

LOST AND FOUND

THE YOUNGER UNCHURCHED
AND THE CHURCHES THAT
REACH THEM

ED STETZER

**"88 percent of evangelical children
are leaving the church shortly after
they graduate from high school"**

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**"Christianity in America won't
survive another decade unless
we do something now."**

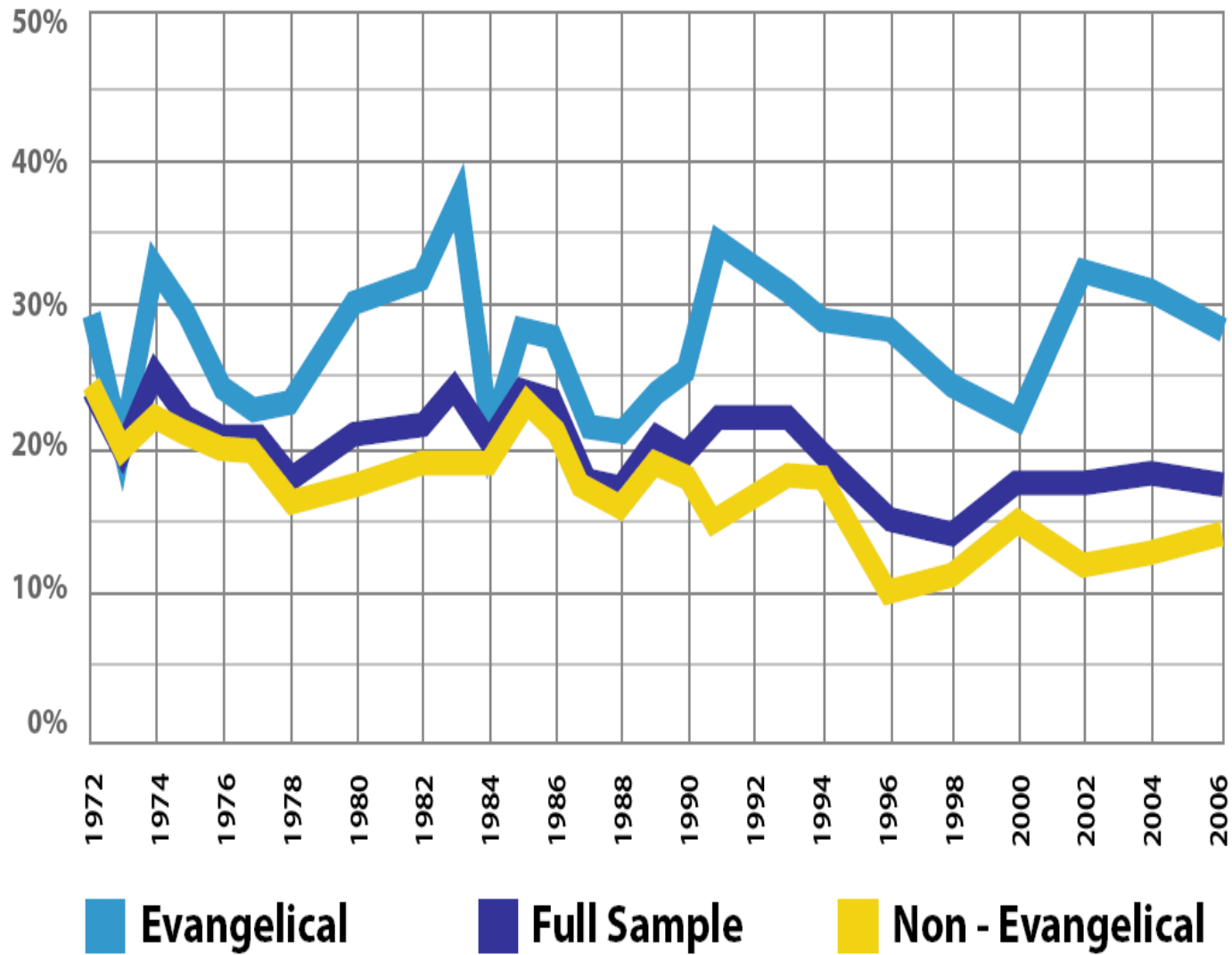
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**“Every year more than 4000
churches close their doors
compared to just over 1000
new church starts.”**

