



Church ABC

Comparing
March 2018 with
March 2022

SPIRITUAL LIFE INVENTORY TRACKING REPORT

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Understanding Your Report

Spiritual Life Inventory Approach

- The Spiritual Life Inventory captures insights for church leaders on the spiritual health of their congregation and the role the church plays in their spiritual growth.
- It includes 80 questions about an individual's spiritual attitudes, beliefs, needs and behaviors as well as participation and satisfaction with local church activities.
- The survey is fielded on a web-only platform; participation is voluntary.
- This report compares your survey results for two successive surveys that your church has taken.

Church ABC Spiritual Life Inventory Response Rates

Wave 1		Wave 2	
# Responses	% of Attendance	# Responses	% of Attendance
320	32%	400	40%

Understanding Your Report

Template Design

- This report template was designed in a simplified format to help you understand the most important findings comparing one wave to the next for your church.
- **Important:** We have included important information for each slide in the “notes” section. Please check this section in order to find answers to questions you may have, such as “What is the definition of being spiritually stalled?” or “What was the question that was asked that led to this result?”

Accessing the Notes Section

1. Click on “View” in the toolbar
2. Click on “Notes Page”

Understanding Your Report

Detecting Meaningful Change

- Throughout this report, statistically *meaningful* changes in your results between waves are indicated by shading the Wave 2 number in green (for an increase) or red (for a decrease).
- We define a meaningful change as a change of one-half of a standard deviation from one wave to the next. Standard deviation is a unit of measure commonly used in statistics. One use of this statistic is to measure change over time. The standard deviations used to define meaningful change in this report come from the pooled data in our comparative database of churches who have taken the Spiritual Life Inventory since August 2008.
- We indicate meaningful changes with the green or red background only if there were 30 or more respondents for **both** Wave 1 and Wave 2.

Demographics

Demographics	Wave 1	Wave 2
Base Size	320	400
Age 19-29	2% [#]	5% [#]
Age 30-49	17%	11%
Age 50+	78%	84%
Diversity: Non White, including Hispanics	5% [#]	5% [#]
Children under 18 at home	19%	13%
Married	82%	82%
Income under \$30K	10% [#]	13%
Income \$30K-\$74,999	40%	40%
Income \$75K or more	49%	47%
Low sample sizes, as indicated with #, are not tested for meaningful differences		

Green = Increase

Red = Decrease

Tenure

Church Tenure	Wave 1	Wave 2
Base Size	320	400
Less than one year	10%	6% [#]
One to five years	33%	34%
Six to ten years	16%	19%
More than ten years	40%	42%

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Green = Increase

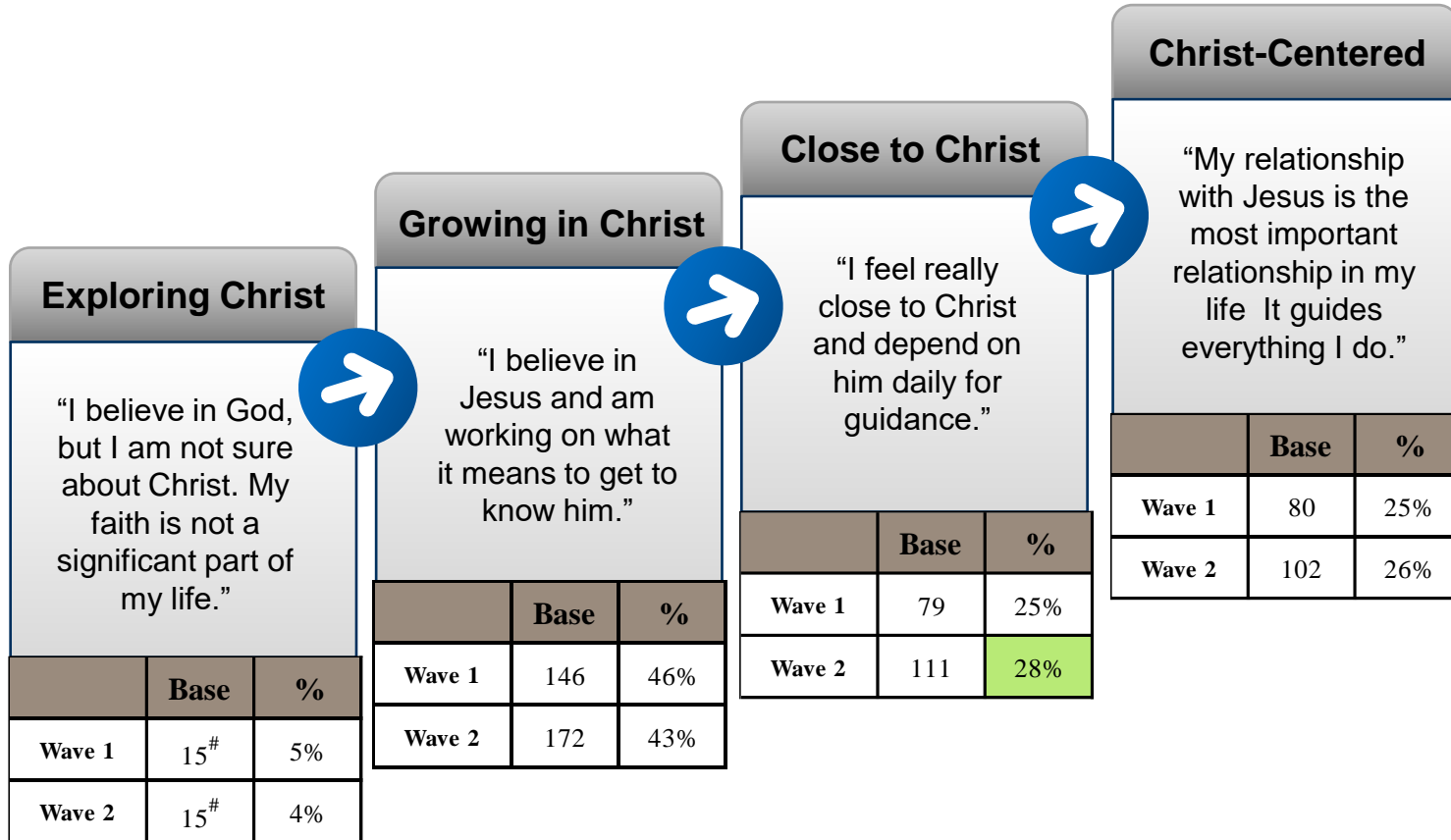
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Section 1

