

# REVEAL Spiritual Vitality Index for Brazos Meadows Baptist Church

This involves how often people study the Bible, reflect on Scripture, pray, experience solitude and journal.

**Personal Spiritual Practices**

This reflects how well the church provides spiritual challenge, in-depth Bible teaching, a sense of belonging, etc.

**Church's Role**

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**Faith in Action**

This reflects people's faith-based behaviors, such as serving those in need and evangelism.

## What Your Score Means

*(Ranking compared to REVEAL database)*

86+ =	Top 5%
83-85 =	Top 10%
76-82 =	Top 25%
70-75 =	Upper 50%
<70 =	Lower 50%

**This one-number index score shows you how well you're doing at helping your people grow spiritually, compared with all other churches in REVEAL's database.**

# What Your People Say are the Top Five Priorities for Brazos Meadows Baptist Church

Priority Ranking	Top Five Church Priorities (Based on Level of Importance and Satisfaction)	Importance Score (Scale: 6 is high; 1 is low)	Satisfaction Score (Scale: 6 is high; 1 is low)	Priority Score*	
1	Provides strong programs for children	5.4	4.1	7.2	Highest Priority
2	Church leaders model how to grow	5.3	4.5	4.5	
3	Help develop personal relationship with Christ	5.4	4.6	4.3	
4	Challenges me to grow	5.1	4.3	3.9	
5	Provides chance to grow with others	5.1	4.3	3.9	

\* **Priority Score:** This score merges importance and satisfaction together to rank order your congregation's view of the church's highest priorities for action. The higher the score, the greater the sense of urgency for change. (Priority Score Calculation: (Importance less Satisfaction) X Importance)

Based on your church sample size of 105

**Note:** See note page below for more detail on the Priority Score.

# Brazos Meadows Baptist Church

## What Your People Say are the Top Five Priorities for the Senior Pastor

Priority Ranking	Senior Pastor Activities (Based on Level of Importance and Satisfaction)	Importance Score (Scale: 6 is high; 1 is low)	Satisfaction Score (Scale: 6 is high; 1 is low)	Priority Score*	
1	Provides guidance to individuals on spiritual development	5.4	5.0	2.4	Highest Priority
2	Maintains harmony	4.9	4.5	1.9	
3	Models and reinforces how to grow spiritually	5.6	5.3	1.5	
4	Challenges congregants to grow and take next steps	5.3	5.0	1.5	
5	Counsels people facing major decisions	5.3	5.0	1.4	

\* **Priority Score:** This score merges importance and satisfaction together to rank order your congregation's view of the senior pastor's highest priorities for action. The higher the score, the greater the sense of urgency for action. (Priority Score Calculation: (Importance less Satisfaction) X Importance)