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Source: General Social Survey 1972 to 2006

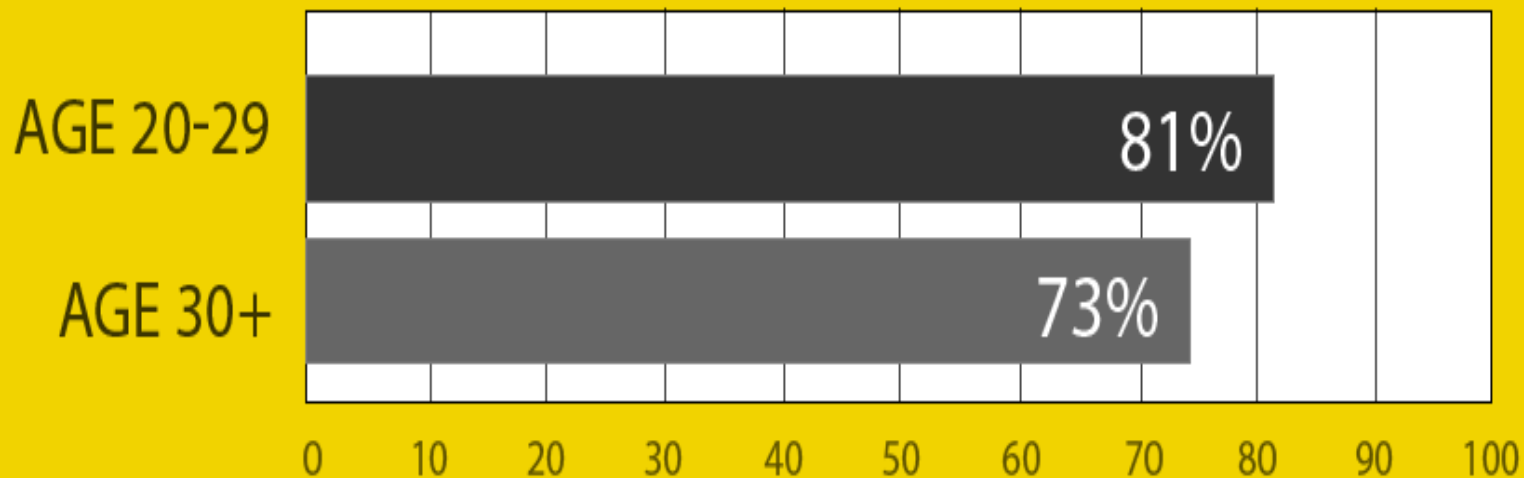
Percentage of 18 to 29 Year Olds Attending Religious Services Weekly