Congregant Profile

Where are you?

Spiritual Continuum Profile



No data base comparison

Green = Increase

Red = Decrease

Spiritual Beliefs and Attitudes

Key Spiritual Beliefs And Attitudes (top box)	Total		Exploring Christ		Growing in Christ		Close to Christ		Christ-Centered	
	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2
Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
Salvation by Grace	58%	64%	27%	27%	46%	52%	63%	69%	79%	82%
Trinity	83%	85%	53%	47%	75%	81%	94%	88%	94%	95%
Personal God	66%	71%	27%	20%	53%	54%	75%	84%	90%	93%
Christ is First	57%	59%	13%	0%	40%	42%	62%	67%	90%	89%
Authority of the Bible	50%	51%	20%	13%	31%	34%	61%	59%	78%	75%
Identity in Christ	55%	59%	13%	27%	37%	42%	65%	63%	88%	87%
Stewardship	41%	37%	20%	0%	29%	27%	44%	41%	61%	56%
Spiritual Gifts	23%	24%	13%	0%	12%	11%	29%	28%	39%	44%
Giving Away My Life	27%	23%	13%	0%	8%	10%	29%	20%	60%	52%

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Participation with Organized Church Activities

Participation		Total		Exploring Christ		Growing in Christ		Close to Christ		Christ-Centered	
		Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2
Weekend Services	Base Size	307	384	15 [#]	14 [#]	138	162	77	108	77	100
	(3 to 4 times per month)	87%	91%	80%	79%	86%	88%	92%	95%	87%	92%
Small Groups	Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
	(1 to 2 times a month or more)	60%	62%	27%	33%	62%	59%	65%	66%	58%	65%
Serving at the Church	Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
	(1 to 2 times a month or more)	56%	61%	33%	20%	56%	55%	68%	68%	48%	69%
Serving Those in Need Through my Church	Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
	(1 to 2 times a month or more)	40%	45%	7%	20%	38%	37%	53%	52%	36%	54%

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Satisfaction with Organized Church Activities

Satisfaction		Total		Exploring Christ		Growing in Christ		Close to Christ		Christ-Centered	
		Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2
Weekend Services	Base Size	307	384	15 [#]	14 [#]	138	162	77	108	77	100
	Top 2 Box (Percent)	69%	71%	47%	71%	69%	75%	65%	71%	78%	62%
Serving at the Church	Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
	Top 2 Box (Percent)	49%	51%	20%	40%	45%	45%	53%	52%	59%	62%
Serving Those in Need Through my Church	Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
	Top 2 Box (Percent)	48%	49%	27%	47%	45%	45%	53%	50%	54%	55%

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Personal Spiritual Practices

Personal Spiritual Practices	Total		Exploring Christ		Growing in Christ		Close to Christ		Christ-Centered	
	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2
Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
Reflection on Scripture <i>(daily)</i>	31%	31%	7%	0%	16%	16%	42%	32%	54%	60%
Bible Reading <i>(daily)</i>	29%	32%	20%	7%	16%	18%	39%	32%	45%	59%
Prayer to Seek Guidance <i>(daily)</i>	50%	56%	40%	27%	40%	41%	56%	68%	66%	74%
Prayer to Confess Sins <i>(daily)</i>	44%	41%	13%	13%	36%	26%	47%	53%	63%	57%
Solitude <i>(several times per week or more)</i>	60%	67%	40%	27%	46%	52%	73%	81%	76%	80%
Tithing <i>(10% or more)</i>	38%	39%	7%	20%	31%	30%	49%	42%	46%	52%

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Key Spiritual Activities With Others

