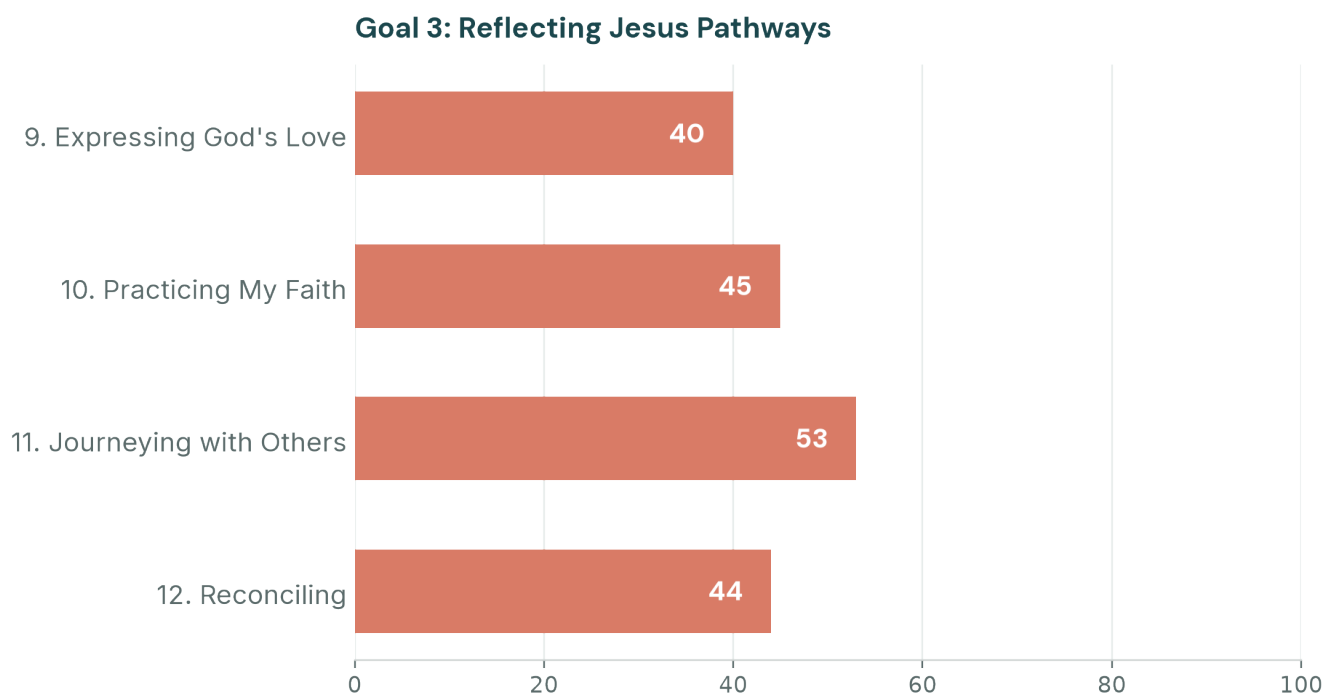
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Journey Pathways in Our Church

Summary for Goal 3: Reflecting Jesus

This graph combines the data from the previous 2 pages for all the questions on the 4 Journey Pathways under Goal 3: Reflecting Jesus. It provides the average percent who said these attributes are always or most of the time true for them across all church respondents, not broken down by spiritual maturity.



Journey Goal #4: Serving Jesus

How much of my life involves seeing needs and serving others?

The Journey profile captures 4 Pathways that reveal our progress in the Goal of Serving Jesus:

- **Partnering with God:** I live my life in an active partnership with God.
 - 5 questions on seeing ourselves as partnering with God in serving others.
 - How aware are we of God's presence in our relationships with others? (Colossians 3:12)
- **Stewarding Resources:** I act as a steward, not an owner of the resources available to me.
 - 4 questions on willingness to yield all we have to God's service.
 - How much do I see what I have as mine, or as a gift to use for God's purposes? (Matthew 6:19–24)
- **Showing Compassion:** God's compassion moves me to be a vehicle of God's grace to people in need.
 - 4 questions on responding to the needs of others with compassion.
 - Do I see the needs of others and respond with Godly kindness and grace? (James 2:14–18)
- **Acting Justly:** I fulfill God's heart by advocating for the weak and powerless.
 - 3 questions on responsiveness to injustice and people who are not always accepted.
 - How sensitive am I to community and personal injustices? (Luke 10:30–37)



