The State of Discipleship

What are we doing? How well is it working? With the help of Barna Group, The Navigators uncovered key insights into questions disciplers must ask on a regular basis.

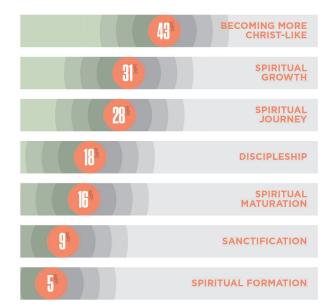
What Is Discipleship?

"DISCIPLESHIP IS A LIFELONG PROCESS AND JOURNEY **ROOTED IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS."**

(TOP-RANKED DESCRIPTION OF DISCIPLESHIP AMONG CHRISTIANS)

HOW DO PEOPLE TALK ABOUT **DISCIPLESHIP?**

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE TERMS CHRISTIANS MOST PREFER FOR "DISCIPLESHIP"



I BELIEVE MY SPIRITUAL LIFE HAS AN IMPACT ON ...



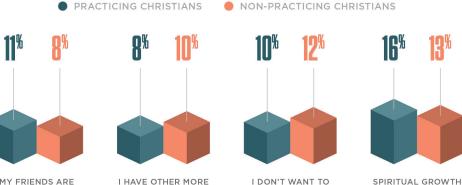
RELATIVES **FRIENDS**



COMMUNITY SOCIETY

What Is Standing in the Way?

TOP BARRIERS TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH



I HAVE OTHER MORE MY FRIENDS ARE IN SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES RIGHT THINGS NOW

I DON'T WANT TO

GET TOO PERSONAL

WITH OTHER

PEOPLE

I'VE HAD BAD PAST **EXPERIENCES WITH** GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS

MISTAKES I'VE MADE

IN THE PAST

I CAN'T FIND A GOOD CHURCH OR COMMUNITY



GENERAL BUSYNESS OF LIFE



PASTORS AND LAYPEOPLE HAVE VERY DIFFERENT GOALS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

> CHRISTIANS • PASTORS |

LIVE A MORE CONSISTENT **CHRISTIAN LIFE** 2. LEARNING TO TRUST IN GOD

1. LEARNING TO

MORE 3. KNOWING **CHRIST MORE** DEEPLY



1. BEING TRANS-FORMED TO **BECOME MORE**

LIKE JESUS 2. GROWING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY 3. KNOWING CHRIST MORE DEEPLY

Are People Growing?



OF CHRISTIANS SAY THEY ARE ALMOST TO WHERE THEY WANT TO BE IN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE



OF CHRISTIANS SAY THEY ARE HAPPY WITH WHERE THEY ARE IN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE

HAVE YOU MADE PROGRESS IN YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN THE PAST YEAR?



TOP 3 REASONS CHRISTIANS WANT TO GROW SPIRITUALLY



I DESIRE TO KNOW JESUS, OR GOD, MORE

IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE IMPROVING OR GROWING IN ALL THINGS

I DESIRE TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS

What Is Working?

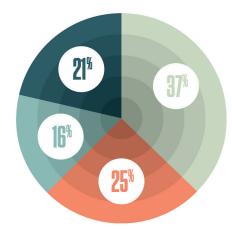
HOW DO CHRISTIANS WANT TO BE DISCIPLED?

(AMONG THE 9 IN 10 CHRISTIANS WHO SAY SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS IMPORTANT)

> ON MY OWN WITH A GROUP

> > ONE-ON-ONE

MIX OF GROUP + ONE-ON-ONE





1 IN 3 CHRISTIANS IS LOOKING FOR **ONE-ON-ONE** DISCIPLESHIP.



1 IN 4 CHRISTIANS IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCIPLED BY SOMEONE.



1 IN 5 IS DISCIPLING SOMEONE ELSE.

WHAT HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY?

REGULAR PRAYER

ATTENDING CHURCH

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

GROUP BIBLE STUDY MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURE

A SPIRITUAL MENTOR