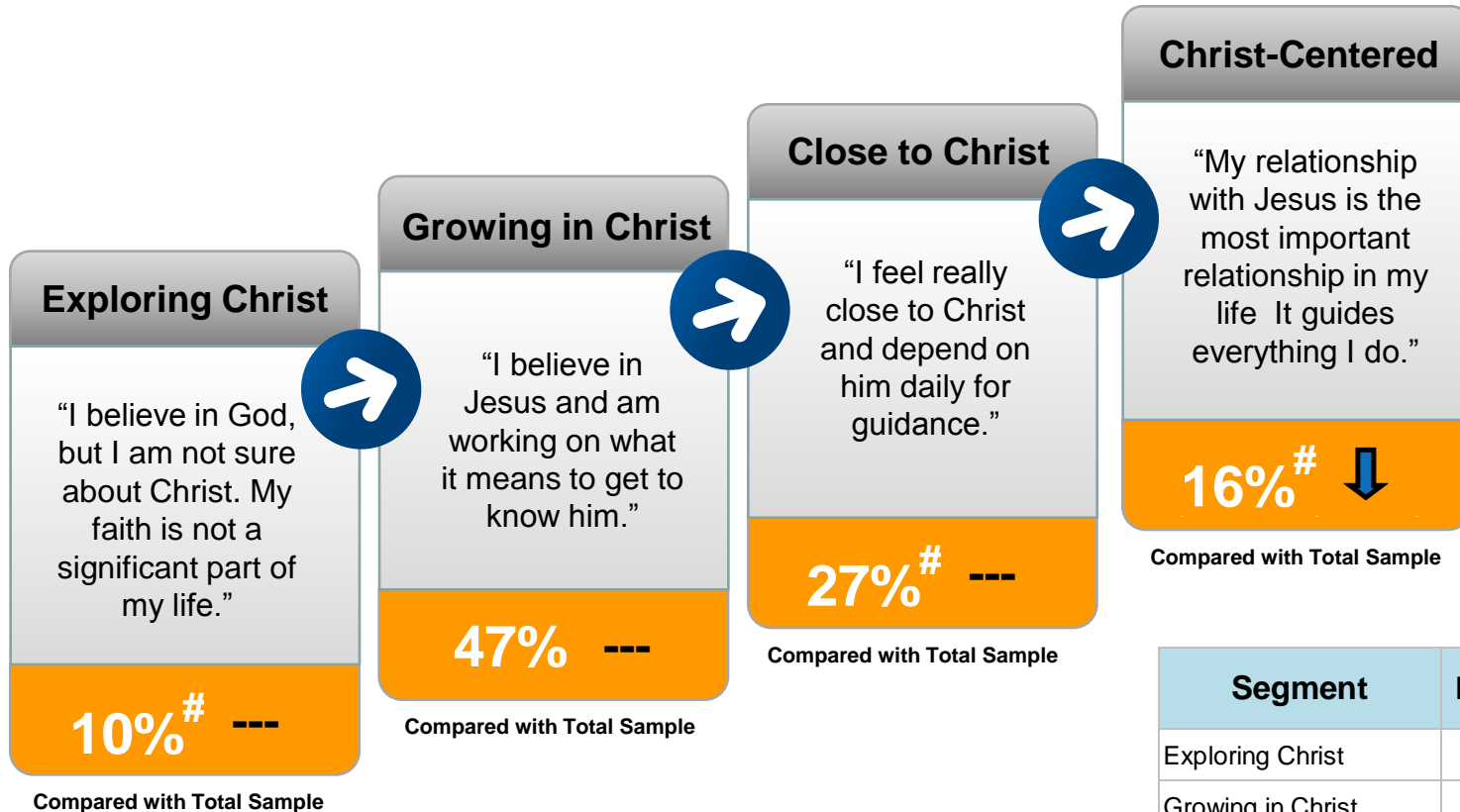
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# Overall Satisfaction with the Church's Role in Spiritual Growth and the Senior Pastor