Journey Pathway Results: Serving Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
13. Partnering with God: I live my life in an active partnership with God.				
I believe that God desires to be actively involved in all the relationships that are part of my life.	56	77	74	93
I see myself as an active partner with God in helping to restore God's desires to make the earth new again.	11	44	53	80
I believe the Holy Spirit can guide my actions to fulfill God's desires for this world in which we live.	22	44	70	80
The Holy Spirit helps me apply God's wisdom to specific life situations that I see or experience.	22	33	45	67
I am fully aware that I am partnering with God in all my interactions with people.	11	26	30	27
14. Stewarding Resources: I act as a steward and not as an owner of the resources available to me.				
I ask God for wisdom in how to use the resources God has given me (time, energy, and money).	0	9	24	27
I seek to know how God wants me to use my gifts and abilities.	56	54	77	80
I gladly use my resources (home, money, time) to help others experience the love and invitation of Jesus.	33	44	62	87
I am gladly willing to give generously to people who are in need.	22	30	47	60

* Percent within each maturity group who said this is always or most of the time true of me.



Journey Pathway Results: Serving Jesus Pathways

	% Always / Mostly True of Me			
	Exploring Jesus	Believing in Jesus	Trusting Jesus	Jesus Centered
15. Showing Compassion: God's compassion moves me to be a vehicle of God's grace to people in need.				
I show kindness and care for the needs of people just as they are, as Jesus has done for me.	22	26	45	60
I find it easy to respond to others as God does — with kindness and compassion.	33	5	32	33
When I reach out to people in need, I have confidence that God will give me grace to help them toward healing, deliverance, and change.	0	19	36	53
In situations of need that I see or hear, I act boldly upon what I believe God desires to do.	0	19	38	33
16. Acting Justly: I fulfill God's heart by advocating for the weak and powerless.				
I believe serving the poor and oppressed is an essential part of God's plan to restore God's justice in the world.	44	54	62	73
I take notice of people who are not always accepted and form relationships with them.	22	28	43	60
I take practical actions against oppression and injustice.	33	37	47	53

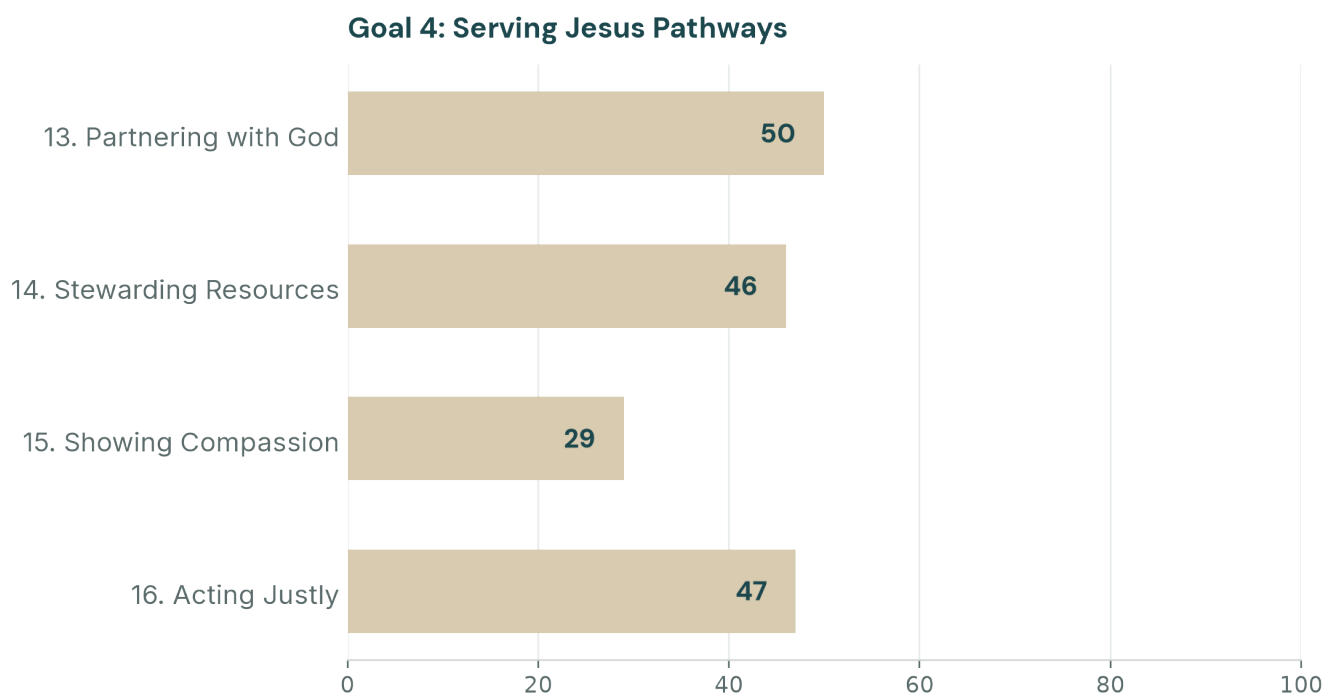
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Journey Pathways in Our Church