Spiritual Activities with Others	Total		Exploring Christ		Growing in Christ		Close to Christ		Christ-Centered	
	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 1	Wave 2
Base Size	320	400	15 [#]	15 [#]	146	172	79	111	80	102
Spiritual Friendships <i>(once or more per month)</i>	56%	63%	13%	33%	45%	51%	73%	71%	66%	78%
Evangelism <i>(6+ conversations per year)</i>	27%	29%	7%	27%	14%	19%	32%	32%	48%	42%
Serving those in need on my own <i>(once or more per month)</i>	51%	55%	27%	47%	45%	41%	57%	64%	61%	72%
Spiritual Mentors <i>(once or more per month)</i>	33%	37%	7%	13%	18%	23%	48%	42%	48%	57%

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Stalled Profile

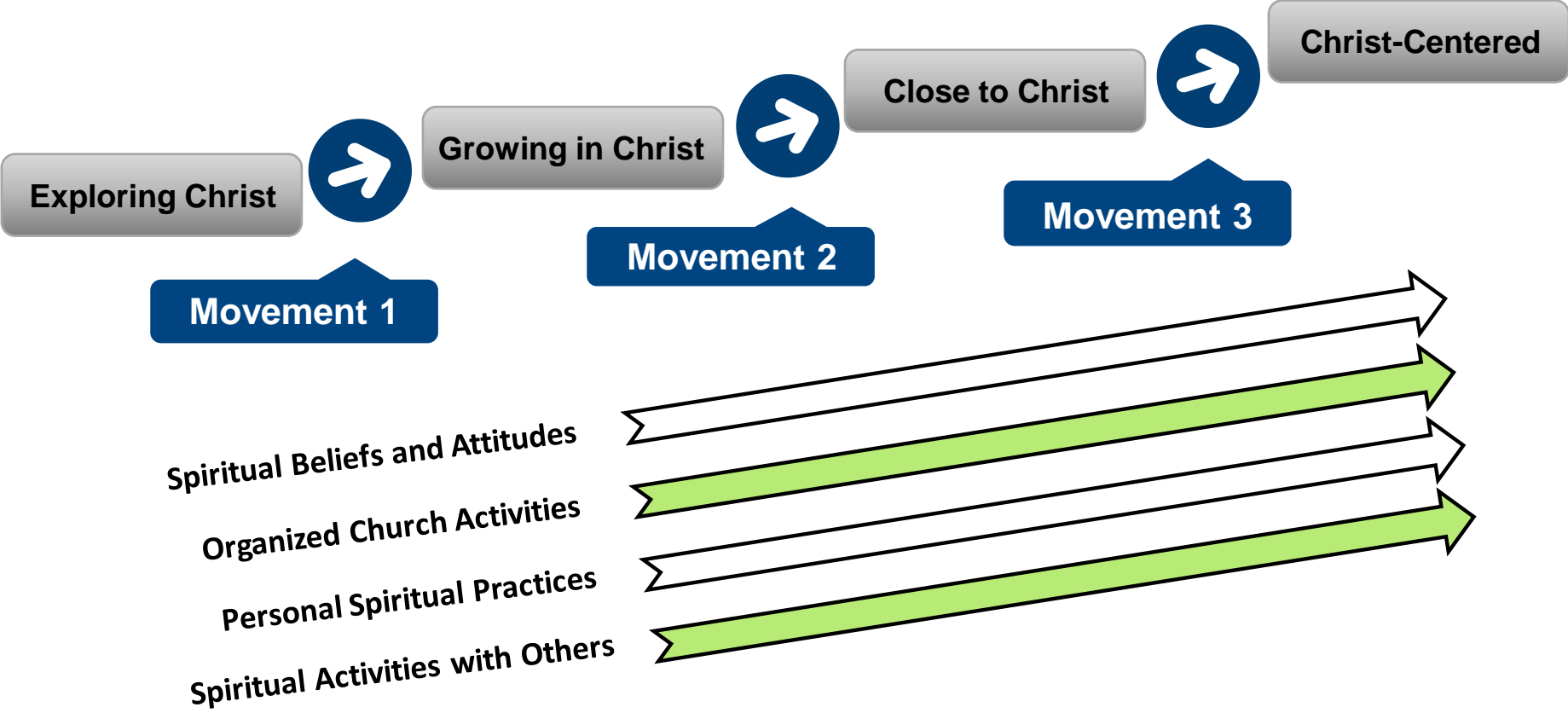
Spiritual Continuum Segment	Stalled			
	Wave 1		Wave 2	
	Base Size	Percentage	Base Size	Percentage
Total	320	8%	400	6%
Exploring Christ	15 [#]	33%	15 [#]	7%
Growing in Christ	146	8%	172	9%
Close to Christ	79	6%	111	4%
Christ-Centered	80	5%	102	4%

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Spiritual Catalyst Profile



Section 2

Church Profile

Where are you?

