

Sermon-based Small Groups – Anonymous Pre-Participation Surveys

Anonymous ID #/Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: _____

Thank you for being a part of a small group and taking this anonymous survey right at the beginning before you get started! It will be very helpful for Pastor Dan's doctoral thesis project. In order to keep this survey anonymous, please write an ID number on the top of the page in place of your name. When you do this survey again at the end of the fall semester, you will be asked to write the same ID number at the top of the page, so that it can be matched with the survey you are completing now. In order to remember your ID number at a later time, it may be easiest to simply use the last 4 digits of your social security number.

Please circle a number on the scale for each question below, identifying the meaning of the number scale (1-5) with the phrases on the left side (1) and right side (5) for each one.

1. Over the last month, how would you rate how many times you thought about sermon content *during the week*?

I do not recall thinking about sermon content at all <i>during the week</i> this month	1	2	3	4	5	I thought about sermon content four or more times <i>during the week</i> this month
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2. Over the last month, how would you rate many times you talked with at least one other person about sermon content *during the week*?

I do not recall talking to anyone about sermon content <i>during the week</i> this month	1	2	3	4	5	I thought about sermon content four or more times <i>during the week</i> this month
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3. *Over the past month, how would you rate how frequently you *applied* points of the sermon messages to a practical action or personal life change?

I had no intentional life applications this month	1	2	3	4	5	I had four or more intentional life applications this month
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4. How would you self-rate your current ability to read and understand the Bible for yourself?

Not very well at all	1	2	3	4	5	Extremely able
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5. How would you self-rate your current awareness of Christian beliefs?

Extremely limited awareness	1	2	3	4	5	I am very aware
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6. *Over the past month, how would you rate how many times you prayed when you were not in a time of need or crisis, but simply as a means of relationship with God?

I did not pray while not in a crisis of some kind this month	1	2	3	4	5	I prayed four or more times while not in a crisis this month
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7. Over the past month, how would you rate how often you took notes during the weekly Sunday morning sermon message?

I did not take any notes during the sermons this month	1	2	3	4	5	I took notes during the sermons every time I was in worship this month
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8. Over the past month, how would you rate how often you talked about your Christian faith in general in Christian witness with others at work or in the community during the week?

I did not talk about my faith with others at all this month	1	2	3	4	5	I talked with others about my faith four or more times this month
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9. *Over the past month, how would you self-rate your overall sense of closeness to Christ?

I did not feel close to Christ at all this month	1	2	3	4	5	I felt very close to Christ this month
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10. *Over the past month, how would you self-rate your overall sense of honesty in your actions and words?

Several times my words and actions were not totally truthful this month	1	2	3	4	5	I was very honest in my words and actions this month
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11. *Over the last month, how would you self-rate how often you were obedient to your conscience in your choices and actions?

Several times I went against my conscience in my words or actions this month	1	2	3	4	5	I was very sensitive to and responsive to how my conscience guided me this month
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* = a modernization of the accountability questions of John Wesley from the Oxford groups.