# Sample Church Spirituality Survey

# Instructions

Sample Community Church has partnered with Community Empowerment Research to conduct a survey of our congregation. This questionnaire helps us understand the beliefs and spiritual practices of the congregation. Completing the survey will take about half an hour. The goal of this survey is to discover where people are spiritually and what needs they may have. The time you give for this survey is very important to our church as it helps us plan our ministries for the months and years ahead.

Completing this survey ensures that your views have been heard and it will give us a baseline from which to measure whether we are moving in directions that we think are important. We ask that each member of your household over the age of 15 complete the survey.



You may use any pencil or pen to mark your answers. Please answer all questions. If you have any doubts, mark the answer that best represents your thoughts.

Do not put your name on this questionnaire. Your answers to this survey will be treated with complete confidentiality. Our church will receive only aggregate (summarized) results. The responses from each individual will remain with Community Empowerment Research and will not be made public.

When answering this survey, please fill in the appropriate circle or check the appropriate boxes as indicated. When answering questions with a limited number of choices, please choose the answer that comes closest to the right answer for you, even if it does not fit perfectly. It is important that we receive input from everyone. Your participation in this survey assures your input on our self-evaluation!

Again, your responses are anonymous. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you enjoy filling out the questionnaire and that in addition to assisting our church, you find this process helpful in reflecting on your faith, the meaning of your church experience, and your hopes for the future.

The results will give us an excellent indicator of the areas on which we need to work as a congregation.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Planning Committee at [email address].

Thank you for taking the time to help our church do God's work better.



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1.	How old are you	l?					
	${ m O}$ Under 20	O 20 - 24	O 25 - 29	O 30 – 34	O 35 - 39	O 40 - 44	O 45 – 49
	O 50 – 54	O 55 – 59	O 60 – 64	O 65 - 69	O 70 – 74	${ m O}$ 75 or older	
2.	What best descr	ibes your cu	rrent marital statu	us?			
	O Single, never marr		Married or remarried	O Divorceo separate		Widowed	O Domestic partnership
3.	What do you co	nsider to be y	our race or ethn	icity (mark all th	at apply):		
	White/Anglo		🔲 Asian		American Indian/	Alaska Native	
	Black/Africation Other:	n American	🔲 Hispanic		Pacific Islander	~	
4.	Gender	O Male	e OF	emale		T	
5.	What is your hig	hest level of	formal education	1?			
	${ m O}$ Less than hi	gh school	O Mas	ster's degree			
	O High school	-		JD, or similar pr	-	e/	
	O Associate's	-		) or similar advan	iced degree	$\geq$	$\sim$
_	or some coll	-		helor's degree			
6.	Which best desc					12	
	O One person O One adult w	•		or more adults v eral adults living			
	O A couple wit				In the same nou.		
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7.	Total:			/	5 6	-7	<b>@</b> +
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0.	O Less than 1		O 1-2 years		3-5 years	O 6-10	vears
	O 11-15 years	-	O 16-20 years		More than 20 year		youro
٩	How long have		-				
0.	O Not a Christi		Less than 1 year	O 1-5 years	$\sim$ 0	6-10 years	O More than 10 years
10	How much time		1	1. 1			
10.	O No time at a		O Less than 1hr		1 - 2 hrs.	O 3 - 4	hrs.
	O 4 - 5 hrs.		O 5 - 6 hrs.		6 - 7 hrs.	O 7 or r	
11.	If not prevented	bv unavoida	ble circumstance	s, how often do	vou attend Ch	urch?	
	O At least once	-	Two or three	O Once eve	-	Once or twice	O Almost never
	week or mor	е	tim <mark>es</mark> a month	month or	two	a year	
	often					0	
12.	Approximately h			1011		-	
	O Under \$200		\$200 - \$599	O \$600 - \$9		\$1,000 - \$1,499	O \$1,500 - \$2,499
	O \$2,500 - \$3,		\$3,500 - \$4,999 、	O \$5,000 - S		Over \$7,500	
13.	-			•	• •		elated to the Bible?
	O Never	O Once	O 1 to 4 times	O 5 to 10 times	O 11 to 20 times	O 20 to 30 times	O More than 30 times
14.	How many times	s in the past					ion of a Christian book?
	O Never	O Once	O 1 to 4	O 5 to 10	O 11 to 20	O 20 to 30	O More than
			times	times	times	times	30 times