Satisfaction with Church's Role in Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Continuum Segment	Overall Satisfaction with the Church's Role in Spiritual Growth			
	Wave 1		Wave 2	
	Base Size	Top 2 Box Percentage	Base Size	Top 2 Box Percentage
Total	320	58%	399	67%
Exploring Christ	15 [#]	27%	15 [#]	67%
Growing in Christ	146	55%	172	62%
Close to Christ	79	56%	111	71%
Christ-Centered	80	69%	101	70%

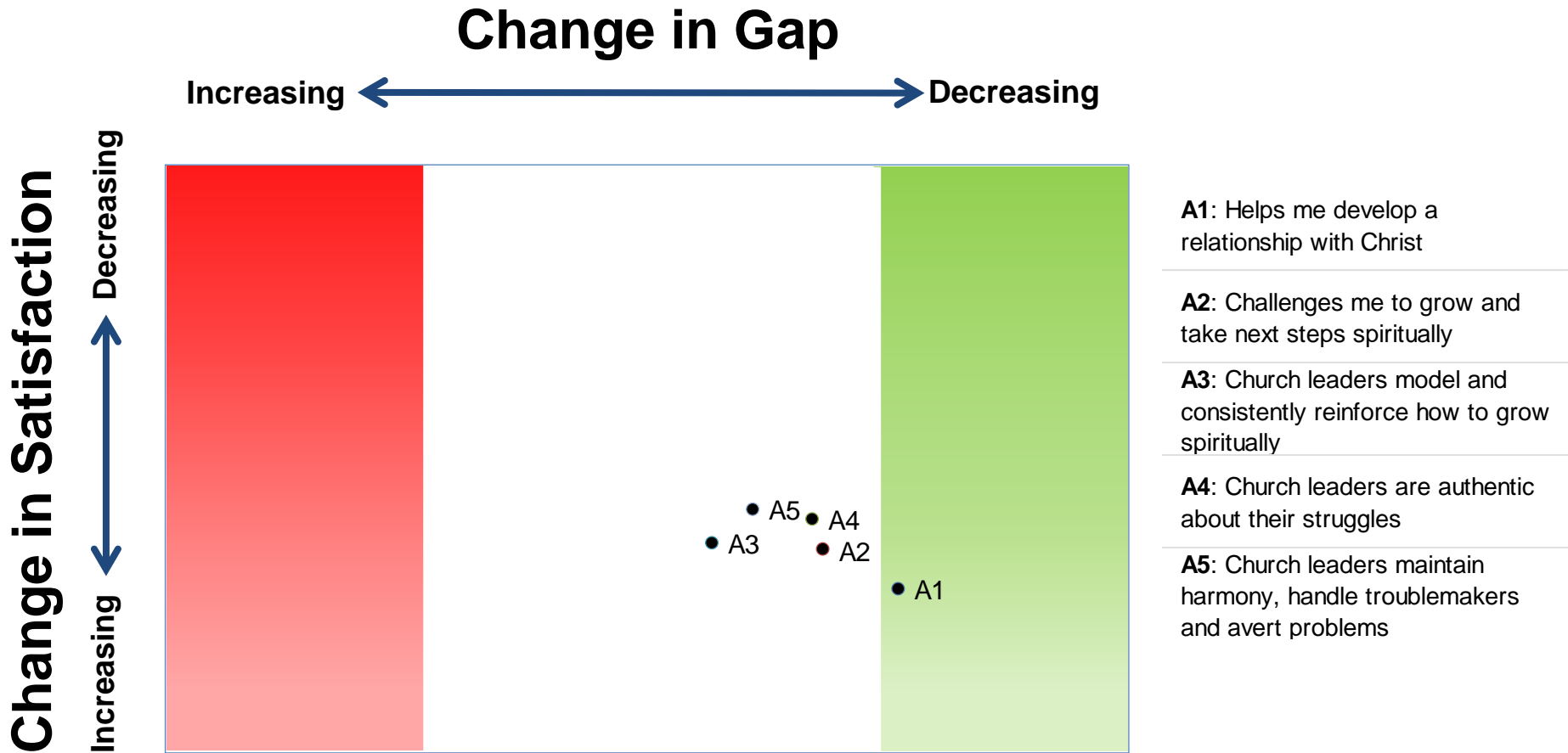
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Progress on

