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## Fellowship Community Questionnaire

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

The following questionnaire is intended to give you an opportunity to be truthful about the state of your fellowship or church, and help you to commit to where you would like it to be. It should engender honest dialogue among the members of your church or fellowship as you fill it out together, with the goal that you are able to come ever closer to the will of the Lord for your group. Our goal is also to help you find greater fulfillment, joy, and fruitfulness as you work together toward your goals.

We know that this questionnaire will generate some difficult conversations and even conflict, but that can be a healthy way to get unstuck and to bear more fruit together. If you would like to, you may send a copy of your answers to the Spirit & Truth Fellowship Community Coordinator, Dan Gallagher, who is available to help you in any way he can. You have entered the hard work of building a fellowship or a church, and probably could use some outside support and assistance. It is our belief that it would serve you to have someone to whom your fellowship is accountable, and who can gently help you stay on the course of your stated commitments. This relationship between your fellowship and Dan would be entirely one of mutual love and care, however, and not of authority and domination.

### Part I: Please describe your fellowship:

1. How long has your fellowship existed? (circle one)

Less than 1 year   1-2 years   3-5 years   Over 5 years

2. How often does your fellowship meet?

Twice a week   Once a week   Every other week   Once a month

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where does your fellowship meet?

Meets at the same place   Moves to different locations

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the average age of the people in your fellowship \_\_\_\_\_?

Teens (13-18)   Young adults (19-25)   Adults (25-65)   Seniors (65 +)

5. What is the average attendance of your fellowship?



17. Do you socialize with those in your fellowship \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Only at fellowship  
 Occasionally outside of fellowship  
 Frequently outside of fellowship  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you “break bread” together?  
 Very often Regularly Occasionally Seldom Very rarely
19. How close is the nearest like-minded fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Same city Less than an hour away Less than two hours away More than two hours away.
20. Do you ever get together with other fellowships for joint gatherings?  
 No Yes How often? \_\_\_\_\_ On what occasions? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III: “Spiritual Matters”:**

21. What are your fellowship’s strengths? (circle all that apply)  
 Pastoral care Praise and worship Deliverance Ministry  
 Evangelism Prophetic Encouragement  
 Giving & Sharing Teaching Mercy  
 Spiritual discernment Research Giving  
 Discipleship training Intercession Service  
 Healing Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
22. What areas are your fellowship’s weaknesses? (circle all that apply)  
 Pastoral care Praise and worship Deliverance Ministry  
 Evangelism Prophetic Encouragement  
 Giving & Sharing Teaching Mercy  
 Spiritual discernment Research Giving  
 Discipleship training Intercession Service  
 Healing Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
23. As a fellowship, how clear are you on your spiritual giftings and callings?  
 Yes No Somewhat
24. What do you think they are? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Do you think everyone has the opportunity to exercise his or her individual gifts within your fellowship?  
 Yes No Somewhat  
 Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Do you have worship manifestations regularly (tongues with interpretation and/or prophecy)?  
 Always Many times Sometimes Infrequently Never

28. If you don't have the worship manifestations regularly, is it because of \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Lack of proper instruction Embarrassment  
 Don't feel it's important Fear Other \_\_\_\_\_
29. Do you think you understand the worship manifestations well enough to teach others?  
 Yes No Somewhat  
 What do you think would help equip you to teach and practice the manifestations more effectively?  
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**Part III: Outreach**

If your fellowship is growing, what you are doing to reach out?

7. Describe the growth of your fellowship in terms of new people in attendance (choose the words that apply).  
 Staying the same Slowly Moderately Up and down Rapidly  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you promote witnessing and outreach in your fellowship?  
 Yes Somewhat No  
 Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Are you uncomfortable with the idea of "witnessing?"  
 Yes Somewhat No  
 Please explain:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you feel like you lack tools for outreach?  
 Yes Somewhat No  
 Please explain:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you heard about the new CES Good News Class?  
 Yes Somewhat No
14. If yes, do you think this class will help you in your outreach efforts?  
 Yes Somewhat No  
 Please explain:  
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**Part V: CES Teachings, Materials and Events**

30. Do you promote and utilize CES materials in your fellowship or as a reference for your teachings?  
 Yes No

Please explain:

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If so, which ones (circle those that you use)

Monthly tapes      Sower newsletter      Free Indeed videos?

31. Are the Spirit & Truth teachings adequate and meeting your needs?

Yes      Somewhat      No

Please explain:

How do you think Spirit & Truth teachings could help you more?

32. Do you ever run any Spirit & Truth classes or seminars in the fellowship?

Yes      No

If so, which ones?