Summary for Goal 4: Serving Jesus

This graph combines the data from the previous 2 pages for all the questions on the 4 Journey Pathways under Goal 4: Serving Jesus. It provides the average percent who said these attributes are always or most of the time true for them across all church respondents, not broken down by spiritual maturity.



Our Journey Summary

Patterns of Our People's Spiritual Lives

The final section of this report provides a summary of the Jesus Journey for the people of this church:

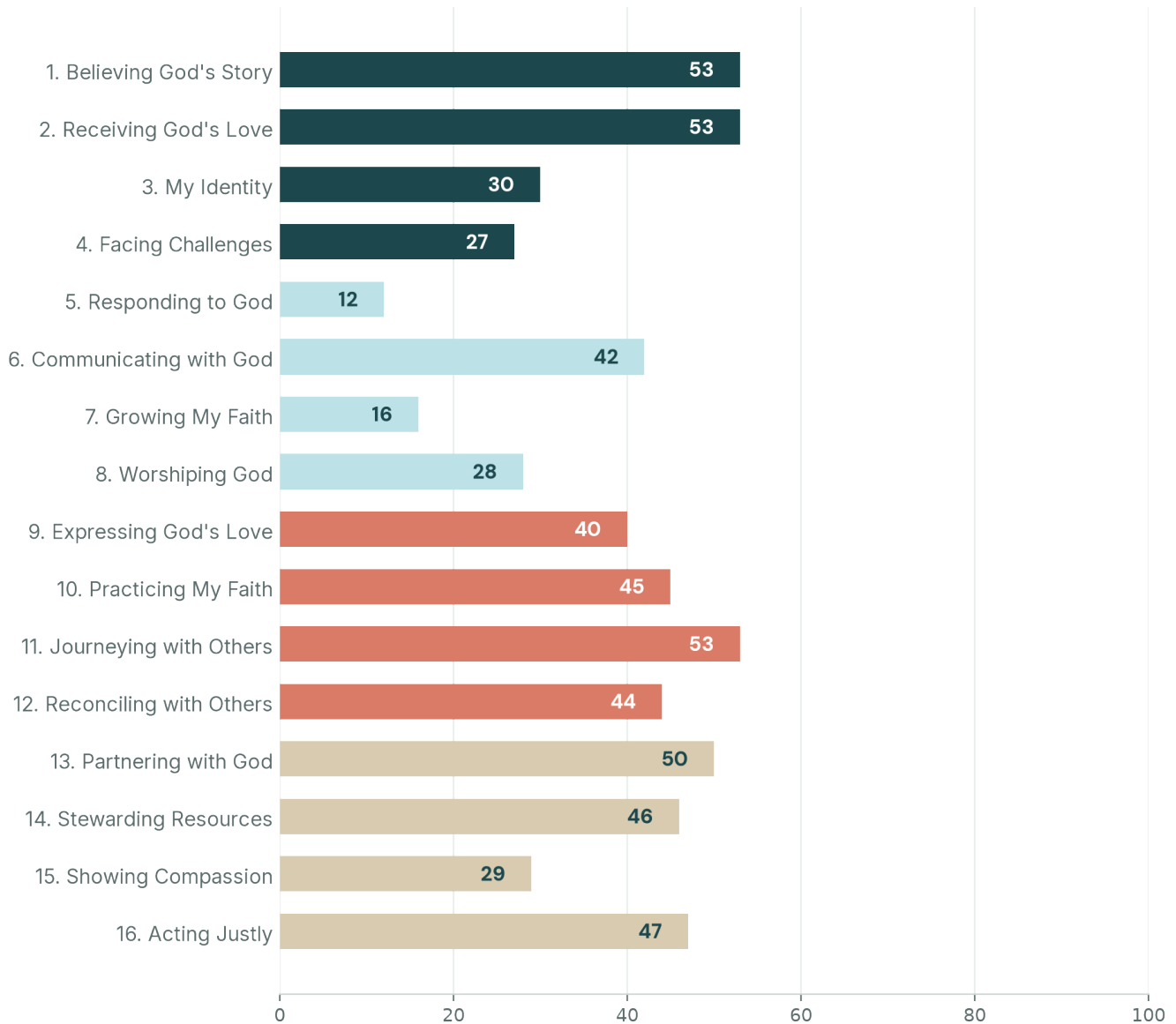
- On the next page, a summary value is given for each of the 16 Pathways measured in the Journey survey. The values represent the average % who agreed that this is true for them across the questions on each Pathway.
- The following page provides a picture of the differences across the 3 Christian spiritual maturity groups on the 16 Pathways: people who are "Believing in Jesus," "Trusting in Jesus," and "Jesus Centered."

