



FAITH JOURNEY INVENTORY - Fall 2016

1. Introduction

This Faith Journey Inventory has a three-fold purpose:

1. to guide prayerful self-reflection on your personal journey and mission following Jesus;
2. to foster conversation with friends, life groups, and other gatherings about our personal faith journeys;
3. to provide church leadership with insight into the faith journeys of our church community based on the anonymous responses provided.

We encourage you to take these simple steps:

1. Set aside time with God to reflect on your life in Christ.
2. Complete the online inventory. To keep a copy of your responses, a hard copy of the inventory can be downloaded [HERE](#).
3. Make time to discuss your responses with others in the CCC community: e.g. Life Group, close friends, Ministry Teams, or one of the one-time groups we are forming for this purpose. A small group discussion guide will be provided to help facilitate these conversations.

The inventory is guided by our mission statement:

*Centennial Covenant Church exists
to glorify God by following Jesus on a shared journey
of transformation in his mission to our broken world.*

After seeking background information, the inventory has four sections, each exploring one phrase in our mission statement, linked to four simple, one-word descriptions of our life in Christ:

- **UP** - dwelling in God's presence as his children
to glorify God by following Jesus
- **WITH** - connecting with companions as his family
on a shared journey
- **IN** - cultivating new life as his image-bearers
of transformation
- **OUT** - activating love as his sent-ones
in his mission to our broken world

All inventory responses are anonymous.

Here's a prayer you can offer to God as you begin (Psalm 139:23-24 NIV):

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*



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2. Background

* 1. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

* 2. What is your age?

- Under 15
- 15 to 19
- 20 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 59
- 60 to 69
- 70 or older

* 3. How long have you attended CCC?

- Less than one year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

* 4. How would you describe your connection to CCC?

- Casual attender
- Committed and active attender
- Casual member
- Committed and active member

* 5. How frequently do you participate in Sunday morning worship?

- 3 to 4 Sundays a month
- 2 to 3 Sundays a month
- 1 Sunday a month
- Less than once a month

* 6. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

- Single
- Married

* 7. Which of the following best describes your current parental status?

- No kids
- Kids at home
- Kids gone from home ("empty nester")



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3. UP - How am I dwelling in God's presence as his child?

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Looking UP to God - this is the first and most important dimension of CCC's purpose and our life in Christ. Our guiding question for this section is: How am I DWELLING in his PRESENCE as his child?

* 8. Which of the following best describes your current relationship with Christ?

- Not a Christ-follower
- Exploring Christ
- New Christ-follower
- Stuck or Struggling Christ-follower
- Growing Christ-follower

Additional Comments

* 9. I seek and experience Christ's presence in the following contexts:

Note: the rating scale - Never, Sometimes, Often, Always - may have slightly different meaning for each of the possible answers. "Always" seeking and experiencing Christ through the Bible might mean daily, while "Always" for "Silence and Solitude" might be monthly or even quarterly. We are less interested in the actual frequency of these practices, and more interested in how intentional you are and whether they facilitate meaningful experiences of Christ and his presence. Again, we encourage you to leave any clarifying comments in the box at the bottom of each question.

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always	Other/See Comments
Solitude and Silence	<input type="radio"/>				
Reading the Bible	<input type="radio"/>				
Praying	<input type="radio"/>				
Facing challenges (good or bad)	<input type="radio"/>				
Hearing his "whispers" and "nudges"	<input type="radio"/>				
CCC Worship Gatherings	<input type="radio"/>				
Serving him	<input type="radio"/>				
Time in nature	<input type="radio"/>				
Connecting in relationships	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments

* 10. I experience the following obstacles to dwelling in Christ's presence:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always	Other/See Comments
Busyness	<input type="radio"/>				
Not understanding the Bible	<input type="radio"/>				
Prayer feels difficult and/or ineffective	<input type="radio"/>				
Life challenges	<input type="radio"/>				
Inability to hear his voice	<input type="radio"/>				
Disconnected from supportive community	<input type="radio"/>				
church or "Religion"	<input type="radio"/>				
Apathy or lack of motivation	<input type="radio"/>				
Sinful behaviors	<input type="radio"/>				
Emotional struggles (e.g. sadness, anxiety, anger, etc...)	<input type="radio"/>				
Physical struggles (e.g. pain, illness, etc...)	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments



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4. WITH - How am I connecting with companions as his family?

