

INFORMED CONSENT FORM



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You are being asked to participate in a research study. Before you give your consent to volunteer, it is important that you read the following information and ask as many questions as necessary to be sure you understand what you will be asked to do.

Investigator

The investigator for this research study is Dexter Lane Simpson. Dexter holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Divinity degree from Samford University. He serves as Campus Minister at Florence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Florence, Kentucky. His faculty advisor is Dr. Karen Massey.

Dexter Simpson's work address is 300 Main Street, Florence, KY, 41042. His cell phone number is (513) 288-3990.

Purpose of the Research

This research study is designed to categorize Christians according to their relationship with God. The data will then be used to determine which category from the Great Commandment best describes Florence Christian Church: heart, soul, mind, or strength.

Information will aid in the completion of a doctoral thesis by Dexter Lane Simpson by providing him with valuable information about the church.

If you agree to answer the Faith Individuality Type Inventory, you will be asked to answer a set of thirty-four questions regarding your understanding of your relationship with God. **Your participation will take approximately fifteen minutes.**

Potential Risks or Discomforts

There are no foreseeable risks associated with the study.

Potential Benefits of the Research

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By participating in this research study, respondents take an active role in shaping the ministry of Florence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Participants will have an opportunity to provide valuable information regarding their personal life in Christ. This will allow the ministries of the church to improve, thereby ensuring the overall health of the congregation's faith.

Confidentiality and Data Storage

All information obtained will be held in strict confidentiality. The findings in this study may be published but your information will not be revealed. All records will be kept in a locked file by the researcher for three years. The only record maintained by the school will be the bound Project Thesis.

Incentives to Participate

No incentives will be offered to participants.

Participation and Withdrawal

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. As a research subject you may refuse to participate at anytime. To withdraw from the study, simply do not answer the Faith Individuality Inventory and do not return it to Dexter Simpson.

Questions about the Research

This project has been approved by Mercer University's Institutional Review Board. If you believe there is any infringement upon your rights as a research subject, you may contact the Chair of the Institutional Review Board at (478) 301-4101.

Do you want your results from this survey? (No one will see these results but Dexter Simpson.)

Yes No

If no, do not return this paper.

If yes, return this paper with your completed inventory and your name on it

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