Young Adult Perspectives After High School Report

Survey of 2,002 Young Adults Who Attended a Protestant Church Regularly in High School



Biblical Solutions for Life

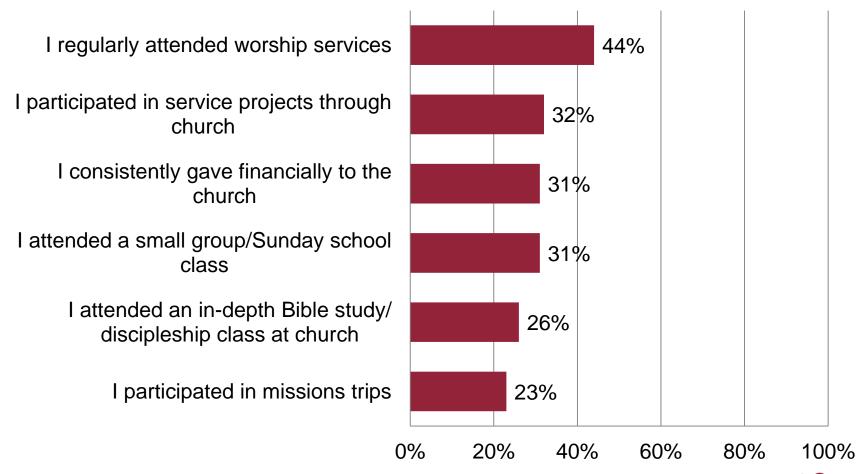
Methodology

- A demographically balanced online panel was used for interviewing American adults between the ages of 23 and 30 years old
- The study was sponsored by LifeWay Students
- The survey was conducted September 15 October 13, 2017
- Slight weights were used to balance gender, ethnicity, education, and region
- The sample was screened to only include those who attended a Protestant church regularly (twice a month or more) for at least a year in high school
- The completed sample is 2,002 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the online panel does not exceed <u>+</u>2.4% (This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting)
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Participation, Commitment, Influences, and Responsibilities Between Ages 18-22

