



# PATHWAYS TEST

Score each statement from 5 to 1, 5 being very true and 1 being not true at all. At the end of each section, add up your score.



- I feel closest to God when I learn something new about Him that I didn't understand before. It is very important to me that I know exactly what I believe.
- I get frustrated when the church talks more about feelings and spiritual experiences than doctrine and understanding the Christian faith.
- The words **concepts** and **truth** are very appealing to me.
- I feel close to God when I have a few hours of study time reading the Scriptures and books.
- A book on church theology would be appealing to me.
- I spend more money on books than on worship music.
- Total Study Score**

## STUDY



- I feel closest to God when my heart is soaring-worshipping God. Celebrating God and His love is my favorite form of worship.
- God is exciting so we should be excited! A church service should not feel like a funeral service.
- The words **celebration** and **joy** are very appealing to me.
- I expect that God is going to move me in unexpected ways.
- I would enjoy reading the book *The Mystery and Excitement of Walking with God*.
- I spend more money on worship music than on books.
- Total Worship Score**

## WORSHIP



- I feel closest to God when I am helping a friend who has lost a job, preparing meals for a family in need, or spending time helping a homeless shelter.
- The words **serving** and **compassion** are very appealing to me.
- I get frustrated when Christians spend more time singing songs than helping others.
- A book entitled *99 Ways To Help Your Neighbor* would be very appealing to me.
- I get more out of serving on Sunday morning than sitting in the worship service.
- I would rather help someone in need than teach a class, go on a prayer retreat, or take a walk in the woods.
- Total Service Score**

## SERVICE



- I feel closest to God when I am surrounded by what he has made-the mountains, the forests, or the sea.
- I feel "cut off" when I spend too much time indoors during a church service. Nothing makes me feel closer to God than being outside.
- I would prefer to worship God by spending an hour by a small brook than a worship service.
- If I took a trip by myself to the mountains to pray, I would consider that a great day.
- A book called *Nature's Sanctuaries: A Picturebook* would be appealing to me.
- Seeing God's beauty in nature is more moving to me than understanding new concepts, participating in a formal religious service, or participating in social causes.
- Total Nature Score**

## NATURE



- \_\_\_ I would rather be alone with God experiencing His love, than in a formal worship service or being distracted by a walk outside.
- \_\_\_ The most difficult times in my faith are when I can't feel God's presence within me.
- \_\_\_ The words lover, intimacy and heart are very appealing to me.
- \_\_\_ I really enjoy having 30 minutes of uninterrupted time with God where I can pray, enjoy His presence, and feel like I'm His closest friend.
- \_\_\_ I would enjoy reading a book called *The Transforming Friendship*.
- \_\_\_ When I think of God, I think of love, friendship, and adoration more than anything else.
- \_\_\_ **Total Contemplation Score**

## CONTEMPLATION



- \_\_\_ I feel closest to God when I'm participating in a familiar form of worship that reminds me of my childhood. Rituals and traditions move me more than anything else.
- \_\_\_ Individualism in the church is dangerous. Most of the ways we worship should be expressed corporately.
- \_\_\_ The words **tradition** and **history** are very appealing to me.
- \_\_\_ Participating in a formal liturgy or prayer service, developing symbols that I could place in my home, car, or office, and developing a Christian calendar for our family would all be activities I would enjoy.
- \_\_\_ A book titled **Symbolism and Liturgy** in Personal Worship would be appealing to me.
- \_\_\_ I would really enjoy developing a personal ritual of prayer.
- \_\_\_ **Total Tradition Score**

## TRADITION



- \_\_\_ I feel closest to God when I'm cooperating with Him in standing for justice, writing letters to our leaders in government, urging people to vote, or becoming familiar with current issues.
- \_\_\_ I am frustrated when I see apathetic Christians who are not active.
- \_\_\_ The words courageous confrontation and social cause are very appealing to me.
- \_\_\_ Activities like confronting a social evil and volunteering on a political campaign are important to me.
- \_\_\_ The book *A Time for Anger* by Francis Shaeffer would be an important book for me to read.
- \_\_\_ I want to help awaken the church from apathy.
- \_\_\_ **Total Activism Score**

## ACTIVISM



- \_\_\_ I feel closest to God when I am in spiritual conversations with people who are close to me.
- \_\_\_ I would rather attend a small group than a worship service.
- \_\_\_ Going on a prayer retreat with other people is more appealing to me than going alone.
- \_\_\_ The words community and conversation are very appealing to me.
- \_\_\_ After reading a good book, I want to share the new truths I have learned with others.
- \_\_\_ I would really enjoy spending an afternoon at a coffee shop having deep conversations with friends.
- \_\_\_ **Total Relationships Score**

## RELATIONSHIPS

### TOTAL SCORES:

\_\_\_ STUDY  
 \_\_\_ WORSHIP  
 \_\_\_ SERVICE  
 \_\_\_ NATURE

\_\_\_ CONTEMPLATION  
 \_\_\_ TRADITION  
 \_\_\_ ACTIVISM  
 \_\_\_ RELATIONSHIPS