

Gospel Discipleship Assessment

To score this assessment, tally up how many times you answered a, how many times you answered b, how many times you answered c, and how many times you answered d. Whichever letter you have the most answers for is your primary type. Your second highest score is your secondary type. You may have a tie as well, in which case you share characteristics of both types. The letters correspond to the following types:

- A = Markan
- B = Matthean
- C = Lukan
- D = Johannine

After you have completed the assessment, please write your primary and secondary types at the top of the next page. We will collect these later in the service (your name is not necessary).

Primary Type: _____

Secondary Type: _____

1. Which of these words best describes discipleship to you?
 - a. Empowering
 - b. Doing
 - c. Loving
 - d. Learning

2. Which feels most like discipleship to you?
 - a. Initiating a new ministry for Jesus that uses my specific gifts and graces
 - b. Serving those who are hungry or thirsty
 - c. Sitting with someone who is going through a hard time
 - d. Learning about the Bible from a great teacher

3. What could best help you understand your faith and how to live it?
 - a. A spiritual gifts test and a conversation with someone who can help me discern the results
 - b. A basic inquiry class on the vows of membership at your church
 - c. A small-group discussion
 - d. Meeting with a trusted leader or pastor to talk about purpose (e.g. God's will)

4. What is the best witness to your personal faith?
 - a. Living an authentic, faithful life
 - b. Doing mission work so people see Jesus in my actions
 - c. Spending time paying attention to other people and loving them
 - d. Leading through Christ's example

5. Who would you most want to trade places with in the Bible?
 - a. One of the disciples when the Holy Spirit shows up on Pentecost (Acts 2)
 - b. The Good Samaritan who rescues the traveler assaulted on the side of the road (Luke 10)
 - c. One of the people walking on the road to Emmaus with Jesus (Luke 24)
 - d. The woman at the well who gets to talk one-on-one with Jesus (John 4)

6. What works best to help you grow in your faith?
 - a. Having the freedom to figure out my own path?
 - b. A defined list of things to do
 - c. Collaborating with friends on how to grow
 - d. Receiving direction from a trusted mentor
7. What is the biggest strength of your particular church?
 - a. We make space for all kinds of people
 - b. We have incredible programs and outreach
 - c. We have wonderful fellowship with each other
 - d. We offer solid and useful teaching on the Bible
8. What would you like people to say about your particular church?
 - a. People figure out their life's purpose here
 - b. People here are the hands and feet of Christ
 - c. We do life together well
 - d. Each person matters to us
9. What adjective best describes you?
 - a. Creative
 - b. Hardworking
 - c. Caring
 - d. Knowledgeable
10. Which word best describes ideal leaders in a church?
 - a. Innovators
 - b. Organizers
 - c. Companions
 - d. Mentors
11. Which phrase best describes your ideal pastor?
 - a. Encourages and empowers the people
 - b. Casts a compelling vision to get us moving
 - c. Walks alongside us through life
 - d. Excellent teacher and preacher

12. What is the best way to make a disciple?

- a. Cultivate personal gifts to live fully into the person God calls them to be
- b. Engage in mission and worship together
- c. Build a meaningful relationships that encourages growth through sharing faith with each other
- d. Teach the biblical principles of discipleship (e.g. studying the parables or Sermon on the Mount)

13. What would be a significant faith crisis for you?

- a. If I felt like the Spirit had left me or my church
- b. If I felt like my church wasn't doing anything to change lives
- c. If my Sunday School Class or small group got in a fight and dissolved
- d. If my pastor or mentor had a significant moral failure

14. What do you think the purpose of the church is in the twenty-first century?

- a. Helping people recognize and cultivate the gifts God has given them
- b. Make a difference in our community in the name of Jesus
- c. Providing space for people to develop authentic, loving relationships with Christ and each other
- d. Teaching people how to live like Jesus

15. Which phrase best describes who faithful people of God are?

- a. People who know who they are and whose they are
- b. People who are transforming the world for Christ
- c. People who love God and love neighbor
- d. People who follow Jesus

16. When the church is off track...

- a. People quit contributing—no one wants to share their gifts with a broken community
- b. No one's life is being changed for the better
- c. People quit caring about each other
- d. The leadership tends to get in trouble

17.To grow in my own discipleship, I need...

- a. The chance to start a new ministry that God has laid on my heart
- b. To do something—engage in Bible study, help lead in worship, or go on a mission trip—that will move me out of my comfort zone
- c. To open my home and my heart to a new small group of people
- d. To spend some time learning from the wise people of faith in our congregation

18.The church should...

- a. Pay attention to how the Holy Spirit is moving in its midst
- b. Teach people how to go into the world and make a difference in people's lives
- c. Build a supportive and loving community
- d. Be an example for the rest of the world

19.The church is missing the point when...

- a. It isn't allowing people to use their gifts to serve God
- b. It isn't making a difference in the community
- c. It isn't getting to know its neighbors
- d. Its leadership is failing to lead

20.I have been most frustrated with church when...

- a. I haven't found my place there
- b. We aren't doing anything
- c. People are fighting and gossiping
- d. The pastor isn't helping me grow

21.The kind of pastor who would be best for us...

- a. Nurtures our gifts and empowers us to serve
- b. Is a go-getter who inspires us to work for Jesus
- c. Loves us deeply and is present in our lives
- d. Is a great teacher and preacher of the word

22.The best way to share Jesus with others is to...

- a. Help them understand that they are special to God and God has a purpose for their lives
- b. Show them Jesus by talking the talk and walking the walk
- c. Love them and help them see God in their own lives
- d. Teach them about Jesus in a personal way