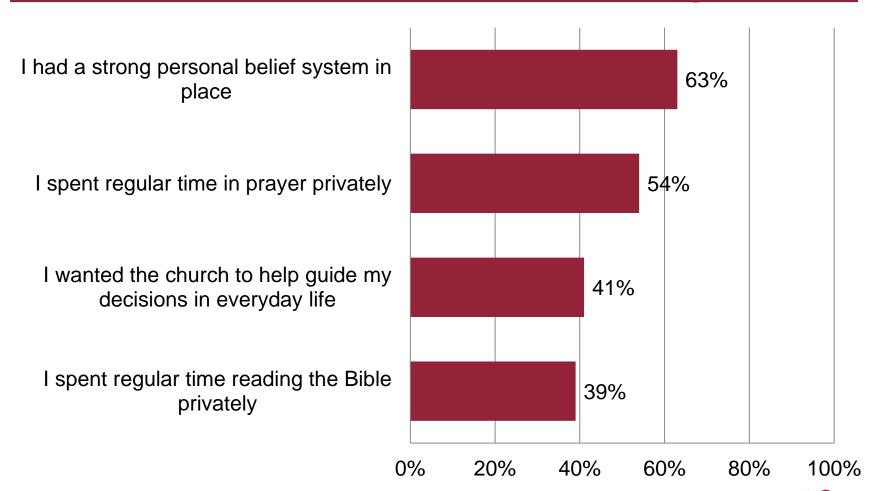


Participation between ages 18-22



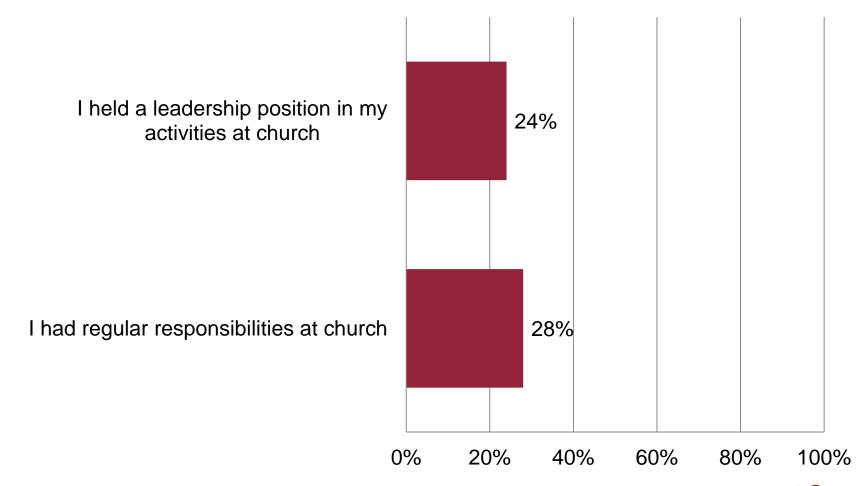


Personal commitment between ages 18-22





Church responsibilities between ages 18-22





Influences between ages 18-22

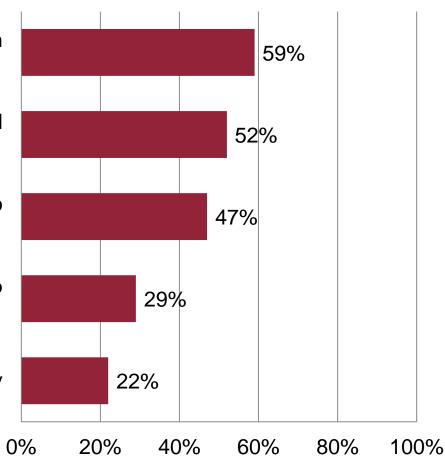
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My parents/guardians provided spiritual guidance

My group of friends respected peers who attended church

An adult spent time with me regularly to help me grow spiritually

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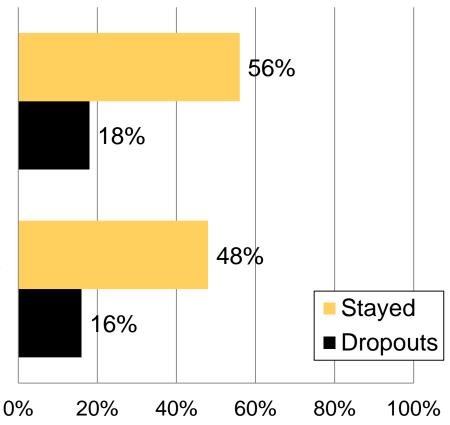
86% I regularly attended worship services 24% 58% I participated in service projects through church 19% 56% I consistently gave financially to the Stayed church 19% ■ Dropouts 38% I participated in mission trips 6% 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