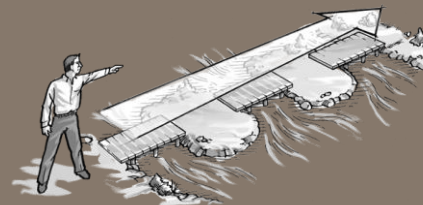


Heart of Core Team Leaders

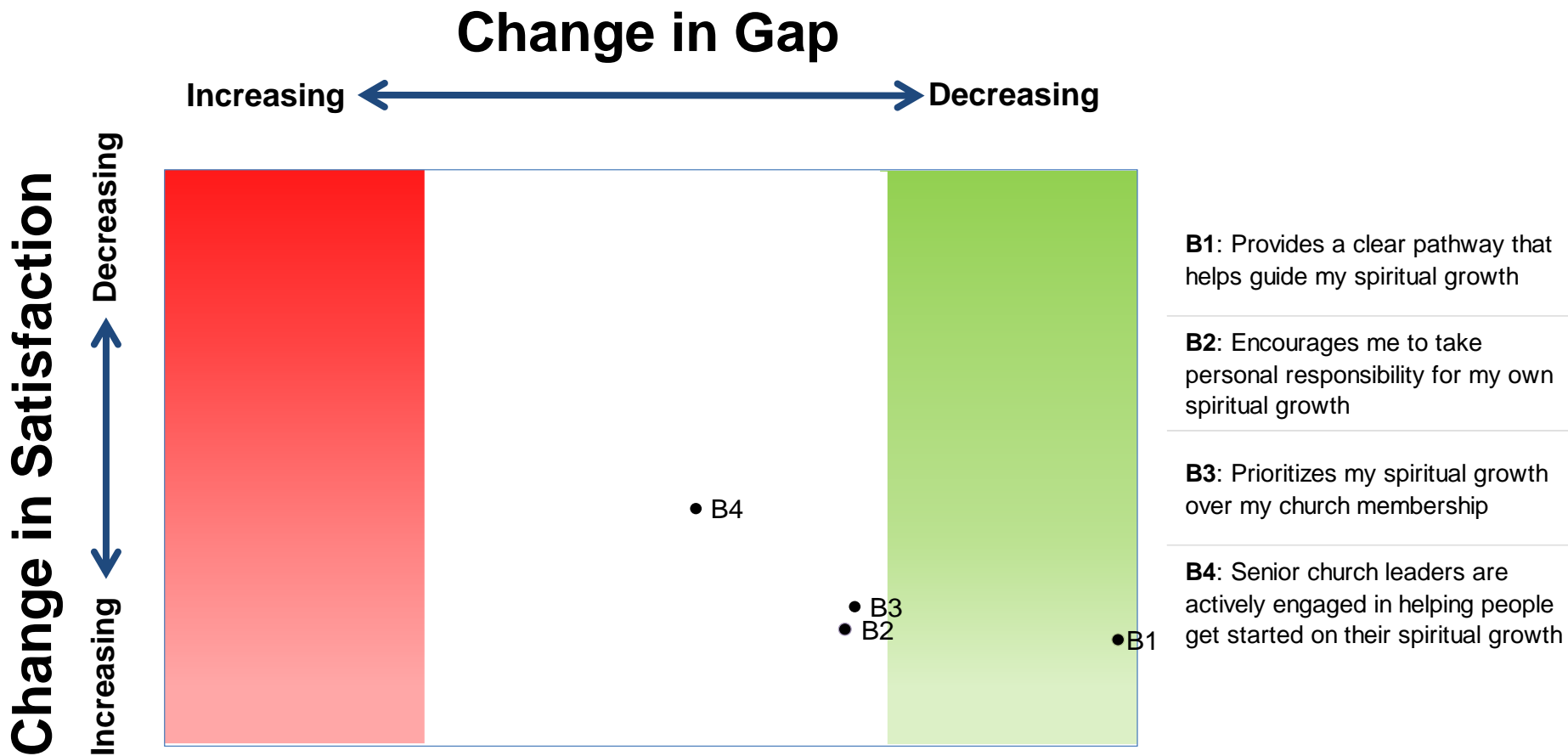


Note: See note page below for more detail on the Heart of Core Team Leaders Needs.

