

What is the Self-Assessment?

It's a chart

- growth stages across the top
- important spiritual practices along the side
- descriptions at the intersections

Discipleship Pathway Self-Assessment

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	Financial Generosity I thank God for providing for my needs. I occasionally give a monetary offering and consider it a response to God's love and provision in my life.	I budget money to give to God's work. When I hear about critical needs, I give.	I've committed to move toward a tithe (10% of income). I have studied finances from a spiritual perspective and consider how I spend my income because all I have belongs to God.	I give 10% of all income to God's work and respond with more when prompted to do so. I consider how all assets can be used by God. I've provided for a portion of my estate to go to God's work. I'm beginning to live a life defined by generosity as I'm led by God.
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Important Parts

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Spiritual Practices

Prayer/Meditation
Scripture Reflection
Corporate Worship
Small Group Community
Gift-based Service
Financial Generosity
Invitational Evangelism

Vision Statement

Deeply Rooted (God)
Branching Out (Others)
Bearing Fruit (World)

Relating to God Relationship Stage

Exploring
Getting Started
Going Deeper
Centering

Description

I am involved and interconnected with my group. The group is an important part of my spiritual practice.

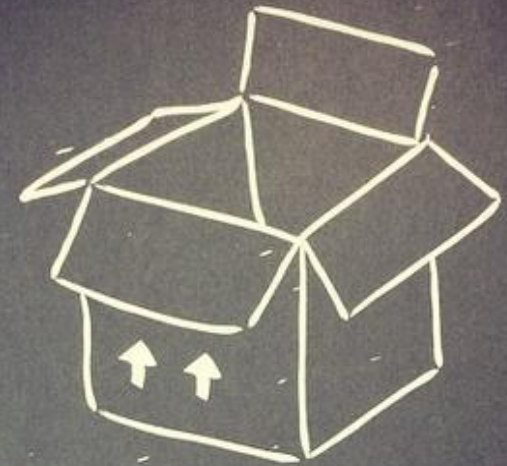
What is the Self-Assessment NOT?

It's not a box for God to fit into

It's not all-inclusive

It's not linear

It's not a measurement of one's value



EVERY TIME I PUT GOD IN A BOX,
I'M LEFT SWEEPING UP THE PIECES
OF SHREDDED CARDBOARD.

Why are we using the Self-Assessment?

It's our mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

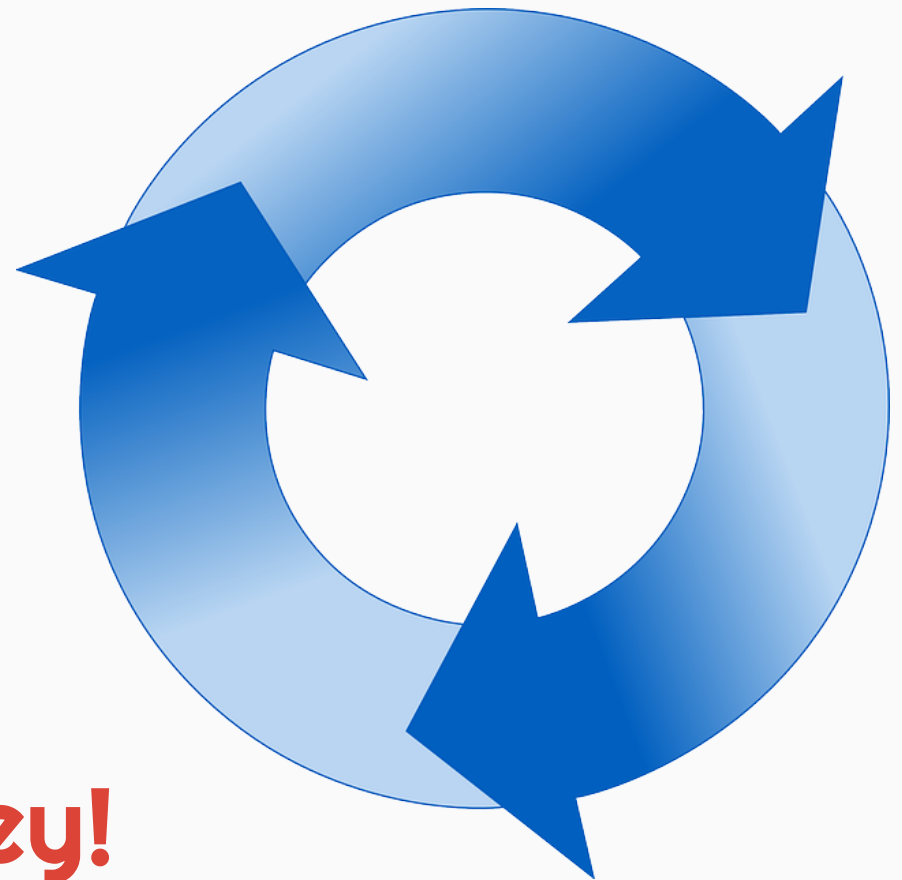


It's easy to understand

It encourages ACTION!

How do we use the Self-Assessment?

1. Pray
2. Identify where you are
3. Choose a place to start
4. Get support
5. Repeat



It is a lifelong journey!