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			Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
How						
15.	Read and study the Bible regularly?		0	0	0	0
16.	Spend time in prayer and/or meditation?		0	0	0	0
17.	Actively seek social and economic justice?		0	0	0	0
18.	Take care of those who are in need?		0	0	0	0
19.	Attend church regularly?		0	0	0	0
20.	Seek to bring others to faith in Christ?		0	0	0	0
21.	Practice Christian values in your home?		0	0	0	0
22.	Practice Christian values at work or school?	-	0	Ο	0	0
	the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Ambivalent	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
23.	I see God-given value in every person, regardless of the their past or present condition	0	0	0	0	0
24.	I prefer to serve people who attend my church rather than those outside the church	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	Ο
25.	I listen to others to learn their story before telling them about my faith	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	0
26.	A personal relationship with God is a vital part of my spiritual life and a necessary part of my worship experience	О	О	О	0	0
27.	I regularly choose to have meals with people with very different faith or morals from me	0	0	0	0	0
28.	It's not my responsibility to help people who won't help themselves	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
29.	The Church is most important as a place to formulate good social relationships	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
30.	A church should not start a new church until it has adequate surplus in the budget	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
31.	There is no other way to salvation but through a stated belief that Jesus Christ is God	0	0	0	0	0
32.	I try hard to carry my relationship with God into all my activities in life	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
33.	No mere human could have done what Jesus did for mankind	0	Ō	Ō	Ō	0
34.	"Goodness" and "meaning" are human constructs created as a result of the human	0	0	0		0
	encounter with each other and the world	0	0	0	0	O
35.	I tell others that the most important thing in life is following God's rules	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
36.	Social justice is at the heart of the Gospel	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
37.	Jesus' powers were of a strictly human nature	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	0
38.	Religion helps to keep my life balanced and steady in exactly the same way as my citizenship, friendships, and other memberships do	О	О	0	0	0
39.	I do not know whether or not God exists, but I am willing to explore the possibility	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	0
40.	All religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
41.	If a person is sincerely seeking God, he or she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity	0	0	0	0	0
42.	My spiritual life is lived in response to the sacred circle of being and the effort to		-	-	_	
	live in harmony with the rhythms of nature	Ο	Ο	0	0	0
43.	I believe God revealed Himself to humanity in Jesus Christ	0	0	0	0	0
44.	The God of the Bible and the God of other world religions is the same God	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
45.	My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	0
46.	I am inspired by the traditions of indigenous peoples and find in their rituals and practices a deepened sense of the sacred and interconnected quality of life	0	0	0	0	0
47.	It is important to me to spend periods of time in private prayer and religious meditation	0	0	0	0	0

