

You're In My Space! – Week 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

In the second message of the series entitled, *Road Trip*, we will look at biblical examples that will help us understand different personalities.

Discussion Questions

God made us all unique so we can celebrate the differences in our lives. **Proverbs 22:6** says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." In other words, "Train a child up in the way that he or she is wired in their personality and strengths, and when they are old, they will live according to their course."

- How can we benefit from understanding the personality types and strengths of ourselves and others?
- Have you ever mismanaged a relationship because you didn't understand who God created them to be?

Personality refers to the long-standing traits and patterns that propel individuals to consistently think, feel, and behave in specific ways. Personality has been studied for over 2,000 years. Psychologists, psychiatrists, educators, and religious leaders identify four primary types of personalities. The chart below shows the different terms that represent the four personality types.

Description	Biblical Personality DISC system	The Spiritual Temperament by Tim LaHaye & Personality Plus by Florence Littauer	Two Sides of Love by Gary Smalley
Dominant, driver, task-oriented	D	Choleric	Lion
Inspirer, influencer, people-oriented	I	Sanguine	Otter
Stable, steady, people-oriented	S	Phlegmatic	Golden Retriever
Compliant, correct, task-oriented	С	Melancholy	Beaver

Four Personality Types

1. D - <u>Driver</u>

A *Driver* is one who is always moving forward and working to achieve accomplishments. In the Bible, Paul represents this personality. Paul says in **Philippians 3:14**: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

2. I - Influencer

An *Influencer* is one who loves to inspire and influence others. In the Bible, Peter represents this personality by how he influenced others with his words.

3. S-Steady

One who has the *Steady* personality type values people and is loyal in relationships. In the Bible, Barnabas represents this personality type. In **Acts 15**, we see that Barnabas was a steady person and remained true and loyal to John Mark.

4. C - Compliant

One who has the *Compliant* personality type is analytical and fastidious. In the Bible, the Apostle John represents this personality type. **John 13:23** says, "**Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.**" While John was loving, he was also compliant.

- Which personality type do you relate to the most?
- When facing challenges with others, how can knowing their personalities help with resolution?

A Few Things to Remember:

- 1. Appreciate the different personality types in others.
- 2. Continue to grow in Christ's character, regardless of your personality type.
 - How can we actively grow in the character of Christ?

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Life Challenge

By understanding others' personalities, we can begin to celebrate their strengths. This week, seek to understand how God wired those around you, and ask God to reveal how your personality can compliment others'.

Prayer

Thank You, God, for creating us all uniquely and providing each individual with different strengths. Help us to understand those around us and open our hearts to be transformed by You. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.