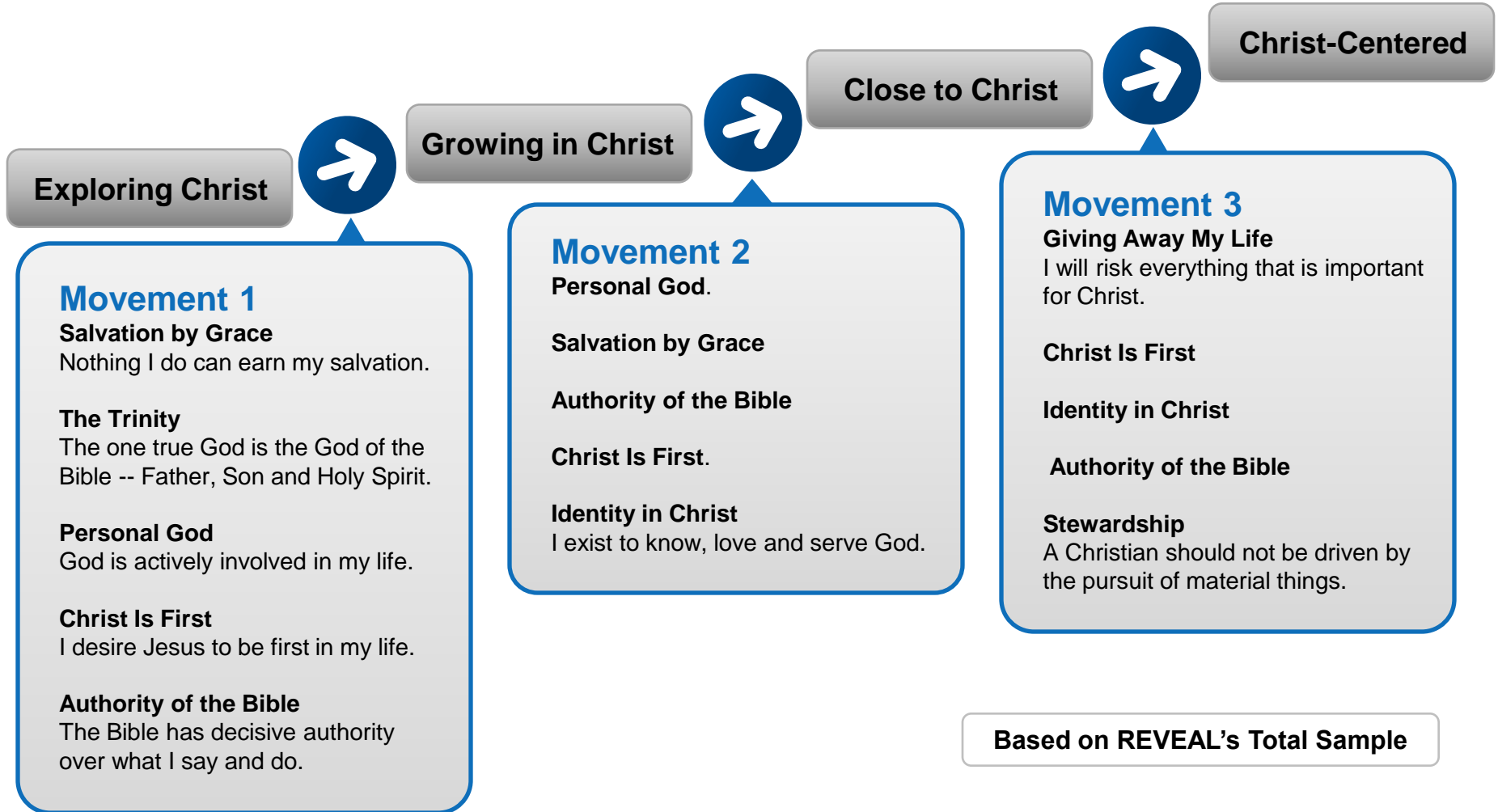
Spiritual Continuum		Overall Satisfaction with the Church's Role in Spiritual Growth <i>(top two boxes)</i>	Overall Satisfaction with the Senior Pastor's Effectiveness <i>(top two boxes)</i>
Segment	Base Size		
Total	105	50%	91% ↑
Exploring Christ	10 <sup>#</sup>	40% <sup>#</sup>	80% <sup>#</sup>
Growing in Christ	49	55%	98% ↑
Close to Christ	28 <sup>#</sup>	46% <sup>#</sup>	93% <sup>#</sup>
Christ-Centered	18 <sup>#</sup>	44% <sup>#</sup>	78% <sup>#</sup>
# Low sample size			

# Brazos Meadows Baptist Church's Spiritual Continuum Profile



Segment	Base Size
Exploring Christ	10 <sup>#</sup>
Growing in Christ	49
Close to Christ	28 <sup>#</sup>
Christ-Centered	18 <sup>#</sup>
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# REVEAL Identifies Eight Core Beliefs and Attitudes Critical to Spiritual Growth



# Brazos Meadows Baptist Church's Spiritual Beliefs and Attitudes

Key Spiritual Beliefs And Attitudes (top box)	Total	Exploring Christ	Growing in Christ	Close to Christ	Christ- Centered
<b>Base Size</b>	105	10 <sup>#</sup>	49	28 <sup>#</sup>	18 <sup>#</sup>
Salvation by Grace	78%	50% <sup>#</sup>	69%	93% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
Trinity	97%	90% <sup>#</sup>	98%	96% <sup>#</sup>	100% <sup>#</sup>
Personal God	61%	30% <sup>#</sup>	47%	86% <sup>#</sup>	78% <sup>#</sup>
Christ is First	59%	40% <sup>#</sup>	43%	75% <sup>#</sup>	89% <sup>#</sup>
Authority of the Bible	57%	30% <sup>#</sup>	41%	79% <sup>#</sup>	83% <sup>#</sup>
Identity in Christ	50%	40% <sup>#</sup>	35%	64% <sup>#</sup>	72% <sup>#</sup>
Stewardship	31%	20% <sup>#</sup>	27%	29% <sup>#</sup>	56% <sup>#</sup>
Giving Away My Life	22%	10% <sup>#</sup>	8% ↓	32% <sup>#</sup>	50% <sup>#</sup>
<b># Low sample size</b>					

**Table 15**

Q. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the different statements regarding your spiritual life.

