**THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*Summary of spiritual inventory findings of RenewalWorks: A Ministry of Forward Movement*

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**THREE PRIMARY CHURCH ARCHETYPES**

- **Troubled**: Restless and hungry for greater spiritual growth.
- **Extroverted**: Committed to service, mission, and outreach; limited correlation between service and spiritual beliefs.
- **Complacent**: Low expectations of transformation, and resistance to change and challenge.

**WHAT WE HEAR BY THE NUMBERS**

- **60%** want the church to help them develop a relationship with God in Christ.
- **57%** percent want to be challenged to grow and take next steps spiritually.
- Only **14%** of the 20,000 respondents say they reflect on scripture daily.

- Only **42%** are extremely satisfied or very satisfied with the way their church helps them develop a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **42%** have never met with members of their church clergy individually, and **48%** have never talked with a spiritual mentor.

**WHERE ARE WE SPIRITUALLY? THE FOUR STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

1. **EXPLORING**
   - Affirmed belief in God, though not sure what faith claims they would make about Christ. Generally, faith is not significant in their day-to-day life.

2. **GROWING**
   - They are committed to the Christian faith but still have many questions and have not developed a personal relationship with God in Christ.

3. **DEEPENING**
   - Transition to value a personal relationship with God over their church membership. They feel close to Christ and depend on him daily for guidance.

4. **CENTERED**
   - A personal relationship with God in Christ is the most important relationship in their lives, but that doesn’t mean their spiritual journey is over.

**WHERE ARE WE SPIRITUALLY? THE FOUR STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

- **19%** of respondents have reached the **EXPLORING** stage.
- **54%** of respondents have reached the **GROWING** stage.
- **23%** of respondents have reached the **DEEPENING** stage.
- Only **4%** of respondents have reached the **CENTERED** stage.

- **73%** consider themselves to be at an early, less mature stage of spiritual growth. Parishioners that fall into the first two stages are highly dependent on the church—and specifically the clergy—to help teach, guide and mentor.

**FOUR CATALYSTS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

1. Engagement with scripture
2. Transforming power of the Eucharist
3. A deeper prayer life
4. The heart of the leader

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