

Sandbox Church



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Salvation Status: I am not sure when I became a Christian

Felt Need

Formation Phase

What's Next?

Felt Need: Research

- You are hungry to learn from God's Word.
- You desire to relate closely with the Lord and to have a solid and stable faith relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- You study the Bible and often find yourself reflecting upon (i.e., meditating) the truths you are encountering in Scripture.
- You desire to share with other people the lessons you have learned and applied within your own life.

People who identify with the Research profile are hungry to learn from God's Word, the Bible. Their motivation to learn is not usually due to emotional pain, as is true of other felt-need profiles. Rather, Researchers are generally spiritually aware and seek to have a solid and stable faith relationship with Jesus guided by instruction of the Holy Spirit. For them, one significant way to nurture that faith relationship is to study the Bible intently. Researchers appreciate the Biblical principle of meditation as portrayed within Psalm 119:148, "My eyes are awake through the night watches that I may meditate on your word". Meditation, from the Biblical perspective, comes from a metaphor of a cow chewing its cud. As Researchers mentally regurgitate what they study, the Holy Spirit will implant those Biblical truths into their lives. This process is the essence of Biblical wisdom, "to know the right thing and how to do it rightly".

Soul
Mind
Strength
Heart

As the Researcher's wisdom and knowledge develops, they may move into spiritual leadership roles such as Bible teacher, small group leader, spiritual formation coach, or even pastor. The Researcher typically seeks Biblical knowledge not merely for their own benefit, but desires to share that information with others. They do recognize that those who teach have a profound responsibility to convey Biblical instruction correctly (see James 3:1), but they are usually willing to assume this responsibility as the Lord directs.

In their study of God's Word, Researchers must guard against any thought or impulse to develop knowledge strictly for its own intellectual benefit. The more they learn, the more the Holy Spirit will expect them to share that knowledge with others for the uplifting of the entire Body of Christ. Intellectual self-fulfillment will only lead to pride and arrogance...these sinful attitudes will severely hinder the Researcher's ability to effectively share the lessons they have with others.