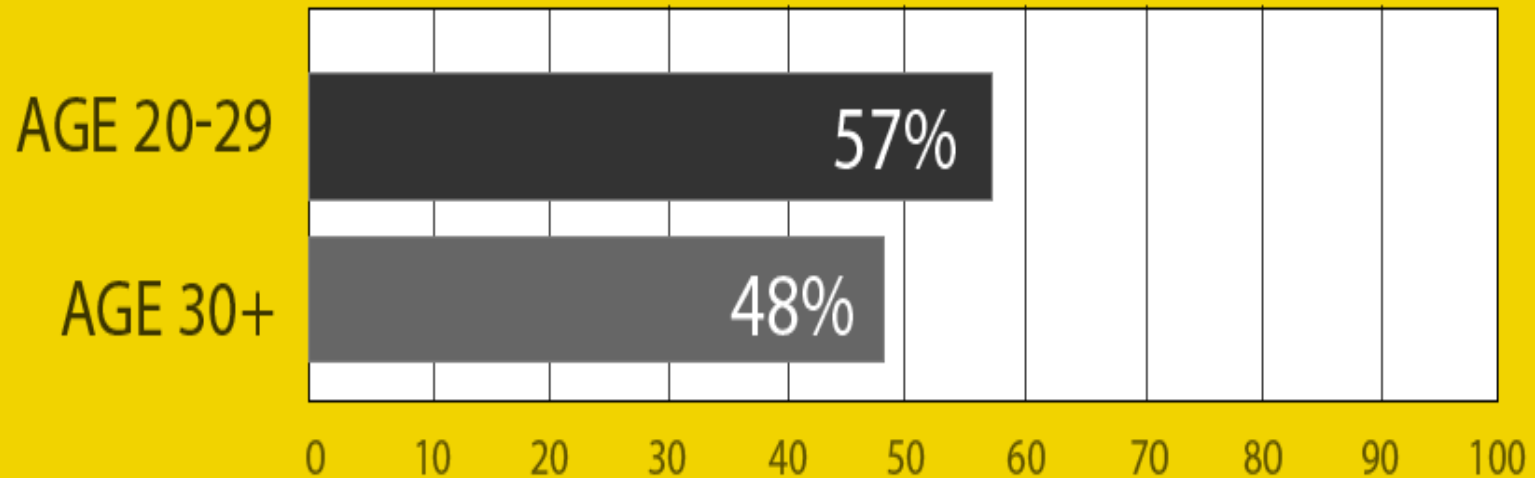
VIEWS OF GOD

(those who somewhat or strongly agree)

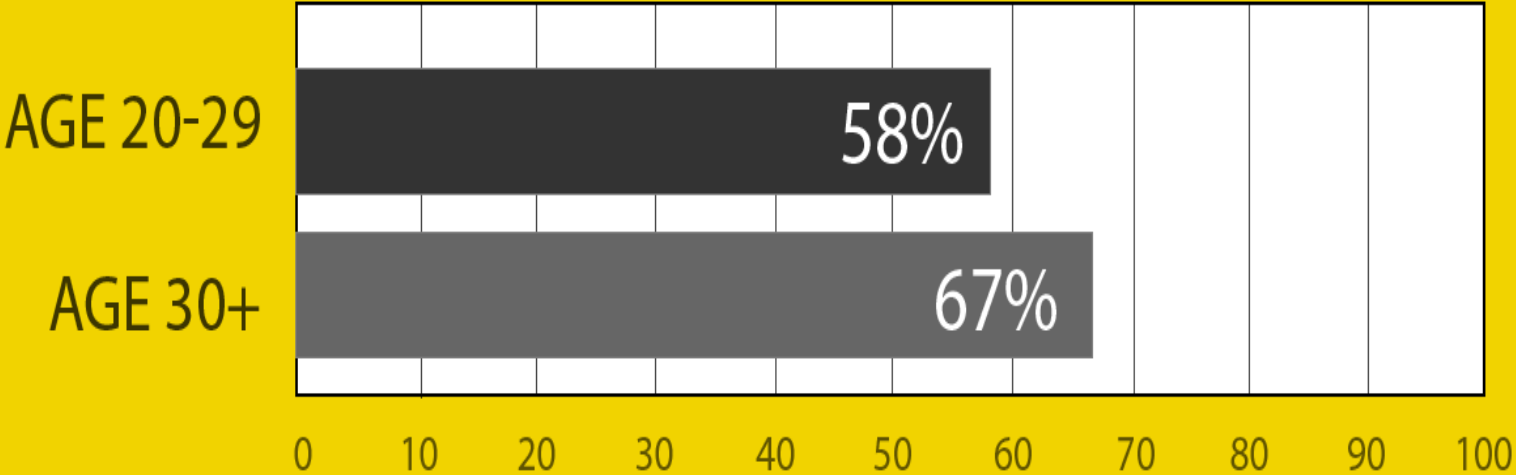
God, a higher or supreme being, actually exists.



