

Connecting with God

Personal Spiritual Practices

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Planting

I am learning about daily devotions and praying to find those that I want to practice.
I read the Bible from time to time.

Nurturing

I am practicing some spiritual devotions occasionally, including reading from the Bible.
I am learning about STER (Scripture, Tradition, Experience, Reason)

Shaping

I am using spiritual devotions regularly.
I also use other resources to understand the Bible at times.
I use STER to make decisions.

Sharing

I am revising my spiritual practices.
I can share with others how I connect with God through spiritual practices.

In Community

2

I attend worship at least once a month.
I say the Lord's Prayer during worship, grace before meals and prayers in the morning and/or at bedtime.

I attend worship on Sunday mornings at least twice a month.
I participate in Central Connect Groups (faith formation opportunities).

I participate in worship every week unless sick or out of town.
I share Biblical and/or Christian stories with my family/friends.

I provide worship leadership and/or other service on Sundays.
I help organize Central Connect Groups (faith formation opportunities).

Connecting with Others

Individually

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Planting

I aim to accept others, including those whose color, status, etc. are different from mine.

Nurturing

I go out of my way to be hospitable to members and guests in our church.

Shaping

I listen and try to help others with their spiritual questions, joys, and concerns.
I share my faith through personal testimony/story.

Sharing

I invite others to worship and church events.
I share my faith with others through invitation and witness.

In Community

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I attend seasonal events or special events.
I am learning about ministry opportunities.

I participate in a Central Connect Group for fellowship or faith formation.
I attend or serve at events.

I provide leadership for special events.
I am open to being trained in church leadership.

I am a leader in a Central Connect Group.
I am open to training others for leadership in church administration, education, etc.

Changing Our World with Christ's Love

Generosity of Time, Talents, and/or Financial Gifts (TTFG)

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Planting

I like to hear how my church meets the needs in the community.
I like to hear stories from others about how they have been changed by either giving or receiving.
I contribute with some Sunday offerings, at Christmas and Easter.

Nurturing

I commit to share my TTFG regularly.
I help a neighbor or a charity with my TTFG occasionally.
I can share a story about my TTFG.

Shaping

I make an annual commitment and give in proportion to my income.
I share my TTFG regularly.
I am a member of a church committee or team.

Sharing

I make an annual commitment and give in proportion to my income at a tithe (10%) and beyond.
I share my TTFG regularly.
I am inviting others to be a member of a church committee or team.

In Community (Evangelism, Mission Trips, Service Projects, Social Action)

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I learn from the church about caring for others in the community.
I help in the community in the fields of arts, academics, athletics, politics, charity, etc.
I am learning how to apply Christian ethics and faith in my work world.

I participate in community service through church ministries occasionally.
I am learning how to apply Christian ethics and faith to local and political issues.

I participate in community service through church ministries regularly.
I invite others to try a variety of serving opportunities outside the church.
I assist the church to advocate for peace and justice for all.

I participate in ongoing service beyond the walls of the church.
I recruit and equip leaders for ministries and missions.
I participate in a community peace and justice group.

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