Small community participation between ages 18-22

I attended a small group/Sunday school class

I attended an in-depth Bible study/ discipleship class at church





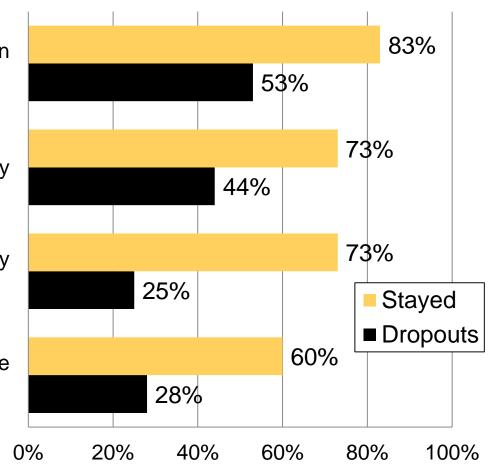
Personal commitment between ages 18-

I had a strong personal belief system in place

I spent regular time in prayer privately

I wanted the church to help guide my decisions in everyday life

I spent regular time reading the Bible privately

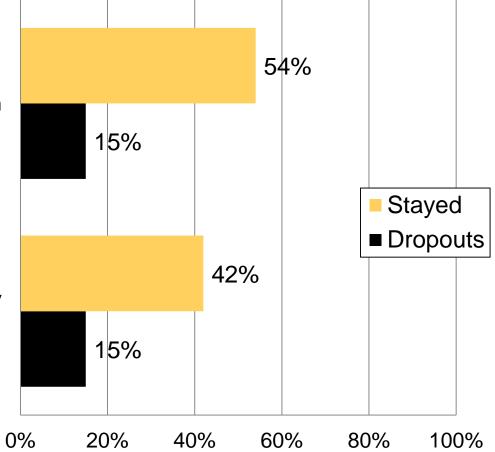




Church responsibilities between ages 18-22

I had regular responsibilities at church

I held a leadership position in my activities at church

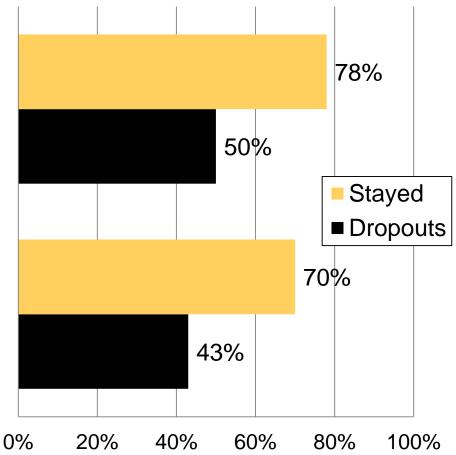




Parent influence between ages 18-22

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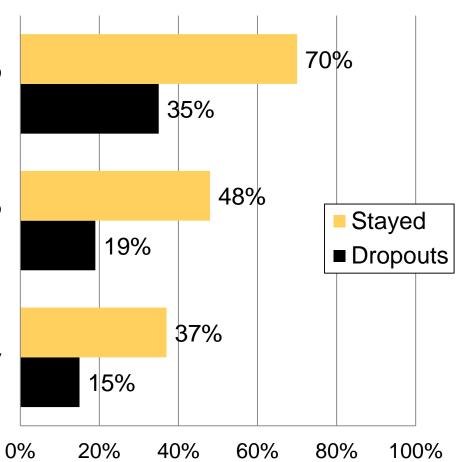


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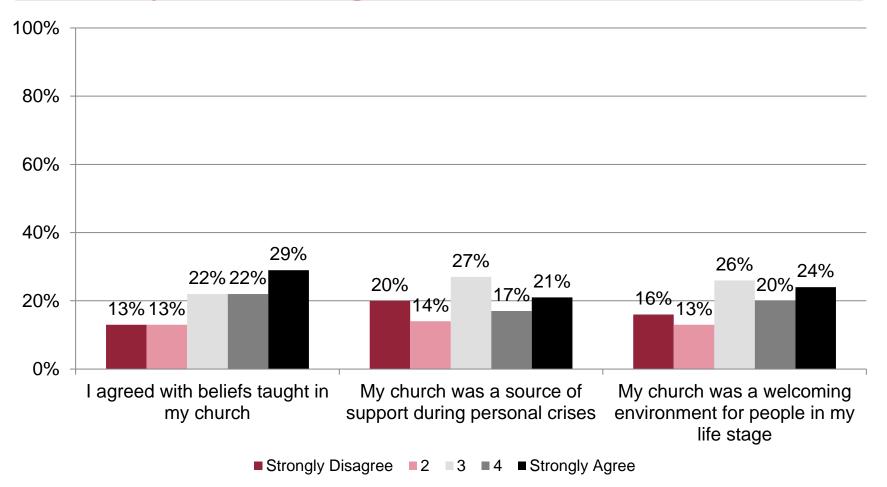
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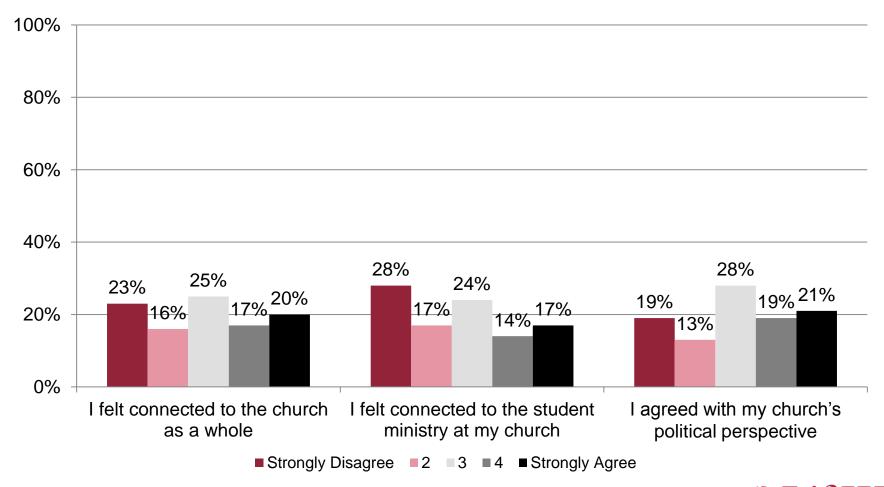


