

INTERPRETING YOUR ASSESSMENT

After you complete all the questions, score your assessment according to the following:

- First, in the “Beliefs” section, compare your answers to Mission’s Core beliefs.

1. b	4. c	7. a	10. b
2. c	5. a	8. c	11. a
3. b	6. b	9. a	
- Now add up the numbers for each area and record the total in the corresponding spaces below.

	TOTAL
BELIEFS (# that matched MISSION’s core beliefs x2)	_____
RELATIONSHIP	_____
CHARACTER	_____
ACTION	_____

For each area, consider the following guide for interpreting your next steps.

16–22 This is an area where God seems to have truly blessed you. You are equipped to help others by giving away your knowledge and experiences in this area. Consider some of the following **next steps**:

- Pray for and invite others to join you as you teach/serve others in this area.
- Start a new group and lead others in a study and/or action in this area.
- Offer yourself to fill greater leadership positions or to coach and mentor others.
- Look for opportunities outside church ministries to serve and influence others.

11–15 This is an area where it may be helpful to gain understanding, knowledge and experiences to reinforce these spiritual truths. However, don’t try concentrating on too many things at once. Consider which area you feel God calling you to focus on in the next year. You may want to consider some of these **next steps**:

- Join a group who is or will study this topic.
- Identify and participate in opportunities that will give you experience in this area.
- Pick up a biblically based book or DVD on that area and record what you learn from it.
- Align yourself with a mentor or coach by looking for believers who are strong in this area. Ask for their insight and help.

5–10 This may be an area where you could benefit from some advice and direction. Talk with someone who will listen to your story and help you figure out your next steps. Meet with your group leader, ministry team leader or call a pastor at 480.545.4024.

NEXT STEPS SELF-ASSESSMENT

Taking time to occasionally reflect on and examine your commitment in Christ and to spiritual growth is a healthy exercise. We would encourage you to begin this process in prayer. Next, read the following statements and reflect on your spiritual journey of the past year. Record these reflections by circling the letter or number that best represents your thoughts or actions for each. Then, tally the results and use the guide to consider what your next steps might be.

YOUR BELIEFS

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| 1. The Bible Is... | A. A collection of stories and teachings that may or may not contain truth from God.
B. 100% the inspired word of God.
C. Part the wisdom of man, part the wisdom of God.
D. I’m not sure. |
| 2. The Trinity Is... | A. A belief in three Gods.
B. One God who can take three different forms.
C. One God, who eternally exists as three distinct persons.
D. I’m not sure. |
| 3. God the Father is... | A. The greatest Spirit being who is always watching but is generally uninvolved in the affairs of this world.
B. An infinite, perfect Spirit, who is creator of, and personally involved with the affairs of this world for His glory.
C. None of the above.
D. I’m not sure. |
| 4. Jesus Is... | A. An angel who became man.
B. Simply a good example for us to pattern our lives after.
C. Fully God and fully man.
D. I’m not sure. |
| 5. The Holy Spirit Is... | A. Given to every believer in Christ to help, teach and guide.
B. A blessing God gives to those who have matured in their faith.
C. One of many forms God changes into.
D. I’m not sure. |
| 6. People Are... | A. Basically good but have little inherent difference or value over any other creature.
B. Sinful and accountable, but made in the image of God and designed to glorify Him.
C. Neither good nor bad and ultimately responsible to only themselves.
D. None of the above. |
| 7. Salvation is... | A. Received as a gift of God’s grace through faith in Jesus.
B. Attained by a combination of having faith and doing good things.
C. An unnecessary concept used to manipulate people.
D. None of the above. |

YOUR BELIEFS CONTINUED...

8. Baptism is...	A. The washing away of a person's sins. B. How a person receives the Holy Spirit. C. Symbolic of a person's new life in Christ. D. I'm not sure.
9. Communion is...	A. A symbolic remembering of Christ's death. B. Taken for the forgiveness of sins. C. Participating in the suffering and death of Christ. D. I'm not sure.
10. The church is...	A. A place where people worship. B. God's people everywhere who follow Christ. C. Select non-profit organizations. D. None of the above
11. In the end...	A. Jesus will return and there will be a final judgment with eternal reward for believers, and suffering for non-believers. B. The Devil, demons, and really evil people will be sent to hell, and everyone else will go to heaven. C. There is no judgment, at death we simply cease to exist. D. None of the above

YOUR RELATIONSHIP

1. I've made a decision to trust Jesus Christ as my Savior and follow Him.	4	1	I've never made a decision to become a follower of Jesus.		
2. I've demonstrated my faith in Christ by being baptized.	4	1	I've avoided being baptized.		
3. I make time to talk with God through prayer on a daily basis.	4	3	2	1	Prayer is not a habit of mine.
4. I am intentional about reading the Bible to keep my spiritual life strong.	4	3	2	1	I'm quite lax about reading the Bible on my own.
5. I am regularly sensitive to, and aware of, God's presence in my life.	4	3	2	1	I rarely sense or am aware of God's presence in my life.

YOUR CHARACTER

1. I am becoming more loving to those I like and don't like.	4	3	2	1	I struggle loving others, especially people who mistreat me.
2. I am still sensitive to and grieve over sin in my life.	4	3	2	1	I avoid thinking about or addressing sin in my life.
3. I am not easily angered.	4	3	2	1	I get angry very quickly.
4. I am quick to forgive others as Christ has forgiven me.	4	3	2	1	I really struggle forgiving those who've hurt me.
5. God's Word increasingly guides my life decisions.	4	3	2	1	I rarely remember or consider making decisions based on God's Word.

YOUR ACTIONS

1. I'm committed to worshipping God together with others by attending MISSION weekly.	4	3	2	1	I worship on occasion but attending church is not a priority for me.
2. I'm involved in a group that provides biblical community and helps me progress in my spiritual growth..	4	3	2	1	Outside weekend services, I don't meet with others for spiritual growth.
3. I give a tenth of my income to the church to accomplish the mission and vision God has given MISSION.	4	3	2	1	I don't really have a goal or plan for giving.
4. In the last year, I have shared with several non-believers the message of Jesus' love.	4	3	2	1	I am not a good example of a person God uses to speak to others.
5. I know my gifts and am currently using them to serve.	4	3	2	1	I don't really know my gifts or my place here at MISSION.