Good News Class

New Life in Christ

Growing up in Christ?      Part 1 (Fruit of the Spirit)

Part 2 (Manifestations of the Spirit)

A Journey through the Old Testament

The Book of Romans

The Book of Revelation

33. Do any in your fellowship attend Spirit & Truth camps or conferences?

Everyone      Most      Some      A few      none

34. If some or less attend, is it because of too much \_\_\_\_\_?

Time      Travel      Expense      Just not interested

35. Would you attend a Spirit & Truth event if one were held closer to you?

Yes      No

36. Do you think it would better support your fellowship to have smaller localized Spirit & Truth events held close to you?

Yes      No

37. Have you personally ever organized a smaller localized seminar or gathering (about fifty people or less)?

Yes      No

38. Would you be willing to help Spirit & Truth organize local area weekend gatherings?

Yes      No

## Part V: Money Matters:

39. Do you receive a financial offering in your fellowship?

Always Sometimes Infrequently Never

40. Do you promote financial giving in your fellowship?

Always Sometimes Infrequently Never

41. If you receive a financial offering, how do you determine to distribute it?

Jointly decided by all

Fellowship elders decide

Fellowship sponsor decides

Other \_\_\_\_\_

42. Other than monthly partnership, do you sow financially to Spirit & Truth?

Always Many times Sometimes Infrequently Never

43. Are others in your fellowship financial partners with Spirit & Truth?

All Most Some A few None

44. Do you think Spirit & Truth is properly stewarding the funds it receives?

Always Mostly Sometimes Infrequently Not at all

45. Do you think Spirit & Truth is properly accountable in its handling of financial matters?

Always Many times Sometimes Infrequently Never

46. As a fellowship, do you think you are properly stewarding your finances?

Always Many times Sometimes Infrequently Never

## Part VI: The Spirit & Truth Community:

47. Do you see the benefits outweighing the risks for a religious enterprise to organize?

Yes No Somewhat

48. Do you understand what is meant when we say, "Spirit & Truth is becoming a church?"

Yes No Somewhat

49. Have you ever experienced religious or spiritual abuse in another Christian organization?

Yes No Somewhat

50. If so, has this experience negatively influenced or prejudiced your ability to connect again with another Christian group?

Yes No Somewhat

51. Are you fearful of being tyrannized or abused by religious leadership?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat
52. Do you see a benefit for fellowships to connect with each other and work together?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat
53. Do you feel Spirit & Truth is headed in the right direction by having a Fellowship Community?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat
54. Do you agree with the premise and organizing concepts identified in the Network Document?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat

If no, what don't you like. \_\_\_\_\_

55. Do you think it is beneficial to have a Statement of Beliefs (see attached)?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat
56. Do you agree with Statement of Beliefs?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat  
 If no, what don't you like. \_\_\_\_\_
57. Do you feel it is important to have a published Code of Conduct (see attached)?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat
58. Do you agree with the Code of Conduct?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat  
 If no, what don't you like. \_\_\_\_\_

59. Do you consider yourself in agreement with the teachings, doctrines, and practices of Spirit & Truth?  
 Fully      Mostly      Somewhat      Not very      Not at all
60. What best describes the type of relationship your fellowship wants to have with Spirit & Truth?  
 STF Fellowship      Affiliate      Associate      None
61. Does everyone in your fellowship agree with that?  
 Yes      Somewhat      No

**Part VII: Leadership** (to be answered by those considering themselves

62. Have you ever attended a Servant-Leadership Conference?  
 Yes      No
63. Do you think you understand the concept of servant-leadership?  
 Yes      No      Somewhat
64. Do you think the leaders of Spirit & Truth demonstrate servant-leadership?

Yes      No      Somewhat

65. Do you feel free to raise concerns to Spirit & Truth leadership?

Yes      No      Somewhat

66. Have you ever voiced any complaints, criticisms, or concerns to Spirit & Truth Leadership?

Yes      No      Somewhat

If so, how did they respond? \_\_\_\_\_

67. Do you feel Spirit & Truth could provide more support for fellowships?

Yes      No      Somewhat

What might that support look like? \_\_\_\_\_

68. Would it be beneficial to you to have some form of spiritual oversight?

Yes      No      Somewhat

69. Do you understand the Spirit & Truth concept of and criteria for "Ordination"?

Yes      No      Somewhat

70. Would ordination increase your ability to serve the Body of Christ?

Yes      No      Somewhat

71. Do you meet the ordination requirements?

Yes      No      Somewhat

72. Do you ever intend to make a request for ordination?

Yes      No      Maybe

If yes, when do you think you'd be ready to be ordained? \_\_\_\_\_