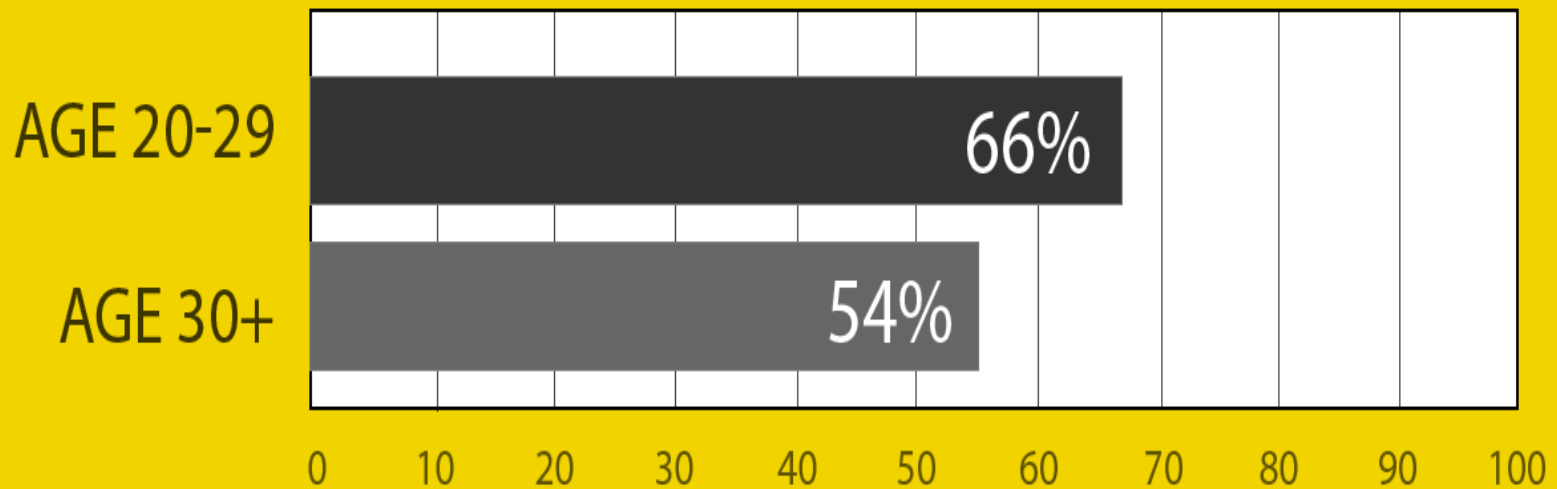
There exists only one God, the God described in the Bible.



The God of the Bible is no different from the gods or spiritual beings depicted by world religions such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.



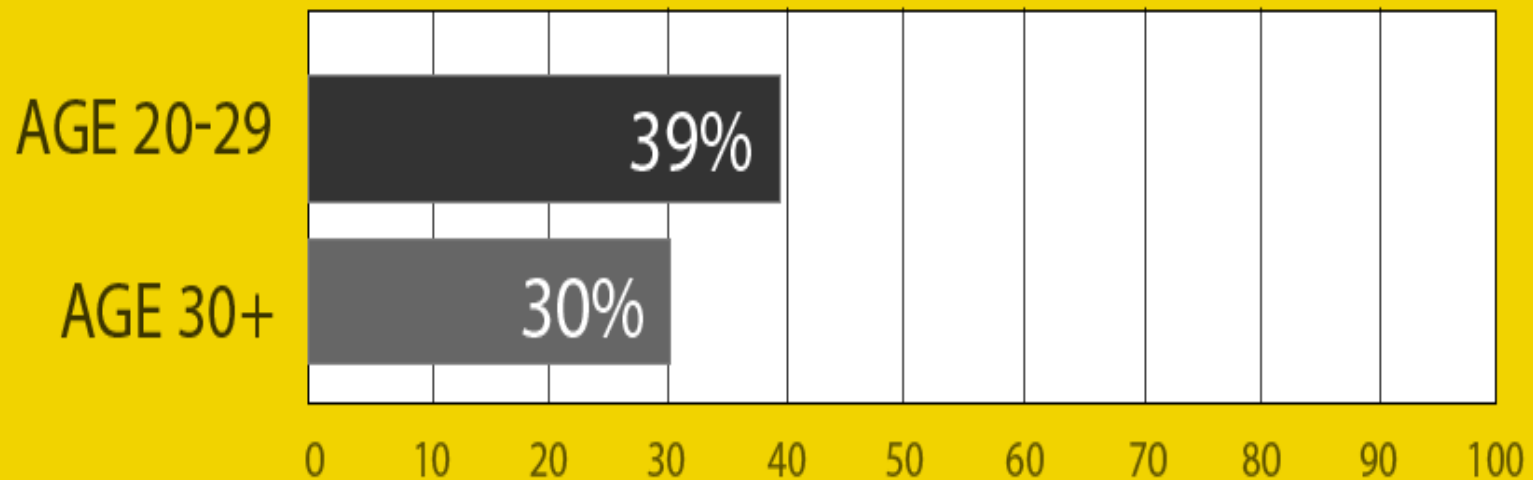
Jesus died and came back to life.