Note: People who are "Exploring Jesus" (including pre-Christian groups) are not included here. They are smaller in number and answered fewer survey questions, making their data less comparable. It's best to examine their responses individually.



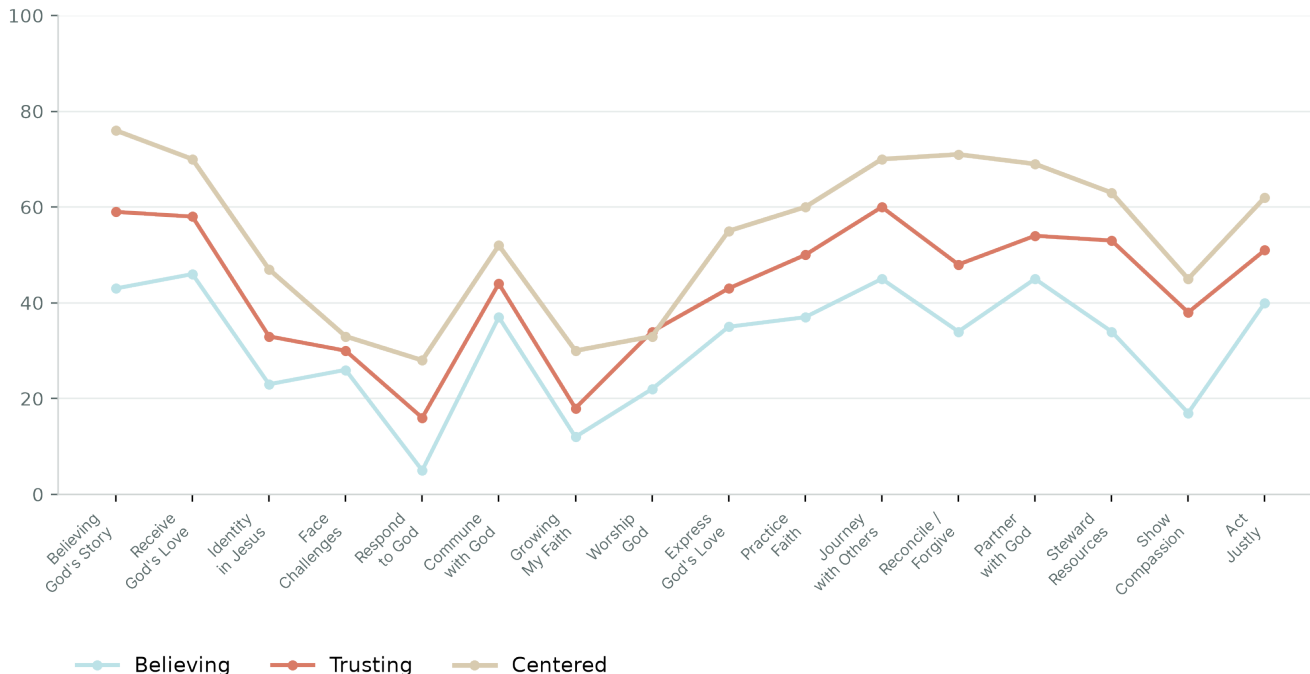
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Average % who agree this is true of them across all questions on each pathway.



Journey Pathways Summary

Comparison across levels of spiritual maturity — average % who agree this is true for them, for all questions on each Journey pathway.



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? (pages 19–22)
- Which Experiencing Jesus Pathways deserve your focus and attention? (pages 23–26)
- How big are the differences between less mature and more Jesus-centered people on the Reflecting Jesus Pathways? (pages 27–30)
- How well are your people doing on the Serving Jesus Pathways? (pages 31–34)
- Overall, what patterns are you pleased to see? Which 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.” — Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)

