

CASE STUDY 2: Tools for Spiritual Growth

As you continue to consult with the church, you find a tool that might be of some help in guiding members of the congregation to grow spiritually. You run them through the tool and everyone is enthusiastic about finding something that would help people pinpoint their own growth needs and help them to take next steps based on what they discover. You have some people who don't like tests and believe that any tools that assess spiritual maturity are dangerous and will just cause problems in the church. They believe that spiritual growth should be organic and natural and is not something that any tool could measure. You have another group who does want to use the assessment but struggles with how this could be done in the context of their church situation. They are looking to you to explain why the tool should be used and how they could get the most out of using it.

1. How would you address the concerns of those who thought the tool was dangerous?
2. How would connect the tool to what the church is already doing? How would it relate to their mission of a passion for Christ, a passion for people, a passion for the world?
3. In what ways could this tool be helpful to the spiritual growth of an individual? In a group context? In the greater church context?