

JOURNEY

a conversation about walking with God

What does it mean to walk with God?

- ◉ Why is there nothing new or exciting in our hearts about God?
- ◉ Why does duty motivate us more than desire when it comes to church?
- ◉ Why does everything but Jesus seem to excite us?
- ◉ Why have so many of our kids walked away from church?

How Christianity Has Been Taught

- Step 1: Push a person to decide that Jesus Christ is savior, their personal escape from an eternity in hell.
- Result 1: They are now looked at as “in” the club rather than “out.”
- Step 2: Either entirely ignore Step 2, or try really hard to get “the decided” to be disciples.
- Result 2: Spirituality is often reduced to a set of core competencies or “spiritual disciplines.”





How do you feel about reading the Bible?

- 91% - I think it is important, but I wish I did it more.
- 9% - I think it is important, and I am happy with how much I do it.

When was the last time you read a chapter or more of the Bible?

- 55% - Over a month.
- 18% - In the past week.
- 18% - Today.
- 9% - In the past month.

When I pick up a Bible...

- 36% - I feel like I should be interested, but I am not actually interested.
- 27% - it is like a good friend.
- 27% - I generally get what it is about.

How do you feel about praying?

- 82% - I think it is important, but I wish I did it more.
 - 18% - I think it is important, and I am happy with how much I do it.
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When was the last time you prayed for more than 5 minutes?

- 45% - In the past week.
- 27% - Over a month.
- 18% - Today.
- 9% - In the past month.

When I try to pray...

- 73% - it is comforting, like visiting with a good friend.
- 18% - I feel like I should be interested, but I am not actually interested.
- 9% - I generally get what it is about, and pray sometimes.

How do you feel about generosity?

- 64% - I think it is important, and I am happy with how much I do it.
- 36% - I think it is important, but I wish I did it more.

When was the last time you gave away cash or a gift worth 10% or more of your last paycheck?

- 64% - Over a month.
- 36% - In the past month.

When I think about doing something generous for someone else...

- 64% - It feels like something I should be doing.
- 27% - It is a way of life for me.