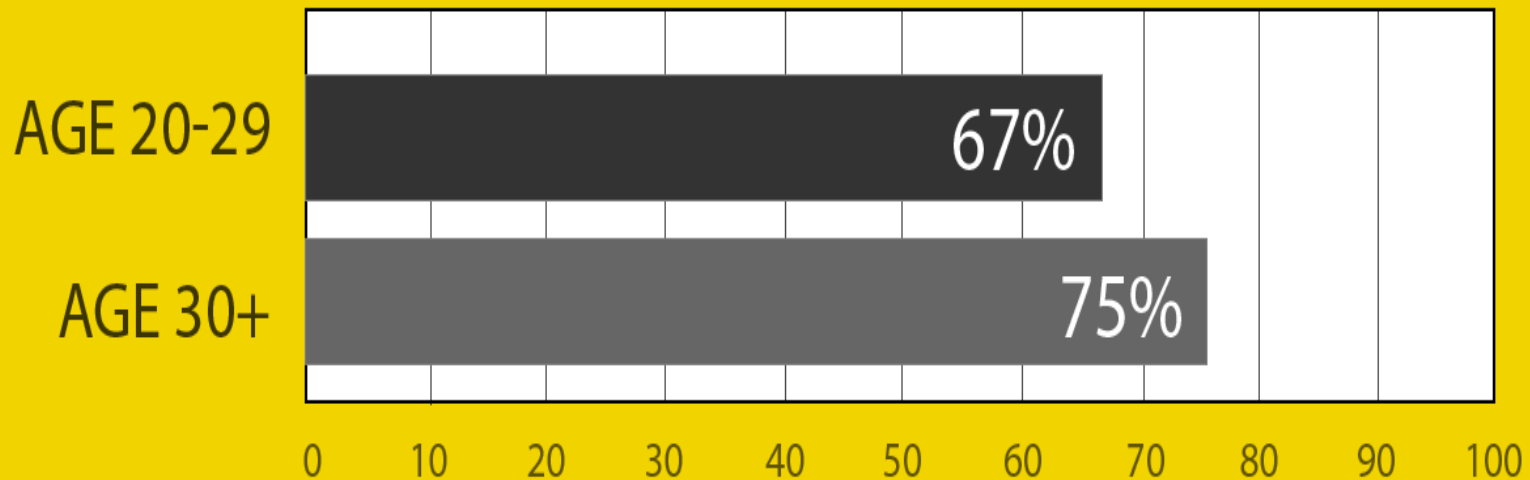
VIEWS OF CHURCH

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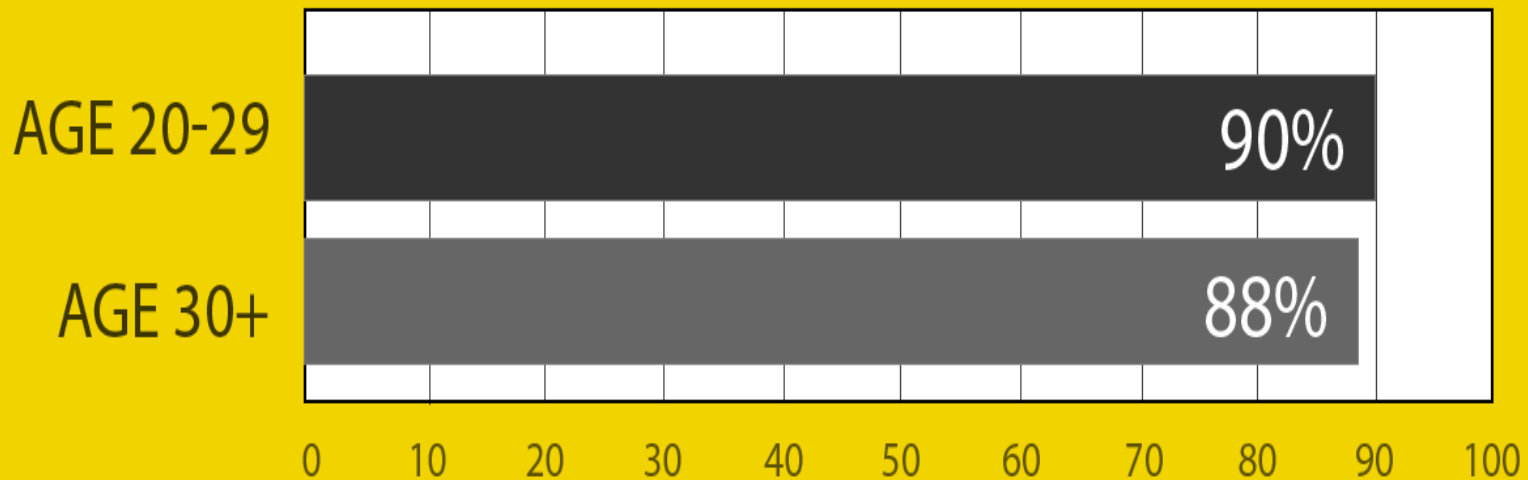
I do not think my lifestyle would be