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		Stro	Moderately Agree	Ambivalent	Moderately Disagree	Stro Disa
Mark	the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Agree	rately Agree	ralent	rately agree	Strongly Disagree
48.	I like to point out those who do not have the right theology or doctrine	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
49.	I am personally spending time with non-believers to help them follow Jesus	Ο	0	Ο	Ο	0
50.	The Bible has answers for all of the basic questions of life	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
51.	My family's religious traditions are a central element in my religious and spiritual life	0	0	0	0	0
52.	I feel compassion for people who are not following God and are doing immoral things	0	О	0	0	О
53.	I try to discover the needs of non-Christians rather than waiting for them to come to me	0	0	0	О	0
54.	People of non-Christian faiths can worship God in the same way Christians do	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
55.	I find it hard to be friends with people who seem to constantly do the wrong things	0	0	Ο	Ο	0
56.	Jesus was the Son of God even before he lived on the earth	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
57.	One reason for my going to church is that such membership helps to establish a person in the community	0	0	0	0	0
58.	Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an actual event	Ο	0	Ο	Ο	Ο
59.	A person can know for certain that they will go to heaven	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	0
60.	A good person of faith other than Christianity may go to heaven	Ο	0	Ο	Ο	0
61.	People who follow God's rules are better people than those who do not	Ō	Ō	0	Ō	0
62.	In recent years I have influenced multiple people to consider following Christ	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
63.	Jesus had a source of strength greater than any mortal man can ever have	Ο	0	Ο	Ο	0
64.	My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
65.	It may be that God exists, but it is a waste of human energy to argue over the existence of God when there are so many more important demands upon our time	0	0	0	0	0
	and resources					
66.	I know that prayer works	0	0	0	0	0
67.	It doesn't matter so much what I believe as long as Llead a moral life	0	0	0	0	0
68.	I believe God is for everyone	0	0	0	0	0
69.	I try to avoid spending time with people who are openly gay or lesbian	0	0	0	0	0
70.	The concept of god is a human illusion that has caused vast suffering throughout human history	О	О	0	О	0
71.	I believe Salvation is release from sin and freedom for a new life with God	0	0	0	0	0
72.	I believe in eternal life after death	Ο	0	0	Ο	0
73.	I believe that God is a Heavenly Father who watches over me and to whom I am accountable	О	О	0	О	О
74.	We can have fellowship with God only by the shed blood of Jesus Christ	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
75.	The prayers I say when I am alone carry as much or more meaning and personal emotion as those said by me during church services	О	О	О	О	О
76.	The world betrays the presence of an intelligent designer, but personal knowledge of a relationship with that reality is not possible	О	0	0	О	0
77.	It is more important to help people know that God is for them than to make sure they know they are sinners	0	0	0	0	0
78.	I see God working in people's lives, even when they are not following Him	Ο	0	Ο	Ο	Ο
79.	Jesus is the Son of God	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
80.	Church activities are a major source of satisfaction in my life	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
81.	My understanding of the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are central to my understanding of God, the Universe, and the human condition	0	0	0	0	0
82.	I feel grateful to be a Christian when I see other people's failures and flaws	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
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Mark	the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statem	onto		Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Ambivalent	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
83.	the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statemed We should stand together against those who are opposed to Christian values			0	••• •••	- 	0	• • 0
84.	Hell is a literal place	les		0	0	0	0	0
85.	God is in total control of the world			0	0	0	0	0
86.	A church should meet the needs of its own members before it helps others			0	0	0	0	0
87.	Christ is a living reality	)		0	0	0	0	0
88.	I believe the Word of God is revealed in the Scriptures			0	0	0	0	0
89.	It is beyond the capacity of human beings to know whether there is a God			0	0	0	0	0
90.	God personally came to earth in human form as Jesus			0	0	0	Ö	O
91.	In today's busy world, Christians setting aside thirty minutes a day for pray	er is	10	2				
01.	nearly impossible			0	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
92.	My spiritual life is grounded in a sense of the fullness and connectedness	of all						
02.	things			Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
93.	Only believers who have the gift of evangelism should be expected to share	e their		~				
00.	faith	Strici		0	07	0	Ο	0
94.	Any man of exceptional ability and goodwill could have done as much as J				NVZ.			
54.	under similar circumstances	0303		0	Ο	0	Ο	0
95.	I regularly pray for my pastor, the staff of our church, and their families	1	>	0	0	Ο	0	0
96.	God is three persons in one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit		0	0	Ö	Ö	0	
97.	The Bible teaches that prayer should be a daily part of every Christian's life		Ö	Ö	Õ	Ŏ	Ö	
98.	What Christianity offers most is comfort when sorrow and misfortune strike	1		Ō	Ö	Õ	Õ	Ö
99.	I pray regularly for missionaries	1	2	Ö	Ö	Õ	Ŏ	Ö
100.	The Bible is the Word of God, perfect as it was originally written			0	Ö	Õ	Ŏ	Ö
101.	I pray regularly for people who do not know Christ	7		Õ	Õ	Õ	Õ	Ö
102.	The powers traditionally attributed to a supernatural deity are inherent in the	ne						
	natural world, which is the focus of my respect and devotion			0	Ο	0	0	0
103.	I feel unfulfilled if I go several days without reading the Bible			0	0	0	0	0
104.	I believe the doctrines and teachings of the Church			0	0	Ο	0	Ο
105.	The most important thing in life is following God's rules			Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
106.	I don't talk to others about my sins or struggles; that's between me and Go	d		Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
107.	It is often difficult to live out my faith in daily work, leisure and community li			Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
108.	The primary purpose of prayer is to gain relief and protection			0	0	0	O	0
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		Daily or Nearly Every Day	About Weekly	A Few Times a Month	About once a month	A few times a year	Rarely	Never Have
	t how often do you							
109.	Spend time in meditation on scripture or theological concepts?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
110.	Spend time in the spiritual practice of Spiritual Submission to another	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
111.	Spend time in the spiritual practice of Confession (to another Chrisitian)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
112.	Volunteer your time in social service?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
113.	Spend time in prayer?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
114.	Participate in Community, compassionate, or social ministries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
115.	Participate in Seeking converts and new members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
116.	Talk about your faith with someone who does not belong to a church?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
117.	Spend time in the spiritual practice of Silence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
118.	Participate in Hospitality devoted toward unchurched	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
119.	Spend time in the spiritual practice of Journaling	Ο	0	Ο	0	0	0	