Perceptions of Church They (had) Attended Among 18-22 Year Olds

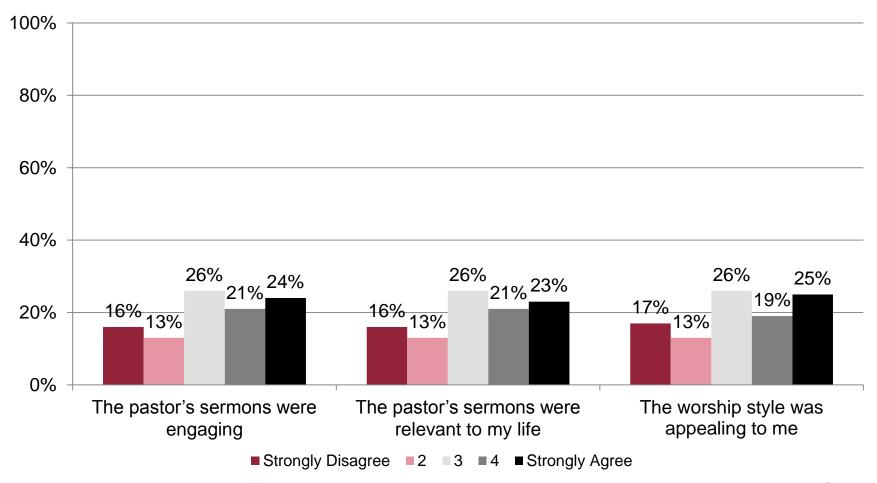


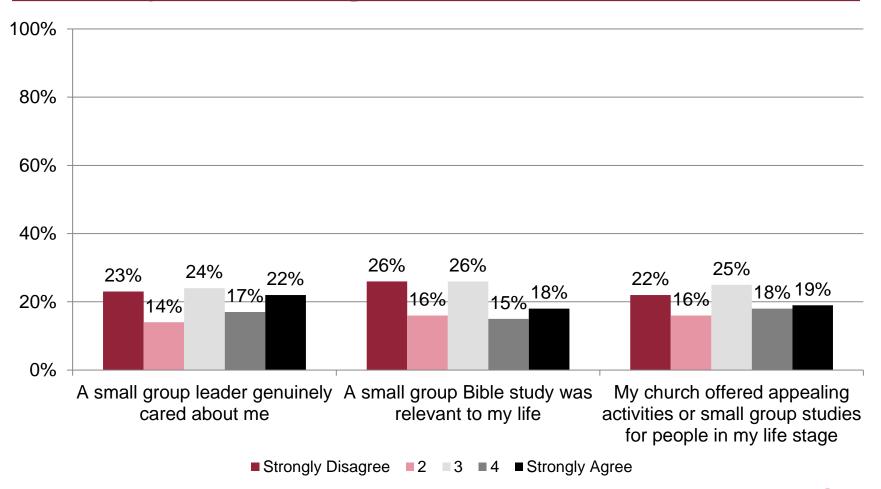




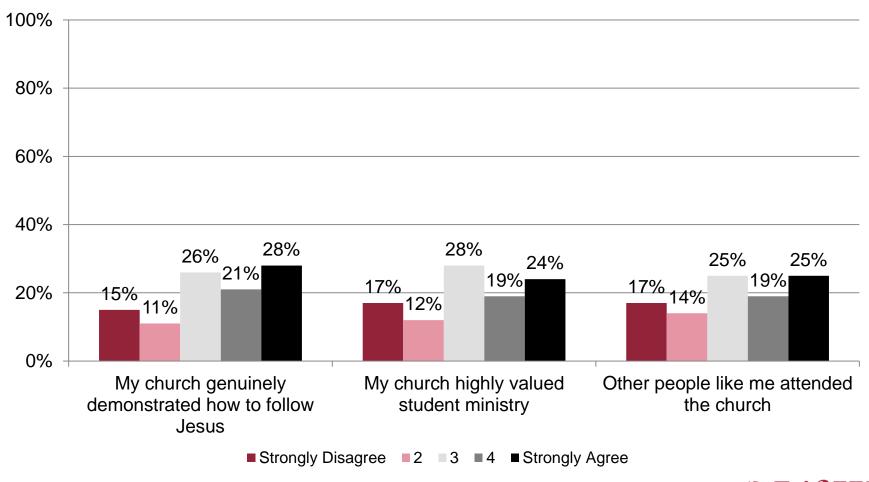




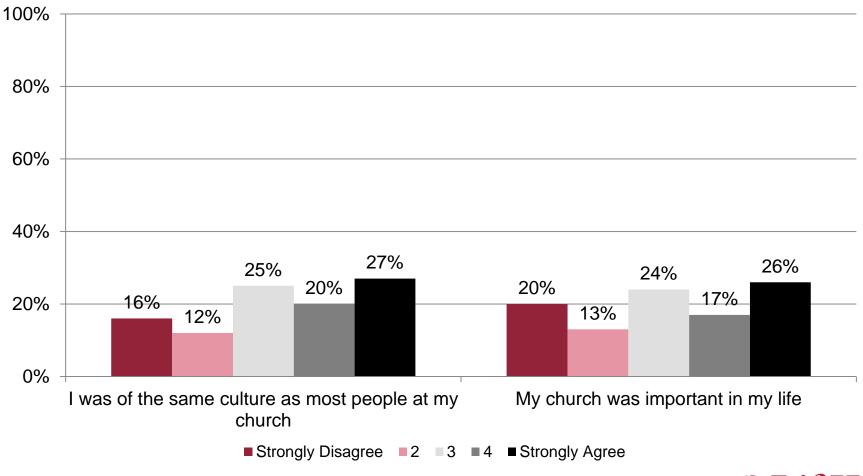














Differences in agreement* about church attended when ages 18-22

I agreed with my church's political perspective

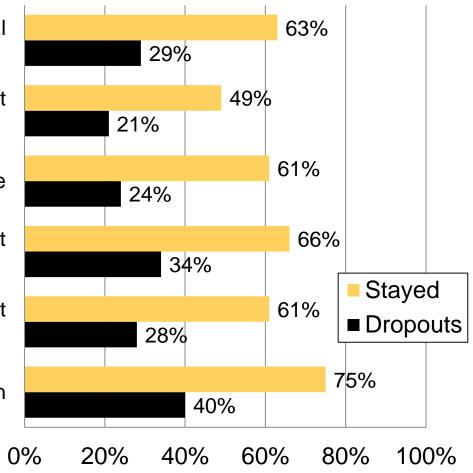
I felt connected to the student ministry at my church

I felt connected to the church as a whole

My church was a welcoming environment for people in my life stage

My church was a source of support during personal crises

I agreed with beliefs taught in my church



*Selected a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale in which 1=Strongly Disagree and 5-Strongly Agree



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My church offered appealing activities or small group studies for people in my life...