Progress on



Get People Moving

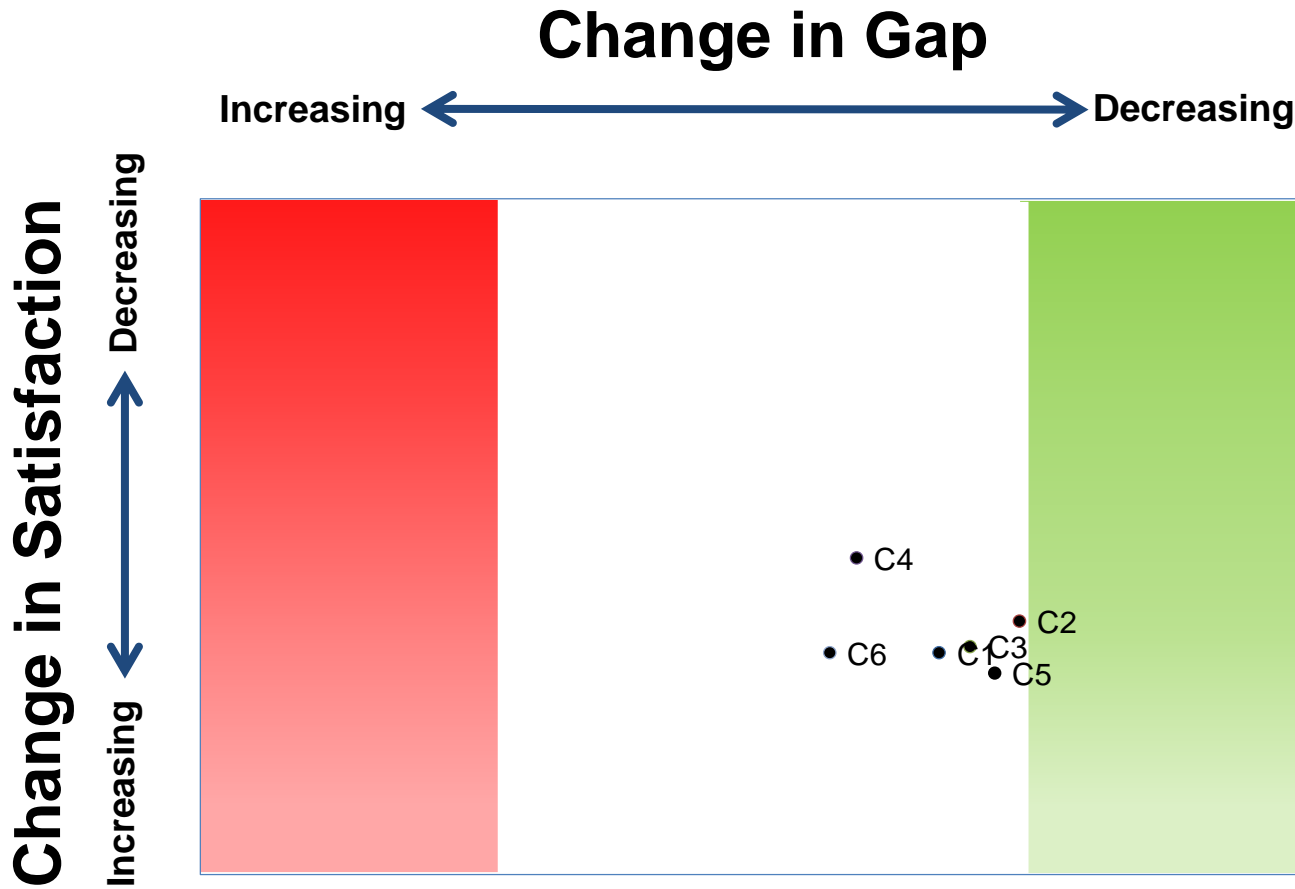


Note: See note page below for more detail on the Get People Moving Needs.

Progress on



Embed the Bible



C1: Helps me understand the Bible in greater depth

C2: Helps me develop a prayer life that connects me with God regularly

C3: Church leaders provide sound doctrine rooted in Biblical accuracy

C4: Provides a worship service that is challenging and thought provoking

C5: Consistently challenges me to engage with Scripture in new and interesting ways

C6: Scripture engagement is part of every experience people have at our church

Note: See note page below for more detail on the Embed the Bible Needs.

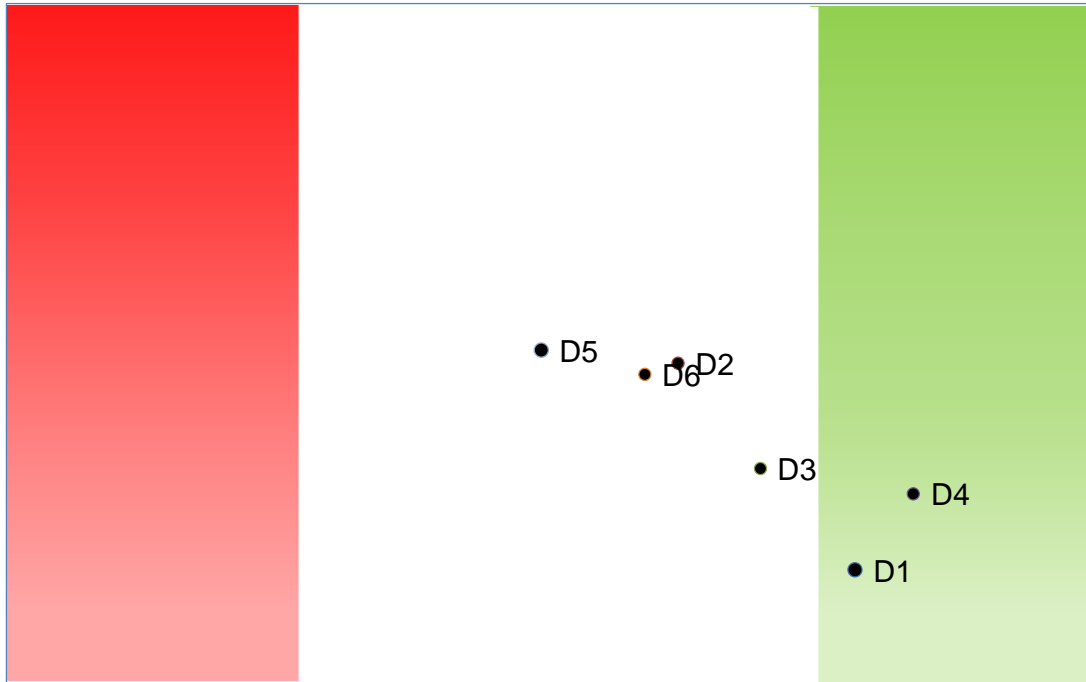
Progress on



Change in Gap

Increasing ← → Decreasing

Change in Satisfaction
 Increasing ↑ Decreasing ↓



D1: Helps me in my time of emotional need

D2: Helps me develop relationships that encourage accountability

D3: Helps me feel like I belong

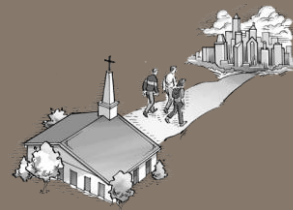
D4: Provides opportunities to grow spiritually through relationships with others

