



Reach Teach Serve Spiritual Checkup

How to use the Reach Teach Serve (RTS) Spiritual Check-Up

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 3:13-14

What is the RTS Check-Up?

This check-up is a spiritual growth tool intended to be used twice a year by those who attend CCC to assist in their spiritual development. Cicero Christian Church is continually working to provide appropriate opportunities for you to grow in your faith. We also recognize that growth happens best when in a community. This includes regular attendance, being a part of a Home Fellowship and participating in the life of the church.

Please know that this is not a complete in-depth look at your spiritual walk. It is meant to be a quick check into your spiritual life and how you are living out Reach, Teach, Serve in your every day life.

How do I use the RTS Check-Up?

Follow the instructions at the top of the *Reach Teach Serve Spiritual Check-Up*. You will be evaluating the areas of Reach, Teach, Serve in your spiritual life. After completing the Check-Up, add up the total results in each individual category as well as the overall total. Please take the time to evaluate yourself honestly. Once you have completed the Check-Up, you may want to share the results with your Home Fellowship or someone you trust such as a spouse or mentor. Having an outside opinion of your development can help you get a better overall picture of where you are. You can also celebrate success and lean on them for the times that you struggle.

CCC would also like to have an anonymous copy of your check-up, and we have provided a second copy subtitled "copy to return" to which we ask that you duplicate your answers. We are interested in evaluating our effectiveness in fostering spiritual growth as well as fulfilling our vision of Reach, Teach, Serve. You can turn a church copy in to the church office or print a copy of the form from our website, www.reachteachserve.org in the resources section. (You may also access our website at www.CiceroChristianChurch.org.) Thank you!

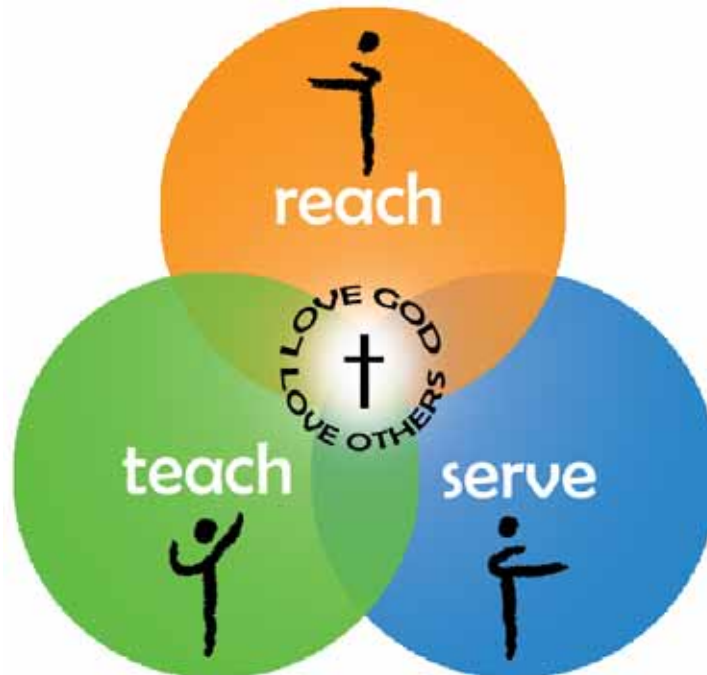
What do I do after completing the Check-Up?

After you have completed the Check-Up and reviewed your results, you should consult the *Overall Assessment* sheet. To improve your results, review suggestions from the *Growth Guide* and the *Resources sheets*. This will help you to know generally where you are currently and what you might need to do to grow spiritually. Again make sure to talk to your Home Fellowship, spouse or mentor about the results. Accountability will certainly help you in your spiritual walk. Be sure to pay attention to the opportunities and suggestions for you at each level. These will show you some ways that you can improve in an area of Reach, Teach, Serve or even your overall spiritual walk.

If you want to explore how you are spiritually gifted in detail, there are gifts inventories developed by Cicero Christian Church as well as links to three detailed surveys in the resource section of our website.

The Reach Teach Serve Filter

One of our goals at CCC is to have everyone make Reach, Teach, Serve (RTS) a part of their lives. In order to help communicate what that might look like, we have a visual aid that will help make the vision of CCC more clear. This is not to be confused with the CCC logo, but to assist you in seeing how RTS can be used in your life as well as the life of the Cicero Christian Church.



- The goal for us is to be like Christ, (the white center with the cross)
- We can be like Christ if we Reach, Teach, Serve. All things that He commanded us to do.
- Each of these areas overlap and run into each other as some activities, programs or actions, etc. may involve more than one of the Reach Teach Serve areas.
- Reach, Teach, Serve should be looked at through the standard of measurement: "Love God and Love Others." This involves the heart and passion that we are to show in whatever we do for the Lord.
- **REACH** means to reach out to our community, reach up to God in worship and reach in for personal reflection.
- **TEACH** means that we first are willing to be taught and then that we can teach others about Christ.
- **SERVE** means that we serve God and we serve other people.

Reach Teach Serve Spiritual Check-Up

Personal Copy



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Please answer accordingly: 1 = Never, 2 = Rarely, 3 = Sometimes, 4 = Often, 5 = Always

reach

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reach total

teach

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● I have a growing relationship with God through regular time in the Bible and in prayer, (spiritual habits)	1	2	3	4	5	
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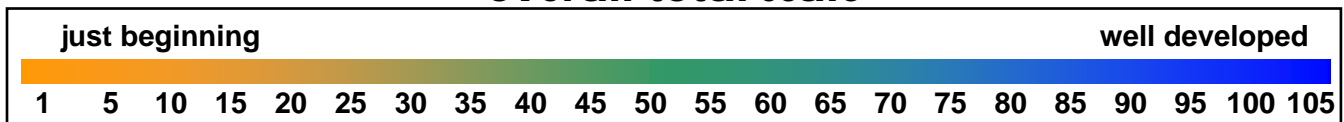
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● I have discovered I am developing my unique God-given gifts & abilities for ministry	1	2	3	4	5	
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Overall Assessment for the RTS Check-Up

Thank you for taking the time to complete your RTS Check-Up. Please take a moment to consider your results and review some recommendations to help you grow and to be challenged. As you look at your level, make sure to look at the level above and below your score total as there might be one that applies better to your current situation.