Top Two Box (Percentage Who Chose 'Very Strongly Agree' or 'Strongly Agree')	Total	Exploring Christ	Growing in Christ	Close to Christ	Christ- Centered
Base Size	105	10 <sup>#</sup>	49	28 <sup>#</sup>	18 <sup>#</sup>
I have tremendous love for people I know and those I don't know	46%	40% <sup>#</sup>	35%	57% <sup>#</sup>	61% <sup>#</sup>
I love God more than anything else	69%	50% <sup>#</sup>	53%	86% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit	99%	100% <sup>#</sup>	100%	96% <sup>#</sup>	100% <sup>#</sup>
I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation	88%	80% <sup>#</sup>	82%	93% <sup>#</sup>	100% <sup>#</sup>
I believe the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do	73%	40% <sup>#</sup>	67%	82% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
I believe God is actively involved in my life	88%	50% <sup>#</sup>	88%	93% <sup>#</sup>	100% <sup>#</sup>
I exist to know, love and serve God	78%	50% <sup>#</sup>	67%	96% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
I believe I cannot grow as a Christian unless I am an active member of a local church	46%	20% <sup>#</sup>	53%	39% <sup>#</sup>	50% <sup>#</sup>
I believe we are created in the image of God and therefore have equal value, regardless of race, religion, or gender	92%	90% <sup>#</sup>	92%	93% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
God calls me to be involved in the lives of the poor and suffering	63%	30% <sup>#</sup>	57%	71% <sup>#</sup>	83% <sup>#</sup>
I believe people who deliberately reject Jesus Christ as Savior will not be granted eternal life	81%	70% <sup>#</sup>	80%	82% <sup>#</sup>	89% <sup>#</sup>
I believe a Christian should live a sacrificial life that is not driven by pursuit of material things	61%	40% <sup>#</sup>	57%	68% <sup>#</sup>	72% <sup>#</sup>
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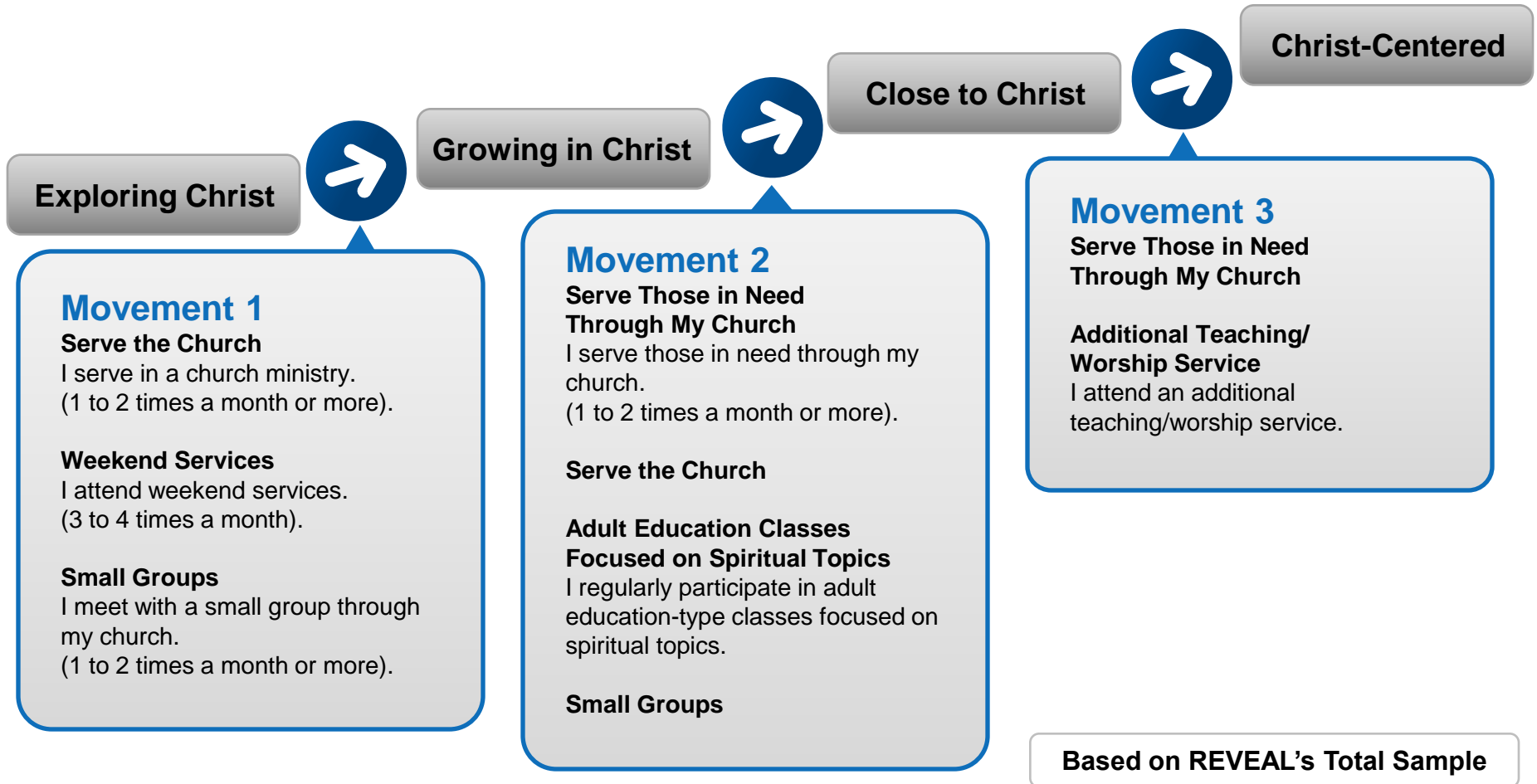
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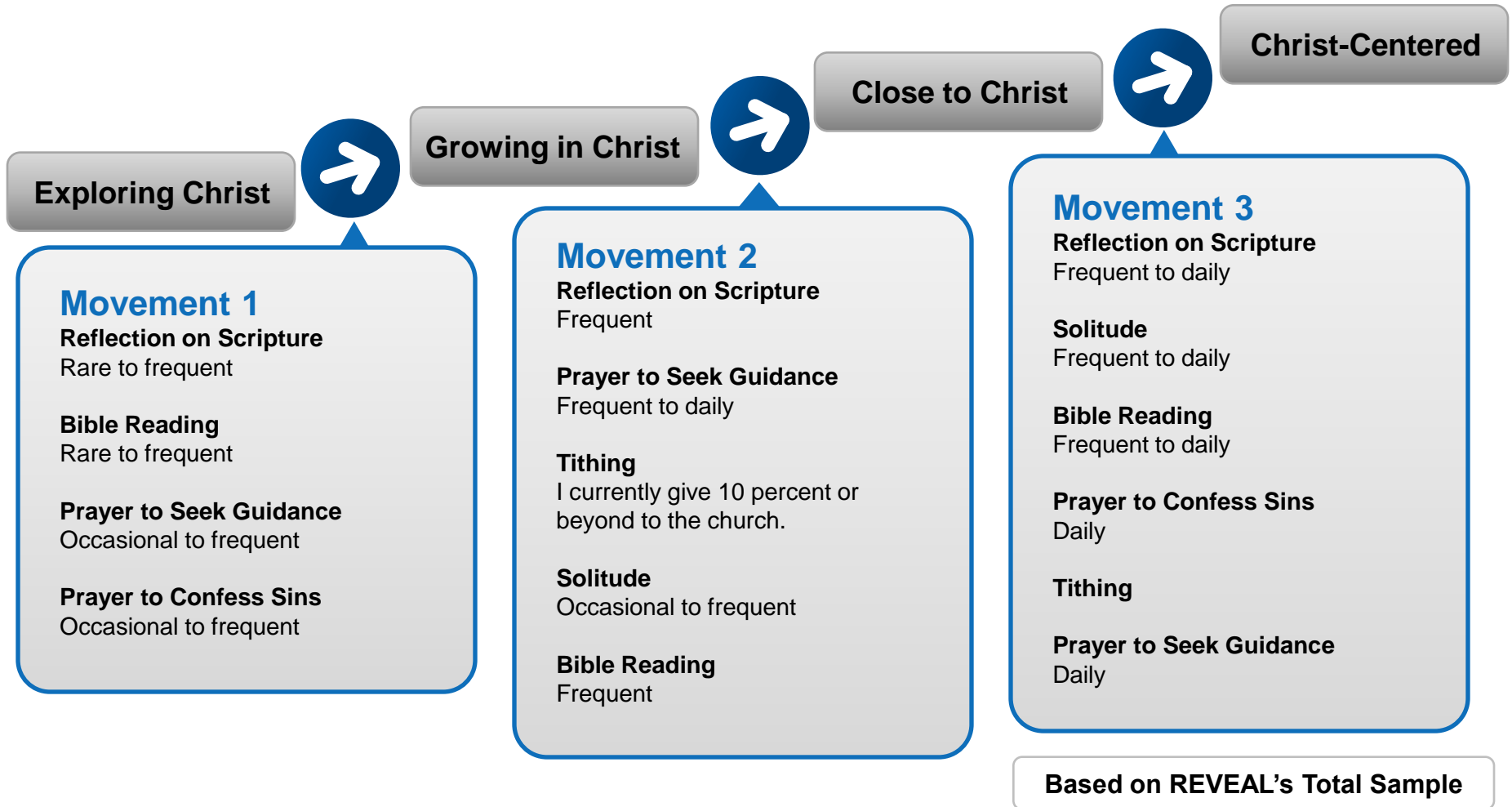
Top Two Box (Percentage Who Chose 'Very Strongly Agree' or 'Strongly Agree')	Total	Exploring Christ	Growing in Christ	Close to Christ	Christ- Centered
Base Size	105	10 <sup>#</sup>	49	28 <sup>#</sup>	18 <sup>#</sup>
I thank God daily for who he is and what he is doing in my life	65%	30% <sup>#</sup>	55%	75% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