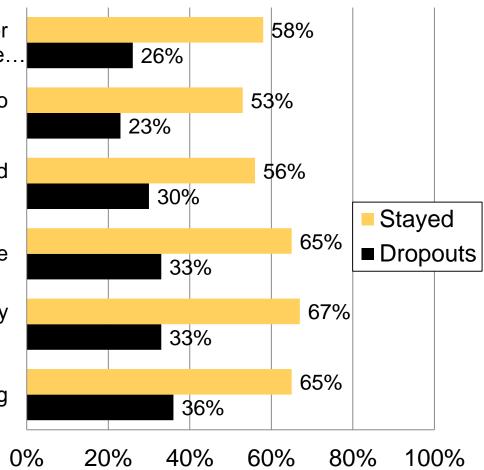
A small group Bible study was relevant to my life

A small group leader genuinely cared about me

The worship style was appealing to me

The pastor's sermons were relevant to my life

The pastor's sermons were engaging



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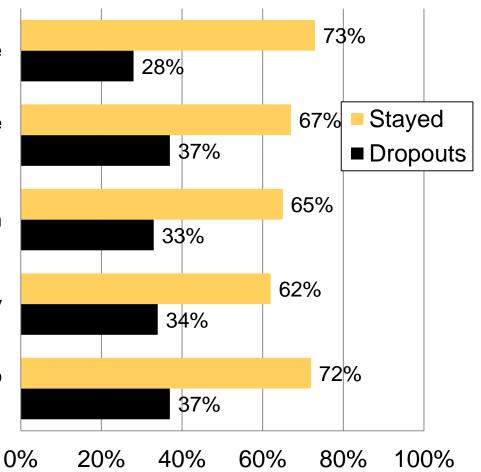
My church was important in my life