D5: Sets clear expectations about what it means to be part of the church

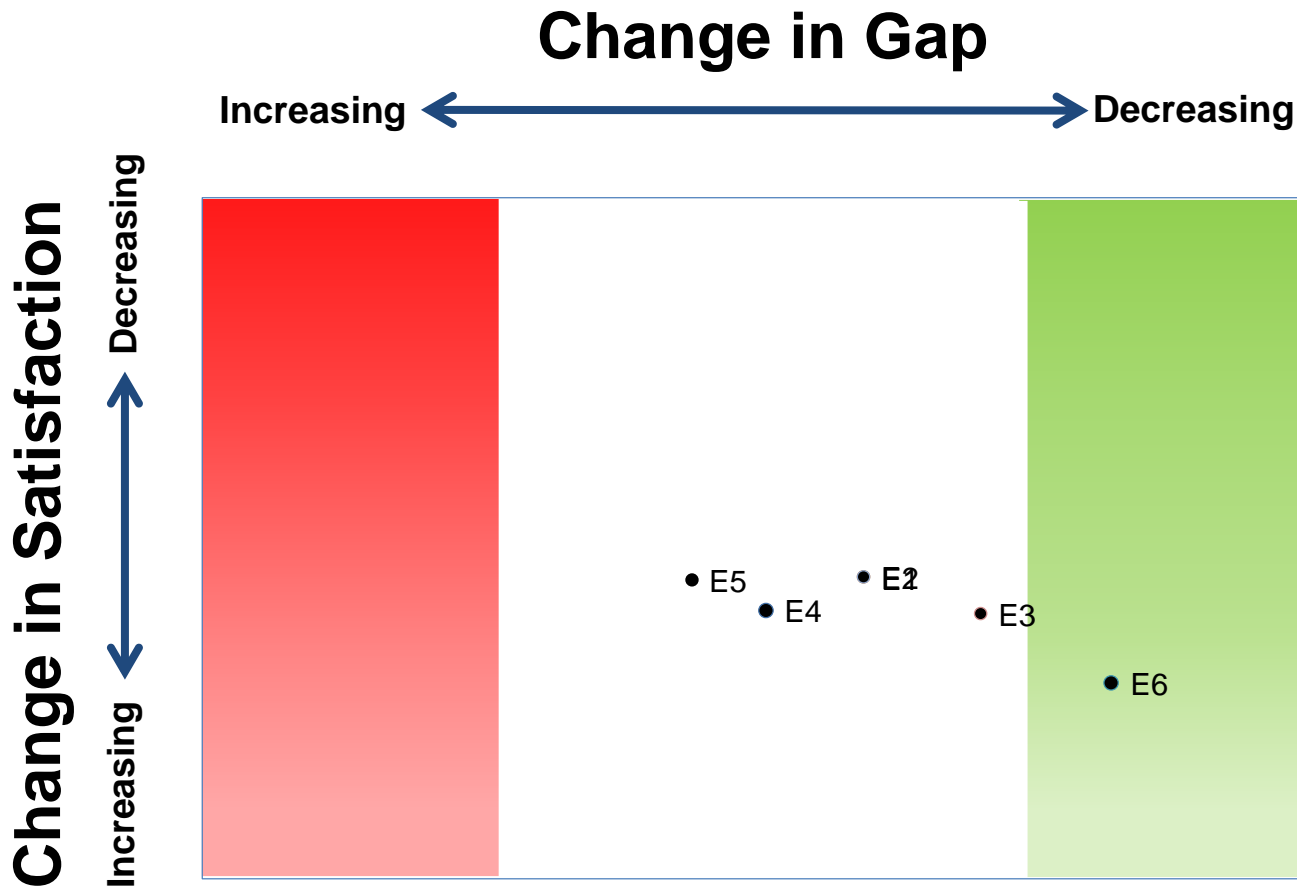
D6: Inspires such a sense of ownership that the church becomes an important part of who I am

Note: See note page below for more detail on the Create Ownership Needs.

Progress on



Pastor the Community



E1: Provides opportunities for me to serve those in need

E2: Creates a serving culture that is so impactful that it is widely recognized by the local community

E3: Empowers me to go out “on my own” to make a significant impact in the lives of others