I seek to grow closer to God by listening to him in prayer	53%	20% <sup>#</sup>	43%	61% <sup>#</sup>	89% <sup>#</sup>
I study the Bible to know God, the truth, and to find direction for my life	50%	30% <sup>#</sup>	39%	64% <sup>#</sup>	72% <sup>#</sup>
I desire Jesus to be first in my life	84%	50% <sup>#</sup>	82%	89% <sup>#</sup>	100% <sup>#</sup>
I allow other Christians to hold me accountable for my actions	34%	20% <sup>#</sup>	20%	61% <sup>#</sup>	39% <sup>#</sup>
I know and use my spiritual gifts to fulfill God's purposes	32%	10% <sup>#</sup>	16%	54% <sup>#</sup>	56% <sup>#</sup>
I give away my time to serve and help others in my community	34%	30% <sup>#</sup>	29%	43% <sup>#</sup>	39% <sup>#</sup>
My first priority in spending my money is to support God's work	29%	10% <sup>#</sup>	22%	36% <sup>#</sup>	44% <sup>#</sup>
I feel fully equipped to share my faith with non-Christians	38%	10% <sup>#</sup>	20%	64% <sup>#</sup>	61% <sup>#</sup>
I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Jesus Christ	54%	20% <sup>#</sup>	31%	82% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
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Base: All Respondents