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Following Jesus WITH each other – this is the second dimension of CCC's purpose and our life with Christ. Our guiding question is: How am I CONNECTING with COMPANIONS as his family?

* 11. Which of the following best describes your active connection with God's family?

- Disconnected
- Struggling to connect
- Beginning to connect
- Growing toward deeper and more joyful connection

Additional Comments

* 12. I seek and experience connection with God's family in the following contexts:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost always	Other/See Comments
Seeking reconciliation in conflicts	<input type="radio"/>				
Intentional relationship-building	<input type="radio"/>				
Involvement in a CCC Life Group	<input type="radio"/>				
Participation in CCC gatherings and ministries	<input type="radio"/>				
Connections with Christ-followers beyond CCC	<input type="radio"/>				
Serving Christ with others	<input type="radio"/>				
Enjoying creation with others	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments

* 13. I experience the following obstacles to meaningful connections with God's family:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost always	Other/See Comments
Negative experiences with others	<input type="radio"/>				
Difficulty fitting in	<input type="radio"/>				
Busyness	<input type="radio"/>				
Not understand church terminology	<input type="radio"/>				
Difficulty being transparent with others	<input type="radio"/>				
Reluctance to bear burdens of others	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of common interest with Christ-followers	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of shared missional purpose with Christ-followers	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of desire to connect	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments



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5. IN - How am I experiencing new life as his image-bearer?

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God is at work IN us – this is the third dimension of CCC's purpose and our life with Christ. Our guiding question is: How am I EXPERIENCING NEW LIFE as his image-bearer?

* 14. Which of the following best describes your experience of new life that's growing into Christ's image?

- Unsure
- Stagnant
- Up and Down
- Steady
- Fruitful

Additional Comments

* 15. I seek and experience new life that's growing into Christ's image through the following contexts:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost always	Other/See Comments
Engaging with Scripture	<input type="radio"/>				
Hearing his voice	<input type="radio"/>				
Facing wounds and/or sins	<input type="radio"/>				
CCC Worship Gatherings	<input type="radio"/>				
Dependence on his Spirit in prayer	<input type="radio"/>				
Resisting deceptions of Satan	<input type="radio"/>				
Living at the pace of grace (e.g. balanced, healthy, etc...)	<input type="radio"/>				
Serving others	<input type="radio"/>				
Engaging in relationships	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments

* 16. I experience the following obstacles to new life that's growing into Christ's image:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost always	Other/See Comment
Busyness	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of understanding	<input type="radio"/>				
Distractions or lack of focus	<input type="radio"/>				
Struggles with sin or personal issues	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of guidance or encouragement	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of accountability or mentoring	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments



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6. OUT - How am I activating love as his sent-one?

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**Generously giving OUT - this is the fourth dimension of CCC's purpose and our life with Christ.
Our guiding question is, How am I ACTIVATING LOVE as his sent-one? I.e. how am I actively using
my time, abilities, and resources to serve and reach out to others, both within and beyond Christ's
body?**

* 17. Which of the following best describes your use of time, abilities, and resources to serve and reach out to others?

- Limited desire
- Beginning
- Inconsistent and/or unbalanced
- Growing toward joyful and consistent

Additional Comments

* 18. I seek to use my time, abilities, and resources to serve and reach out to others in the following contexts:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost always	Other/See Comments
Using spiritual gifts	<input type="radio"/>				
Serving as God prompts (at church, in other organizations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
My employment and other daily activities	<input type="radio"/>				
Relationships with friends, neighbors, or co-workers	<input type="radio"/>				
Involvement in community and/or global missions	<input type="radio"/>				
Financial giving	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments

* 19. I experience the following obstacles to using my time, abilities, and resources to serve and reach out to others:

	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost always	Other/See Comments
Uncertainty about my role	<input type="radio"/>				
Feeling overwhelmed	<input type="radio"/>				
Feeling inadequate	<input type="radio"/>				
Cannot find opportunities	<input type="radio"/>				
Financial pressures	<input type="radio"/>				
Lack of motivation	<input type="radio"/>				
Forgetting	<input type="radio"/>				
Busyness	<input type="radio"/>				

Additional Comments



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7. *WHAT NEXT?*

Besides participating in Worship Gatherings focused on our faith journeys, please seek to engage in prayerful conversation with a Life Group or other friends to let God provide deeper self-understanding and guidance. Discussion guides will be provided. Also feel free to contact any Pastor if you'd like some conversation about your inventory.

THANKS for participating!

20. Additional comments?