accepted at most Christian churches.



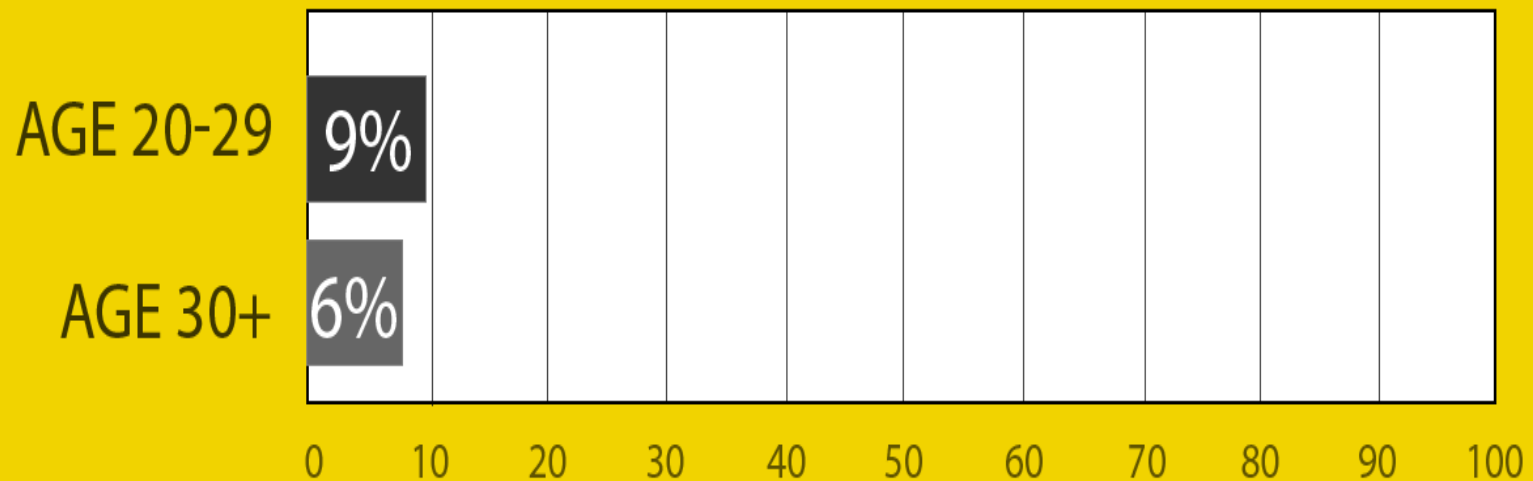
The church is full of hypocrites, people who criticize others for doing the same thing they do themselves.



