

STAFF THEOLOGY QUESTIONNAIRE

WellSpring Christian Church

Name _____

Instructions: After reading the question, Check the answer (or write in the answer) that best resembles your current thinking.

1. Which of the following best resembles your current thoughts about Jesus?

I believe Jesus is fully God and fully human; though tempted, He lived a completely sinless life; and is the clearest image of God the world has ever seen.

I believe Jesus is divine and yet also lived as a man; He made mistakes and had human struggles like all people have.

I believe Jesus is a child of God, like all people, and like many other great spiritual teachers, He taught people a lot about God.

I believe that Jesus is a man with amazing influence, but never imagined He was God.

I'm not sure what I believe about Jesus.

Other: _____

2. Which of the following best describes your current thoughts about the Bible?

I believe the Bible is not necessarily a holy book, but another document of its times. It is primarily about man's search for God.

I believe the Bible was given to us by God and is without error.

I believe that some of the Bible is legend, rather than history and that some teaching, in the early parts, are modified in the later parts of the Old Testament prophets, and both are significantly modified and developed in the New Testament.

I believe the Bible is from God, but it was written to people in a different time in history; so, the parts that don't fit our cultural context can be disregarded.

I'm not sure what I believe about the Bible.

Other: _____

3. Which of the following best characterizes your current thoughts about the nature and revelation of God?

I believe God is a Trinity, three Persons in One (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), and is uniquely understood and worshipped by Christians.

I believe God is only one God and not a Trinity, and although not understood equally by all faiths, is ultimately worshipped by all those who believe in one true God.

I believe God is revealed to all people in a way they can understand through all the religions, world views, and spiritual perspectives shaped across the world. Everyone is essentially worshipping the same God – they just don't know Him like Christians do.

I'm not sure what I believe about God.

Other: _____

4. Which of the following best resembles your best understanding of the creation stories in the Bible?

I believe God created everything in seven literal days.

I believe God created everything over longer periods of time (or eras), but not just seven literal days.

I believe God used evolution to create all that we see, including humans.

I believe the creation story is a spiritual story about the state of humanity but does not represent actual events.

I do not believe we can know for sure about the specifics of creation.

I'm not sure what I believe about creation.

Other: _____

5. Which of the following best describes your thoughts about the resurrection of Jesus?

I believe Jesus was resurrected in a physical body after being dead three days.

I believe Jesus was resurrected in a spiritual body after being dead three days.

I believe Jesus' resurrection is a story of hope, but he did not actually rise from the dead.

I'm not sure what I believe about the resurrection of Jesus.

Other: _____

6. Which of the following best describes your understanding of God's sovereignty and the free will that people have?

I believe God has elected/chosen some to salvation and some to eternal separation for His glory.

I believe God must regenerate the heart before a person can respond with a free will decision to follow Jesus.

I believe that humans have free will and they must choose to respond to God's invitation of salvation.

I believe that God's sovereign election and human free will co-exist together and this is a mystery that cannot be ultimately explained by theology.

I don't know what I believe about the relationship between God's sovereignty and free will.

Other: _____

7. Which of the following most closely resembles your current understanding of God's plan for men and women serving together in ministry?

I believe God created men and women to complement each other through serving in different roles within the church and family, particularly as men give spiritual leadership in both church and family and women play supportive roles to that leadership.

I believe God created men and women to be egalitarian in their roles, where men and women serve in leadership equally according to their gifts and abilities.

I believe both complementary and egalitarian approaches to gender roles can be used by God but should be defined by cultural context and with consideration for what best advances the Gospel.

I believe both complementary and egalitarian approaches to gender roles are legitimate approaches and should be decided upon by each person or couple based on their own convictions.

I believe God created men and women to complement each other through humility and service. While men and women both provide spiritual leadership to the church, God has reserved a few select roles for men – elder and senior minister/pastor.

I'm not sure what I believe about gender roles in the church.

Other: _____

8. Which of the following most closely resembles your current understanding of marriage?

I believe marriage is a covenant relationship between one man and one woman, and those who see this issue differently put their salvation at risk.

I believe marriage is a covenant relationship between one man and one woman but recognize there are faithful followers of Jesus who affirm same-sex marriage based on a different understanding of the Bible than I have.

I believe marriage is a covenant between two committed people regardless of their gender, and those who see this issue differently likely struggle with bigotry and homophobia.

I believe marriage is a covenant relationship between one man and one woman, and those who see this issue differently are not fully aligned with Scripture.

I believe marriage is a covenant of two committed people regardless of their genders but recognize there are faithful followers of Jesus who affirm a traditional view of marriage based on a different understanding of the Bible than I have.

I do not know what I believe about marriage.

Other: _____

9. Which of the following most closely resembles your current understanding of divorce?

I believe divorce is never acceptable to God.

I believe divorce is only acceptable to God if there is adultery.

I believe divorce is only acceptable to God if there is adultery, abuse, and/or abandonment.

I believe divorce is acceptable to God if the marriage has failed and there is no hope of true reconciliation.

I believe divorce is not God's best, but it does happen, and we need to show people grace regardless of their reasons.

I'm not sure what I believe about divorce.

Other: _____

10. Which of the following most closely resembles your current understanding of baptism?

I have been baptized by immersion and I believe baptism is essential for salvation.

I have been baptized by immersion and I believe that baptism is an act of obedience after someone has been saved.

I was sprinkled as a child and have considered choosing to be immersed.

I was sprinkled as a child and am not considering immersion.

I have never been baptized.

I am not sure what I believe about baptism.

Other: _____