I was of the same culture as most people at my church

Other people like me attended the church

My church highly valued student ministry

My church genuinely demonstrated how to follow Jesus



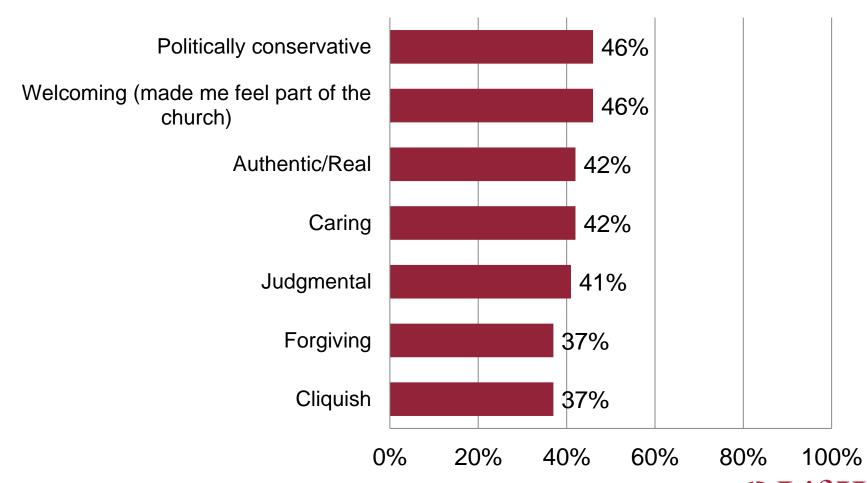
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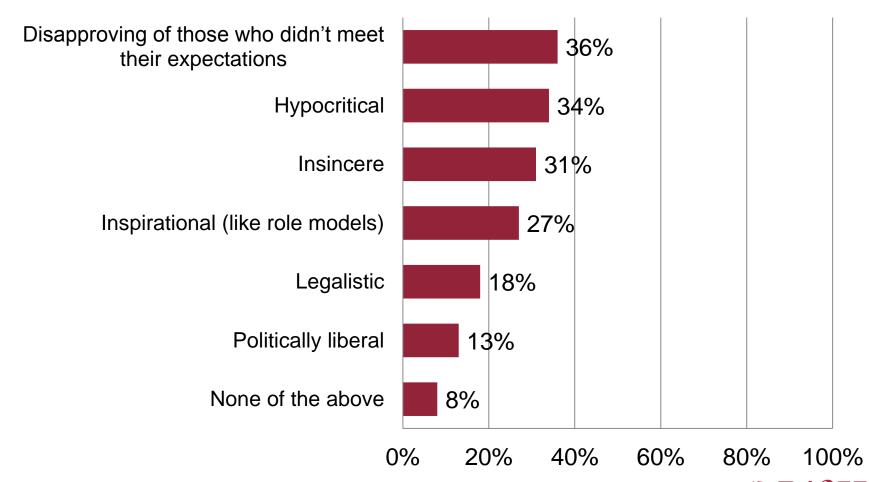
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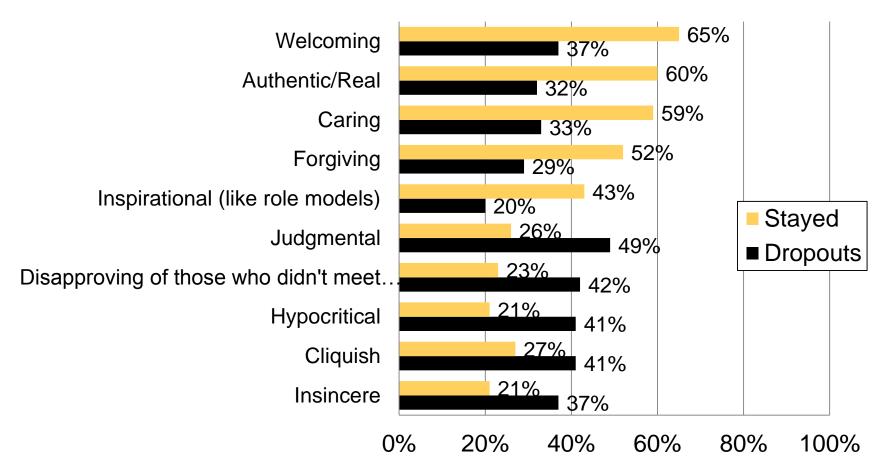
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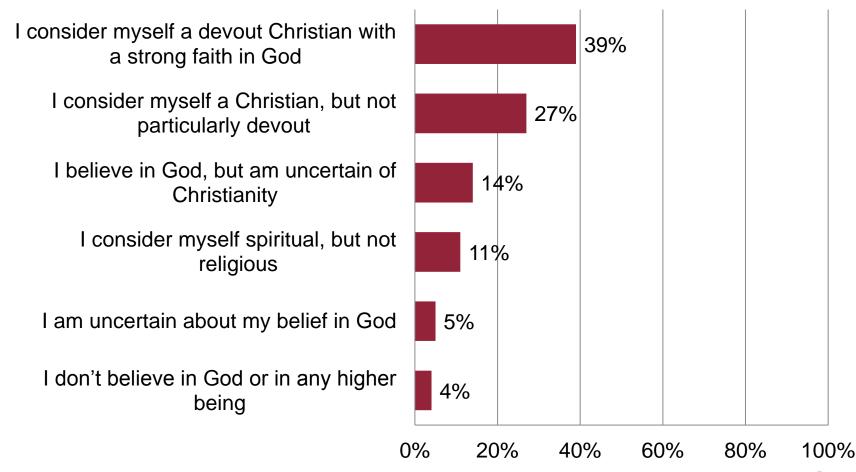
Significant differences in impressions of church members when ages 18-22



The following did not have significant differences: Politically conservative, politically liberal, and legalistic.

