



Evaluation:

Bible Study and Prayer

We have created a brief assessment for each spoke on The Summit Church's "Gospel Wheel" for discipleship (Bible study and prayer, evangelism and missions, community, generosity, character). We want to help you get a snapshot of how you're doing and identify wise focal points for growth in each of these key areas. The other evaluations can be found in a self-scoring, on-line or printable PDF version at bradhambrick.com/gospelwheel.

Instructions: Read the following descriptive statements. Mark the answer that best describes you.

(CD) Completely Disagree, (SD) Somewhat Disagree, (NS) Not Sure, (SA) Somewhat Agree, or (CA) Completely Agree

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| 1. I believe the Bible is a book inspired by God and authoritative over my life. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 2. I feel comfortable finding particular books of the Bible and know what the major sections are. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 3. I understand the "one big story" of the Bible and can interpret the little stories in light of it. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 4. I can understand the different genres (i.e., narrative, poetry, prophecy, etc...) in the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 5. I know where to find answers when I am confused by something I read in the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 6. I have time set aside each day when I read my Bible and consistently do so. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 7. I have a plan that enables me to read through the Bible in an intentional way. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 8. I have read the entire Bible at least once. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 9. I have a variety of ways to study the Bible to prevent this time from getting stale. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 10. I talk with my spouse or Christian friends about what I'm learning in the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 11. I find hope and draw strength from my time reading the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 12. I am able to draw practical application to my life from what I read in the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 13. I learn things that I can use to encourage others when I read the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 14. I learn new questions to ask about God and life when I read the Bible. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 15. I know specific Bible passages that speak to my most common life struggles. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 16. I understand that prayer is simply having a conversation with God. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 17. When something concerns me, my instinct is to pray (ask for help). | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 18. When something pleases me, my instinct is to pray (say "Thank you"). | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 19. After I sin, I feel free to come to God for forgiveness. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 20. I believe God wants me to share my common thoughts, desires, or fears with Him. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 21. I have a time set aside each day for prayer and I consistently do so. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 22. I have a method of recording my prayer concerns so I pray regularly for important things. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 23. My prayer time is balanced between praising God, confessing sin, and making requests. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 24. My requests of God in prayer are balanced between myself and others. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 25. I talk with my spouse or Christian friends about things I am praying for. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 26. I find hope and draw strength from my time in prayer. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 27. I have seen God answer specific prayers. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 28. I feel comfortable praying out loud for someone who is discouraged. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 29. My sense of confidence that prayer impacts life is increasing. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 30. Prayer is becoming more of an instinct than a discipline. | CD SD NS SA CA |



Key to Survey Scoring: For each set of questions tabulate your score using the following numerical values. The scoring is weighted with the “neutral” NS answer being a negative score, because if you are uncertain one of these matters then you are not receiving the benefit God wants to provide for you.

CD – Negative 3 points

SD – Negative 2 points

NS – Negative 1 point

SA – Positive 1 points

CA – Positive 2 points

If your total score...

...**matches or exceeds the total number of questions**, then this is an area of strength.

...**is less than the total number of questions**, then this area could use attention or refinement.

...**is a negative number**, then this area should be given immediate and concentrated attention.

➤ Questions 1-5: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**your preparedness to understand the Bible.**” The Bible is not a complex book. The Bible is a divinely inspired book with many parts meant to communicate one central message. God inspired many different authors who wrote in many different styles to communicate his one message in a way that everyone can understand. If you do not understand this, it is easy to get lost as you read.

➤ Questions 6-10: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**your practice of reading the Bible.**” Bible reading should be like eating. It is neither healthy nor possible to take in all the food you would need for a week in one setting. Regular meals with periodic feasts are the best approach to Scripture.

➤ Questions 11-15: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**your application when reading the Bible.**” Bible reading is not about the mere gathering of God-facts or enjoying inspirational stories, but the transformation of your heart and life. When we read the Bible, we do not merely learn what to think, but how to live.

➤ Questions 16-20: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**your beliefs about prayer.**” Prayer is a natural response to knowing who God is and who we are. While we may become more disciplined in our prayer life, prayer is not a discipline but a response to seeing our need and knowing God’s willingness to meet that need.

➤ Questions 21-25: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**your practice of prayer.**” A healthy prayer life does not happen by accident. While it is rooted in knowing who God is and who we are, it is fertilized and cultivated by a lifestyle that makes room for prayer and a balanced understanding of what Scripture teaches us to pray.

➤ Questions 26-30: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**your experience of prayer.**” Prayer is not something we do primarily to please God but to unleash God in our life and world. We should expect to see God move and experience greater confidence, boldness, and freedom in prayer as God responds.