

# Spiritual Walk Summary

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This part of the SJCC Comprehensive Health and Minister Search Survey gives a snapshot of member's spiritual walk and how we practice our faith. This section will also show some of the core beliefs we share.

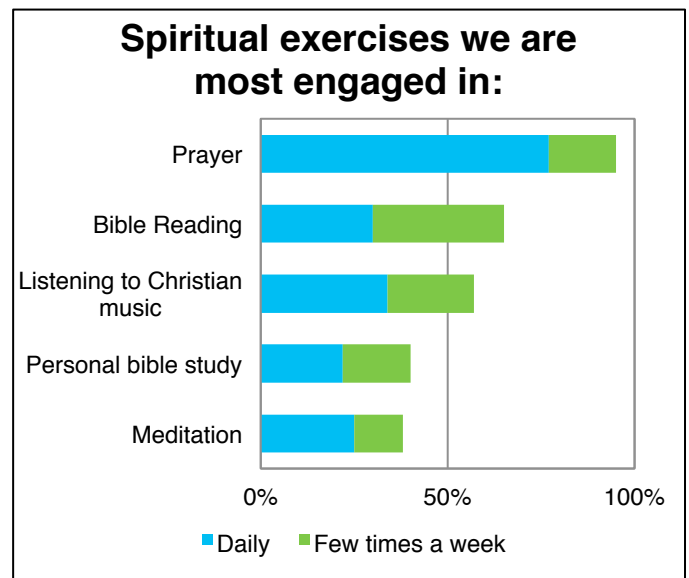
## Spiritual Background

San Jose has a strong Christian upbringing with 85% being raised in a Christian home and 67% attended a Church of Christ. Other denominational backgrounds include Baptist (9%), Methodist (6%), Roman Catholic (4%) and a few others. 72% were baptized in their teenage years and 99% of respondents were baptized believers.

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## Faith in Action

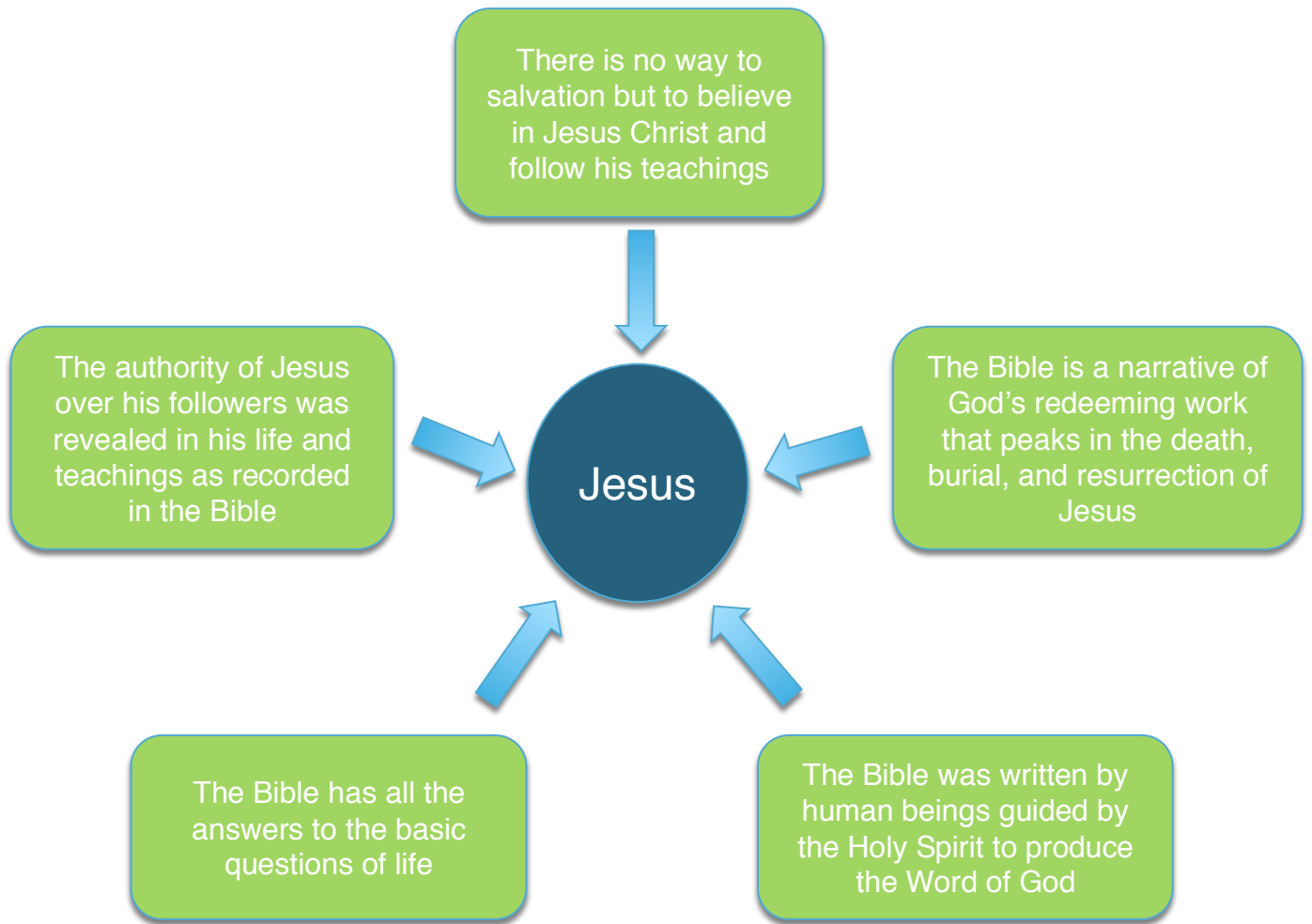
As followers of Christ we are called to help the poor or those who need help. 62% state they are volunteering their time in service to others at least monthly or as often as a few times a week. Another important aspect of our faith is to share the Good News with others. 65% responded they are giving testimony of their faith at least monthly with 24% doing it on a weekly basis.

Other ways we practice our faith outside church services:

- 7% of us meet in small groups a few times a week, 25% once a week, and 14% a few times a month
- Although San Jose supports a wonderful mission in Nicaragua only a small percentage are going on short-term mission trips. 1% go on a mission trip a few times a year, 8% once a year, 3% once in the last two years, 8% once in last five years, and 79% have not in the last five years.

## Core Beliefs

Jesus Christ is at the center of San Jose's core beliefs, as we believe he is our way to God. Collectively we have a strong faith as 93% of members say people who don't go to church with them know they take their Christian faith seriously. Moreover, 76% of members do not find it difficult to live out their faith outside the church walls.



## Summary

Predominantly, the members at San Jose Church of Christ have a solid background of Christian faith. This provides great stability as well as depth of knowledge and faith in God. God's mission for us is to use that great depth to reach out and spread His good news with the lost souls in our community and the world. Our church is already working to put our faith into action through global mission work and local service. Our goal should always be to share God's love with those around us and, in doing so, bring more people into relationship with Him. We should also continue to strengthen and grow each other's faith by meeting together regularly as a congregation and in small groups. Connecting to God in prayer, reading of His word, and meditation will also help to deepen our relationship with Him. Finally, praising and worshipping our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, by the way we live should be part of who we are.