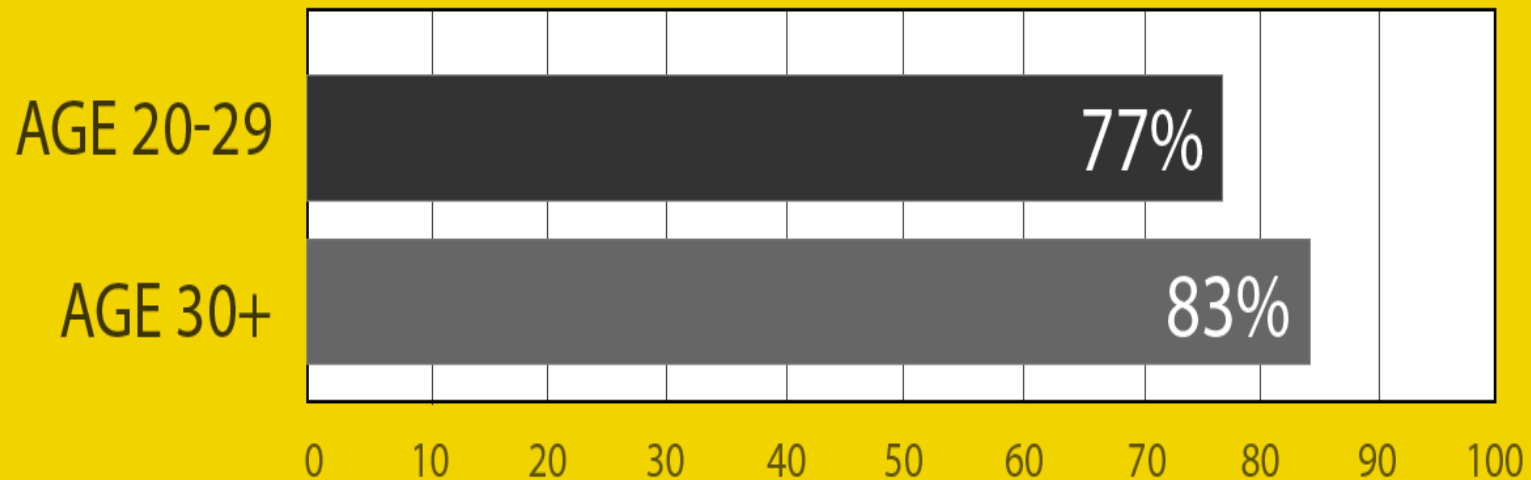
I believe I can have a good relationship with God without being involved in a church.