# REVEAL Identifies Six Organized Church Activities That Advance Spiritual Growth



# REVEAL Identifies Six Personal Spiritual Practices That Advance Spiritual Growth



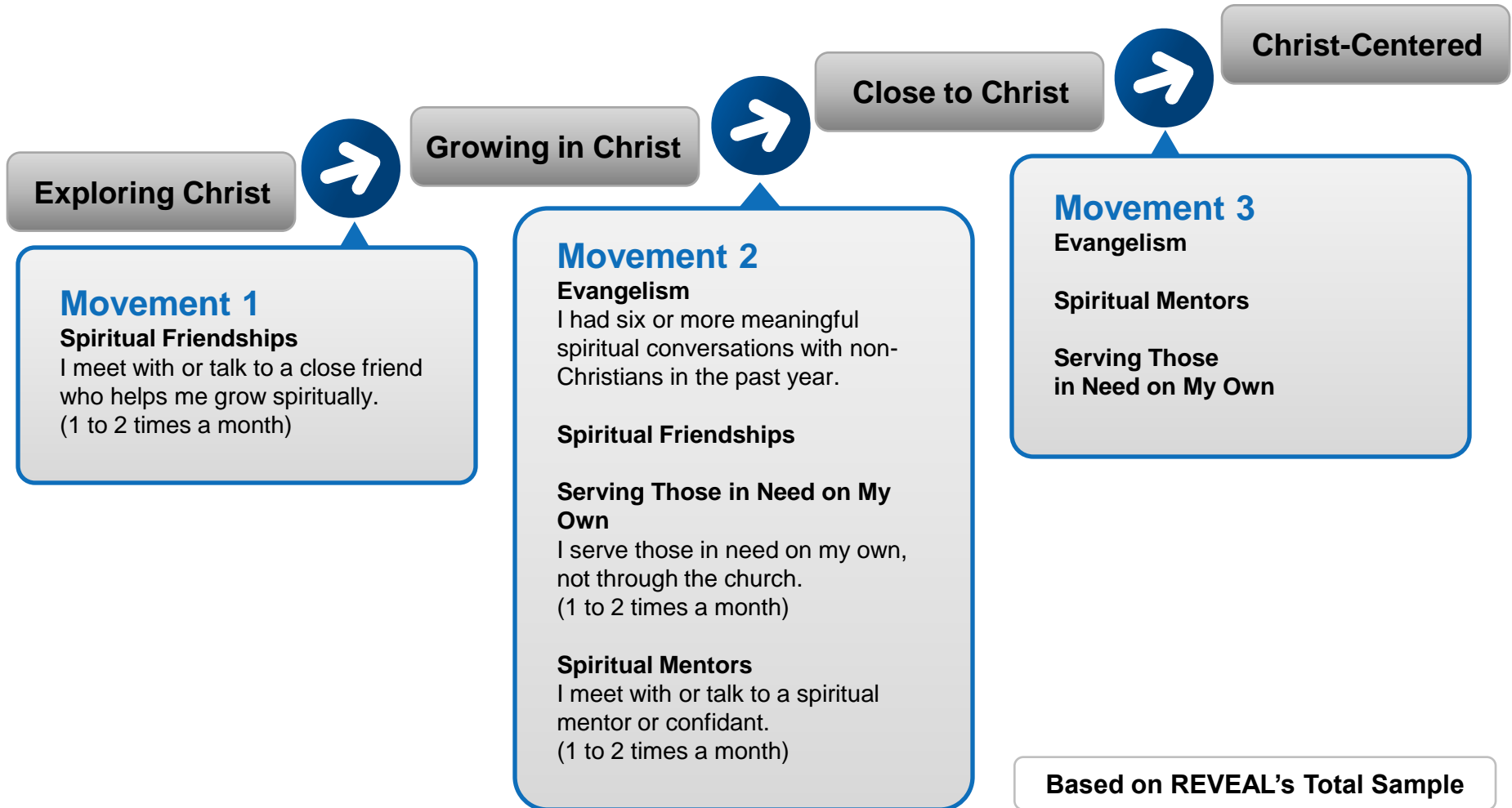
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Q: How often do you engage in the following practices?