<h2>21-42</h2>	<p>As a Christian in the earlier stages of your development, having a mentor or being a part of a Home Fellowship will be key. Consider meeting with someone on a regular basis, (once a week to 2-4 times a month). This coaching will help you to grow strong roots in the faith as they encourage you.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend worship regularly and get plugged into a Sunday School class or Community Gathering. 2. Find a Home Fellowship and/or a spiritual mentor. 3. Spend at least 10 minutes per day in Bible study and prayer. 4. Take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment and talk about it with you Home Fellowship or mentor. 5. Volunteer in a ministry that suits you based on your Spiritual Gifts Assessment. 6. Attend CCC's New Members Class
<h2>43-64</h2>	<p>At this stage of your walk you probably have a desire to grow more in your walk with Christ but aren't exactly sure how. You should seek to strengthen your accountability with your Home Fellowship and mentor. Try to be more honest and vulnerable. Using your spiritual gifts and interests, look for things that will help you grow.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take notes on the sermon and in your class to talk over with your mentor or Home fellowship. 2. Find 15 minutes a day to devote to Bible study and to prayer. Focus on what God wants you to learn from the Scriptures; start journaling. 3. Make sure you are taking Sunday School classes that challenge you in your weak RTS area. 4. Consider co-leading a Home Fellowship group, or assist in a ministry area at CCC. 5. Start to read materials on spiritual development in areas you and your mentor feel you have need. See www.reachteachserve.org for a reading list.
<h2>65-86</h2>	<p>You have probably established some spiritual habits and are beginning to understand your unique identity in Christ. As you continue to dig deeper in your relationship with Christ, start to assess what calling the Lord has placed on your heart for service in His Kingdom. What ministry would you be interested in leading someday? You should also find an internal ability to challenge yourself toward reading and growing more.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start to co-lead a Home Fellowship, teach a class or Bible study. 2. Spend time praying with your mentor about how to develop your leadership abilities in your specific area of giftedness. 3. Study God's Word and be diligent in prayer at least 20 minutes each day. Think about journaling your daily prayer concerns and lessons from Scripture. 4. Develop relationships with those around you who need to establish a personal relationship with Jesus. In your prayer time consider what you can do to encourage their growth.
<h2>87-105</h2>	<p>At this stage of your life it is vitally important that you are using your Christian faith and maturity to challenge others to grow. If you are not currently leading a Home Fellowship, or teaching a class, the leadership at CCC strongly suggests that you serve in some capacity. In order for the Kingdom of God to advance, we need strong leaders and faithfully mature men and women to help disciple and mentor others. If you are currently leading a ministry team or teaching a class, make sure you are intentionally developing a person in leadership within that setting.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as a mentor to a newer Christian. 2. Become a Home Fellowship leader and/or a teacher in Christian Education. 3. Spend time challenging others around you to grow in Christ and their leadership both inside and outside the church. 4. Explore coaching or leading a ministry team at CCC.

Reach Teach Serve Growth Guide

Take a look at what your totals are for each individual category of Reach Teach and Serve. Use the totals to help you see what you might need to do to help you improve in that area. If you are doing something already in that area, you may consider reading the next level to find something that might fit your situation better.

just beginning	reach	teach	serve
7-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite unchurched friends or family to church • Invite friends and family to Home Fellowship • Share how your life is changing with friends and family • Participate in a KIP Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend worship weekly • Begin to read the Bible consistently • Attend a Home Fellowship • Attend a Christian Education session on Sunday or Wednesday evening • Start to work on your prayer life 10 minutes a day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a Spiritual gifts assessment (through our website) • Serve in some basic areas of church ministry, such as server, greeter, usher, Noah's Park Children's ministry, etc • Participate in a KIP Project
14-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start building relationships with non-Christian friends, neighbors and co-workers • Share personal growth with friends and Home Fellowship members to help them in their journey • Participate in a KIP Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take notes during worship weekly • Discuss lessons with Home Fellowship members, and others • Build on your personal prayer time (15 minutes) • Try praying out loud in a group setting • Attend a Christian Education session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve yourself in a second ministry area of interest • Take a responsibility in your Home Fellowship such as prayer leader, or host • Participate in a KIP Project
21-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a mentor for a Home Fellowship member • Start a Home Fellowship in your neighborhood • Start a Bible study with some co-workers • Help to start or assist in running a KIP Project • Participate in a KIP Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on daily application of sermon and lessons • Be a co-leader or apprentice in your Home Fellowship • Try teaching a lesson in Home Fellowship • Consistent prayer time (30 minutes a day) • Read through the Bible • Teach a class • Read Christian study materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be involved in multiple ministry areas at CCC • Serve on a ministry team • Look for areas of service in the community in which to be involved • Participate in a KIP Project
28-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee a KIP Project • Lead a Home Fellowship • Be open about your faith in your place of employment and lead others to Christ • Have an active role in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for ways to worship daily • Bible verses are a part of your every day life and language • When needs arise, you instantly turn to prayer • Read a variety of Christian study materials • Teach a class • Lead a Home Fellowship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead a church ministry area. • Lead a Home Fellowship. • Have a strong connection with a service organization in the community • Lead a KIP Project
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Reach Teach Serve Resources

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