Knowing God

1. I understand the essential beliefs of the Christian faith, and feel confident that I could explain them to a non-religious friend. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. I have a good knowledge of the Bible, including its major events and themes, and I know how to read it for maximum understanding. 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. If someone were to ask me, “What do United Methodists believe?” I feel confident in my ability to answer them. 0 1 2 3 4 5
4. I understand basic Christian ethics, and I know how to draw upon my faith to come to conclusions about important moral and ethical issues. 0 1 2 3 4 5
5. I have a good understanding of God’s will for human beings, and I know how to discern his will for my life in particular. 0 1 2 3 4 5

Loving God

1. I know God has the power to transform lives and I’m open and responsive to wherever that may lead in my life. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. I lay aside my own desires and sense of importance and submit to God’s will for my life. 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. As a means of growing in Christ, I regularly practice various spiritual disciplines in my life. 0 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am experiencing “the fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22) in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. 0 1 2 3 4 5
5. I have a group of friends who grow in faith together and challenge each other to grow deeper in Christ. 0 1 2 3 4 5

Serving God

1. I invest time in building my relationships with God and with others. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. I know my God-given spiritual gifts, and am actively serving Christ by using those gifts. 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. I give back to Christ by giving to the church and to others in proportion to my income, with at least 10% as my goal. 0 1 2 3 4 5
4. I spend time serving in God’s world by helping meet critical needs and showing what it means to follow Jesus Christ. 0 1 2 3 4 5
5. I am actively nurturing the spiritual lives of others, sharing my faith story, offering spiritual encouragement and leading others to Christ. 0 1 2 3 4 5

Take the next step today. Visit www.cor.org/nextsteps or the Connection Point in the Narthex to view a detailed listing of classes and service opportunities and to register.

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection

The Journey: Knowing, Loving and Serving God

At Church of the Resurrection, our purpose is to build a Christian community where non and nominally religious people are becoming deeply committed Christians. Christians who know, love, and serve God. This short assessment is designed to help you identify where you are in your spiritual journey so that you can make better choices to guide your growth.

Use these 15 questions to assess where you are at honestly and prayerfully.

Add up your totals, and select one or two of the suggested next steps.
Knowing God: Becoming Theologically Informed

1. I have a growing understanding of the essential beliefs of the Christian faith, and feel confident that I share my understanding of them with a nonreligious friend.

2. I have a growing understanding of the basic Christian ethics, and I am continually developing a deeper ability to draw upon my faith to make decisions about important moral and ethical issues.

3. If someone were to ask me, “What do United Methodists believe?” I feel increasingly confident in my ability to give an informed answer.

4. I have a growing understanding of basic Christian ethics, and I am continually developing a deeper ability to draw upon my faith to make decisions about important moral and ethical issues.

5. I have a group of friends with whom I meet regularly in order to grow in faith together and to challenge each other to grow deeper in Christ.

6. I keep a pocket Testament with you and regularly review your creed and prayer.

Loving God: Becoming Spiritually Transformed

1. I know God has the power to transform lives and I’m open and responsive to wherever that may lead in my life.

2. I have a growing ability to lay aside my own desires and sense of importance and submit to God’s will for my life.

3. I have a deepening experience of “the fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22) in my life — of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

4. I give back to Christ by giving to the church and to others in proportion to my income, with at least 10% as my goal.

5. I invest time in building my relationships with God and with others, and I increasingly manage my time according to God’s priorities.

6. I actively serve in God’s world by helping meet critical needs through acts of justice and mercy, in showing actions which it means to follow Jesus Christ.

7. As God leads you, serve others and pursue justice in all that you do, including (in accordance with your gifts) leadership in a ministry area or ongoing missionary service.

8. I actively nurture the spiritual lives of others by sharing my faith story, offering spiritual encouragement and leading others to Christ.

9. I discover God’s given spiritual gifts, and regularly take steps to develop those gifts and to actively serve Christ by using them.

10. I focus on how God intends your giftshd to shape, not just occasional volunteer activities, but your entire career (or ministerial vocation) (e.g., congregational care pastor) and discuss how you might use your gifts to live out your God-given calling.

Serving God: God daily in the World

1. I actively serve God in the world by helping meet critical needs through acts of justice and mercy, in showing actions which it means to follow Jesus Christ.

2. As God leads you, serve others and pursue justice in all that you do, including (in accordance with your gifts) leadership in a ministry area or ongoing missionary service.

3. I discover God’s given spiritual gifts, and regularly take steps to develop those gifts and to actively serve Christ by using them.

4. I give back to Christ by giving to the church and to others in proportion to my income, with at least 10% as my goal.

5. I invest time in building my relationships with God and with others, and I increasingly manage my time according to God’s priorities.

6. I review your entire calendar; ask God what He needs you to do and what He wishes that you do; ask God to make good for you whatever you are doing; and offer yourself to Him as a sacrifice to Him.