		Total	Exploring Christ	Growing in Christ	Close to Christ	Christ-Centered
Base Size		105	10 <sup>#</sup>	49	28 <sup>#</sup>	18 <sup>#</sup>
Reflection on Scripture	Daily	18%	10% <sup>#</sup>	6%	18% <sup>#</sup>	56% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	39%	0% <sup>#</sup>	41%	46% <sup>#</sup>	44% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	30%	30% <sup>#</sup>	41%	32% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	11%	50% <sup>#</sup>	12%	4% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	2%	10% <sup>#</sup>	0%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
Bible Reading	Daily	21%	0% <sup>#</sup>	6%	32% <sup>#</sup>	56% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	35%	30% <sup>#</sup>	33%	43% <sup>#</sup>	33% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	35%	40% <sup>#</sup>	53%	18% <sup>#</sup>	11% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	9%	30% <sup>#</sup>	8%	7% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	0%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
Prayer to Seek Guidance	Daily	49%	0% <sup>#</sup>	27%	75% <sup>#</sup>	94% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	37%	60% <sup>#</sup>	55%	18% <sup>#</sup>	6% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	10%	10% <sup>#</sup>	18%	4% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	3%	20% <sup>#</sup>	0%	4% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	1%	10% <sup>#</sup>	0%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
Prayer to Confess Sins	Daily	28%	10% <sup>#</sup>	12%	39% <sup>#</sup>	61% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	45%	50% <sup>#</sup>	51%	43% <sup>#</sup>	28% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	21%	20% <sup>#</sup>	33%	11% <sup>#</sup>	6% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	4%	0% <sup>#</sup>	4%	7% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	2%	20% <sup>#</sup>	0%	0% <sup>#</sup>	5% <sup>#</sup>
Morning and/or Evening Prayer	Daily	28%	0% <sup>#</sup>	16%	43% <sup>#</sup>	50% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	41%	20% <sup>#</sup>	41%	43% <sup>#</sup>	50% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	20%	20% <sup>#</sup>	33%	11% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	7%	20% <sup>#</sup>	10%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	4%	40% <sup>#</sup>	0%	3% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
Journal About My Spiritual Life	Daily	2%	0% <sup>#</sup>	2%	4% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	3%	0% <sup>#</sup>	2%	0% <sup>#</sup>	11% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	11%	0% <sup>#</sup>	8%	21% <sup>#</sup>	11% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	20%	0% <sup>#</sup>	24%	14% <sup>#</sup>	28% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	64%	100% <sup>#</sup>	64%	61% <sup>#</sup>	50% <sup>#</sup>
Set Aside Time for Solitude	Daily	9%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0%	14% <sup>#</sup>	28% <sup>#</sup>
	Several times a week	41%	10% <sup>#</sup>	35%	54% <sup>#</sup>	55% <sup>#</sup>
	Approximately monthly	28%	30% <sup>#</sup>	35%	21% <sup>#</sup>	17% <sup>#</sup>
	A few times a year	13%	30% <sup>#</sup>	22%	0% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>
	Never	9%	30% <sup>#</sup>	8%	11% <sup>#</sup>	0% <sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup> Low sample size

# REVEAL Identifies Four Spiritual Activities with Others That Advance Spiritual Growth



# Across All Churches Surveyed, We Found Two Major Categories of Barriers to Spiritual Growth

## 1. "I Am Stalled Spiritually"

- More than one out of eight people (13%) in the Total Sample reported that they are *currently* “stalled” in their spiritual growth.
- Virtually all people say that they were “stalled” at some point in their spiritual development.

## 2. "My Church Is Letting Me Down"

- More than one out of five (22%) in the Total Sample are “dissatisfied” with the role their church plays in helping them grow spiritually.
- These “dissatisfied” people are found across all the segments of the spiritual continuum.

# REVEAL Summary Observations

- 1. REVEAL's two centerpiece findings are (1) the Spiritual Continuum and (2) the catalysts that drive growth along the Spiritual Continuum.**
  - While individual spiritual growth is neither predictable nor linear, REVEAL has defined a progression of spiritual development that emerges from its large body of findings, now representing over 400,000 individuals.
- 2. A key insight is that our most active evangelists, volunteers and donors come from the most spiritually advanced groups: the Close to Christ and Christ-Centered segments.**
  - Creatively engaging and equipping these groups for outreach activities, like evangelism and serving those in need, will grow them and grow the Kingdom.
- 3. A second key insight is that personal bible study/reflection is the most powerful catalyst of spiritual growth.**
  - This is true across the Spiritual Continuum and cannot be overemphasized.
- 4. There is great variability in the spiritual growth “effectiveness” of churches, based on REVEAL's Spiritual Vitality Index. We also see wide variation in church sizes and styles at either end of the scale.**
  - We would conclude that a small church with limited resources can be as powerful a force in the spiritual development of its people as a large church with significant resources; and also that a large inventory of resources does not guarantee a church's spiritual growth effectiveness.