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120. Spend time in the spiritual practice of Fasting								Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
121. Spend time in	h the spi	iritual practice of	Solitude	?		Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
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128. How active wor O Very Active	-	O Fairly Active	-	O Average	$\circ$	Irroquie	-	/		nactive		
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129. Which most clo loved ones	sely cor	responds with yo	our belie	f about immortali	y?A perso	n's me	mory	ives o	n in th	ie mino	ds of th	neir
	hody dia	a hut a naman'a an	irit or oo			1			V.			
-	-	s but a person's sp		d soul are resurrect	ad	~						
•		eborn into another l			eu.	11	2					
		ality distracts from f	-	-	4							
O No opinion				g in the moment.		4						
						1	7					
130. How often to yo	ou make		utions to				$\checkmark$		-			
O In regular, planned an	nounts	O Fairly often		O Occasionally-	72	Seldon	n		٥N	lever		
131. Last year, appr	oximate	ly what percent o	of your ir	ncome did you co	ntribute to	the Ch	nurch?					
O 0%		${ m O}$ 1% or less		0 2%-5%	0	6%-9%	D		O 1	0% or	more	
132. I read books th	at teach	me about God:	,	$( \cap )$	17							
O Very Frequ	ently	O Often		O Occasionally	<u> </u>	Rarely			٥N	lever		
133. If you had \$100	) a mont	th spending mone	ev (bevo	ond what you nee	ded for foo	d, hou	sing, a	and ot	her ne	eds), I	now m	uch
		ous organizations				-,	- <b>J</b> , -			,,		
O \$0		O \$1-\$2		O \$3-\$5	0	\$6-\$10	)		O \$	511-\$20	)	
134. How many day	•	onth on the avera	-	e you spent at ch	urch meeti	ngs (o	ther th	ian wo	orship	service	es) or i	n
O None	work du	O 1-2		<b>O</b> 4-5	0	5-6			O 7	or mo	re	
135. Which one of the	ne follow	ving best express	es your	view of the Bible	?							
O The Bible is classic liter		ent book of history,	legends	and cultural stories	s recorded b	oy man	lt has	little va	alue too	day exc	ept as	
O The Bible is	s a valua		t was wr	itten by wise and go	ood people	l do no	t believ	ve it is i	eally C	God's w	ord but	it
	-	moral precepts	ot noonla	ha rooponas to Car		00 of th	io nos	nla ar	1 ohur-	hac to		ot
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		ual Word of God an	nd is to b	e taken literally								

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136.	36. During the last year, approximately how many times did you volunteer as a Sunday School teacher (for childrer adults)?							ldren or	
	O Never	O Once	O 1 to 4 times	O 5 to 1 times		11 to 20 times	O 20 to 3 times	0 O More than 30 times	
137.	137. During the last year about how many times have you lead or co-lead a small group or Bible study?								
	O Never	O Once	O 1 to 4 times	O 5 to 1 times		11 to 20 times	O 20 to 3 times	0 O More than 30 times	
138.	How much time	do you spend	during the wee	ek reading t	he Bible?				
	${ m O}$ No Time	OL	${ m O}$ Less than 1 hr		hrs	O 3	- 4 hrs		
	O 4 - 5 hrs	O 4 - 5 hrs O 5 - 6 hrs		O 6 - 7	hrs	O 7	+ hrs		
139.	How much time	do you spend	during the wee	ek in prayer	and/or me	editation?	5	>	
	O No Time O Less than 1 hr		ess than 1 hr	O 1 - 2	hrs	O 3	- 4 hrs		
	O 4 - 5 hrs	O 5	- 6 hrs	O 6 - 7	hrs	O 7+ hrs			
140.	Please indicate t	he range of y	our total annua	al family inco	ome:		//		
	${ m O}$ Less than \$1	5,000	O \$15,000-\$29,999		O \$30,000-\$49,99 <mark>9</mark>			\$50,000-\$74,999	
	O \$75,000-\$99,999 O \$100,000-\$149				,999 🔿 \$150,000-\$199, <mark>999</mark> 🔿			\$200,000 or more	
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## Thank you for completing our church life survey.

The results of the survey will be available in a few weeks and will be shared with everyone.

But don't worry, Community Empowerment Research will maintain total confidentiality of individual surveys.

If you have any thoughts you wish to share either about specific questions or any topic of the survey (or topics you feel were left off), please add your comments below.