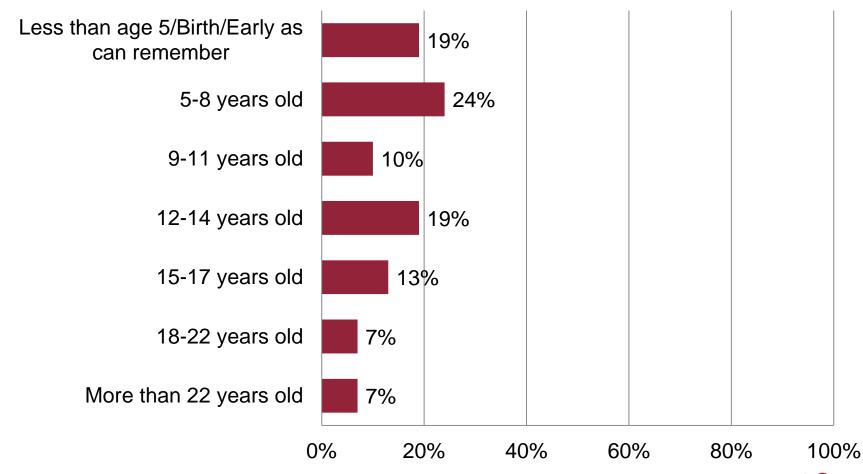


Current beliefs about God





Among those who consider themselves a Christian and know the age they became a Christian, the median age is 10



Current Spiritual Practices and Church Practices

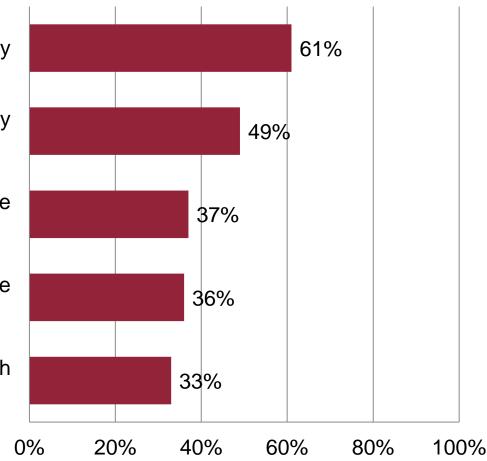
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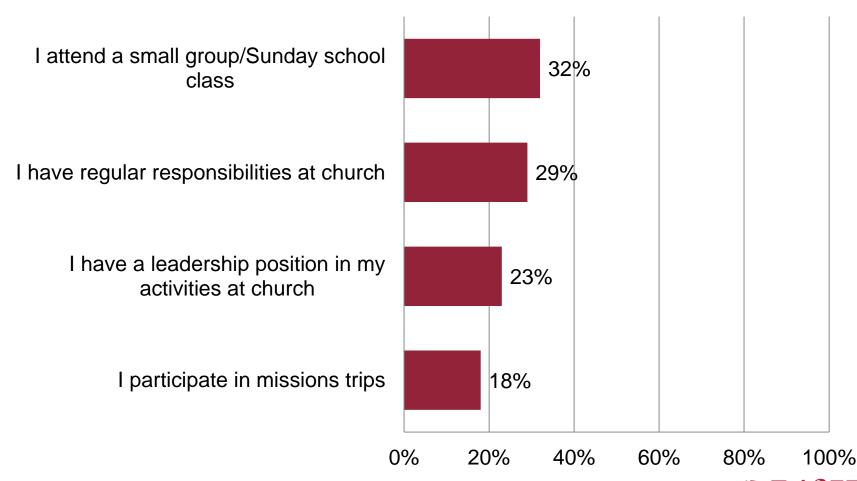
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