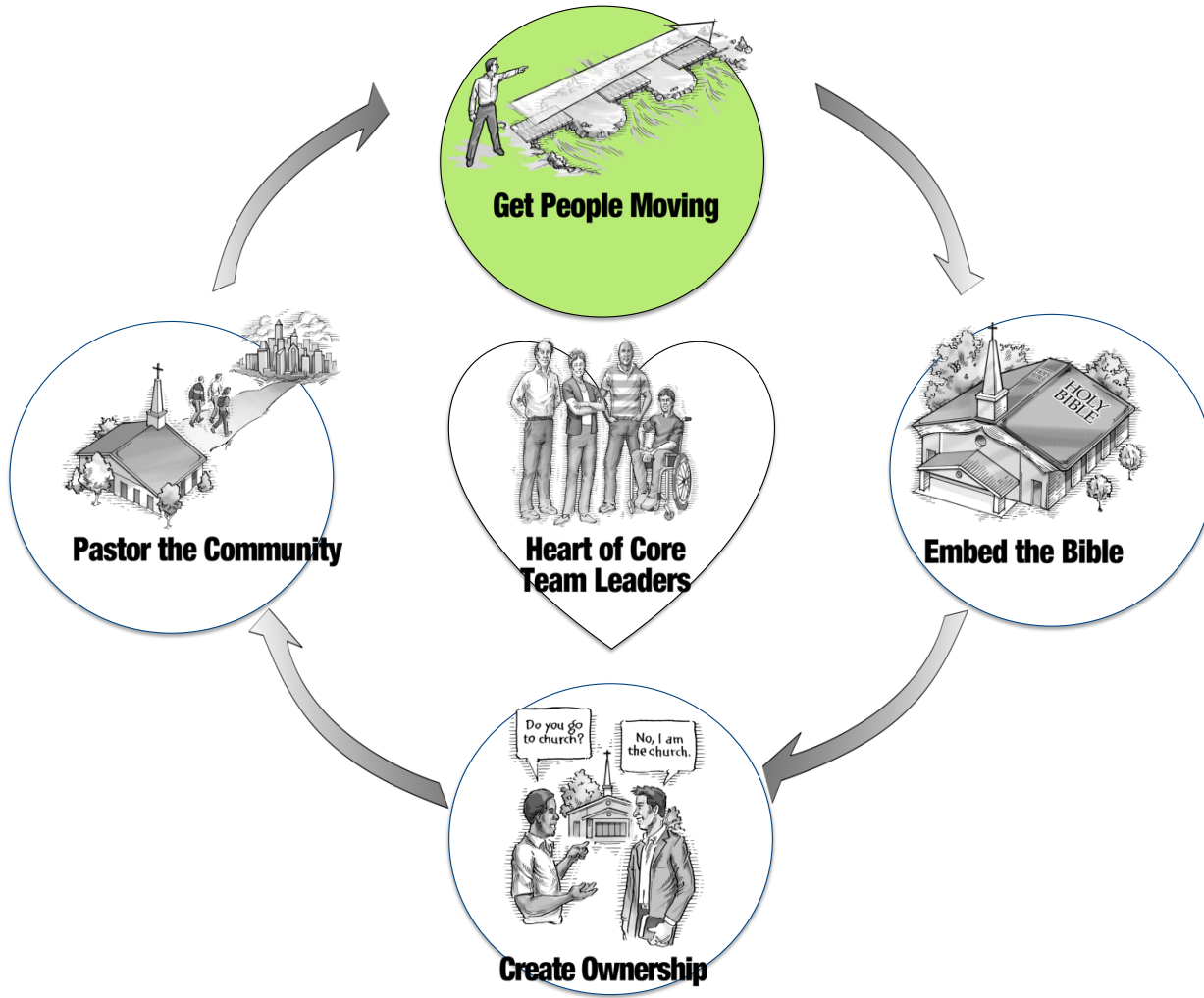
E4: Allows me to use and develop my spiritual gifts

E5: Provides training in how to share the gospel while serving those in need

E6: Church leaders are a recognized voice on important local community issues

Note: See note page below for more detail on the Pastor the Community Needs.

Best Practice Profile



This chart is a measure of change in Satisfaction from Wave 1 to Wave 2

Green = Increase
Red = Decrease

Dissatisfied Profile

Spiritual Continuum Segment	Dissatisfied			
	Wave 1		Wave 2	
	Base Size	Percentage	Base Size	Percentage
Total	320	14%	399	12%
Exploring Christ	15 [#]	20%	15 [#]	13%
Growing in Christ	146	12%	172	12%
Close to Christ	79	20%	111	9%
Christ-Centered	80	13%	101	16%

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Who Is Most Likely to Leave Your Church?

Spiritual Segment	% Who Are “Unsure, Probably, or Definitely Leaving the Church”			
	Wave 1		Wave 2	
	Base Size	Percentage	Base Size	Percentage
Total	320	7%	400	5%
Exploring Christ	15 [#]	13%	15 [#]	0%
Growing in Christ	146	5%	172	5%
Close to Christ	79	6%	111	4%
Christ-Centered	80	9%	102	5%
Dissatisfied	46	22%	49	18%
Satisfied	274	4%	351	3%

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Four Spiritual Continuum Segments = 100% of Your Church

Two Satisfaction Levels = 100% of Your Church

Green = Increase
Red = Decrease

Overall Summary

Spiritual Vitality Index

The **Spiritual Vitality Index (SVI)** was developed to reflect the spiritual health of a church congregation. It is based on the factors that are most highly correlated with spiritual growth, which are compared against the total Spiritual Life Inventory database. These catalysts fall into three categories: the Church's Role, Personal Spiritual Practices and Faith in Action.

Church's Role. Measures the effectiveness of the church's role in helping its congregation grow spiritually (Ephesians 4:12-13).

Personal Spiritual Practices. Measures the level of engagement with spiritual disciplines, such as reflection on Scripture and prayer, that advance the level of spiritual maturity and intimacy with God (Mark 1:32-38).

Faith in Action. Measures spiritual behaviors that mark a Christ-follower, such as evangelism and serving those in need, as well as attitudes of surrender to Christ (Philippians 2:2-8 and James 2:14-18).

