

Know, See & Savor
Growth Group Questions
Week of June 18, 2017



Before getting to your Growth Group this week, read through the brief synopsis of the nine sacred pathways described on the back of this sheet, and take the "Sacred Pathways Quiz" found at paseodelrey.org.

You can explore further by reviewing the "Sacred Pathways Study Guide" at paseodelrey.org.

- Share with your group the results of the quiz. Any score 15 or higher indicates a preference for this spiritual pathway. Which pathways are highest on your list? Does that sound right to you?
- How might this discovery help you connect more closely with God, to know, see & savor Him? What specifically might you do differently to connect with God? Brainstorm in your group how different pathways might enhance their experience with God.
- How does this help you understand other people's style of worship or what a quiet time looks like for them?
- What is least on your list? What might you do to explore those pathways more?
- What is a danger of your preferred pathways being out of balance? For example, an intellectual might be all about "knowing" without any "doing." A naturalist might lean toward pantheism (God is all of nature).

Nine Sacred Pathways

Activist

Activists meet God in the vortex of confrontation. They want to fight God's battles. God becomes most real to them when they are standing up for justice or working on the frontlines to build God's kingdom.

Ascetic

Ascetics meet God internally. They prefer to shut out the world and meet God in solitude and austerity. For ascetics, the best environment for personal worship is a quiet place with a rather orderly environment, and they usually don't like the distractions of group worship. They are often advocates of all-night prayer vigils and many of the classical disciplines, such as fasting and meditation.

Caregiver

Caregivers love God by loving others. Providing care or meeting needs in Jesus' name spiritually energizes caregivers and draws them closer to the Lord.

Contemplative

Contemplatives are marked by an emotional attachment and surrender to God. They are God's lovers, and they want to spend their time in God's presence — adoring Him, listening to Him and enjoying Him. They often find benefit in journal writing, where they can explore their heart's devotion.

Enthusiast

Enthusiasts like the excitement and celebration of group worship and probably buy more praise CDs than books. They feed off the enthusiasm of other believers and typically revel in God's mystery and supernatural power. Their exuberance tends to lead them to embrace creative forms of worship.

Intellectual

Intellectuals really like books — even the reference kind — and live in the world of concepts. They want to come out of their devotional time with new understanding. If their mind isn't engaged, their heart may feel cold.

Naturalist

Naturalists' hearts open up to God when they get outdoors. God seems more real to them when they're hiking under a big expanse of sky or at least sitting under a tree.

Sensate

Sensates are more aesthetically inclined. These are the artistic types, and they prefer creative and original music or even good architecture to open their hearts to God's presence. Their worship is about seeing, hearing, feeling, touching and even tasting God's presence.

Traditionalist

Traditionalists find great meaning by worshiping God according to set patterns — their own or historical ones. They may organize their life around scheduled times of prayer and may even choose to carefully observe the Christian calendar, aligning themselves with centuries of faith. Traditionalists often make good use of Christian symbols.