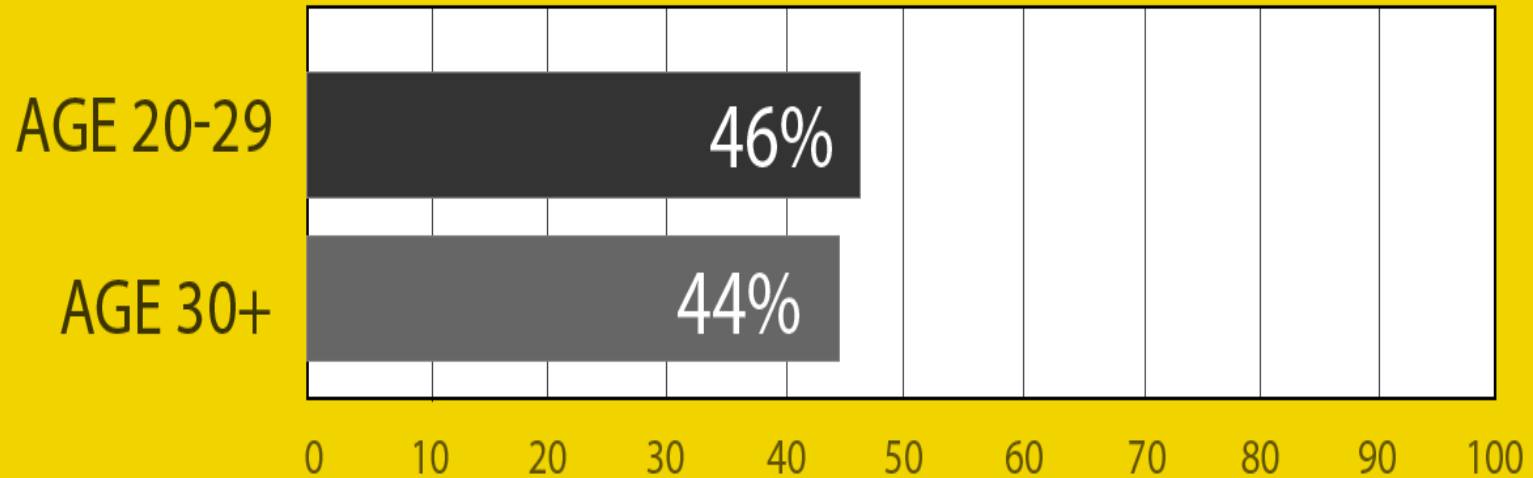
The church is the only place to learn what it means to be a Christian.



I think Christianity today is more about organized religion than about loving God and loving people.



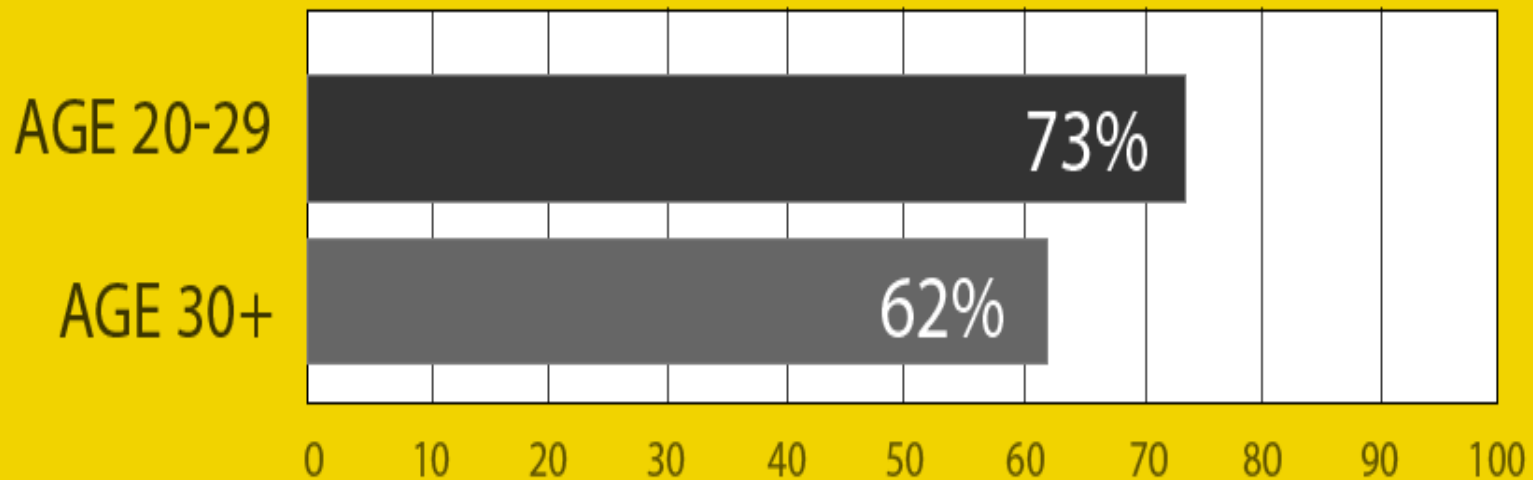
CHRISTIANS GET ON MY NERVES.



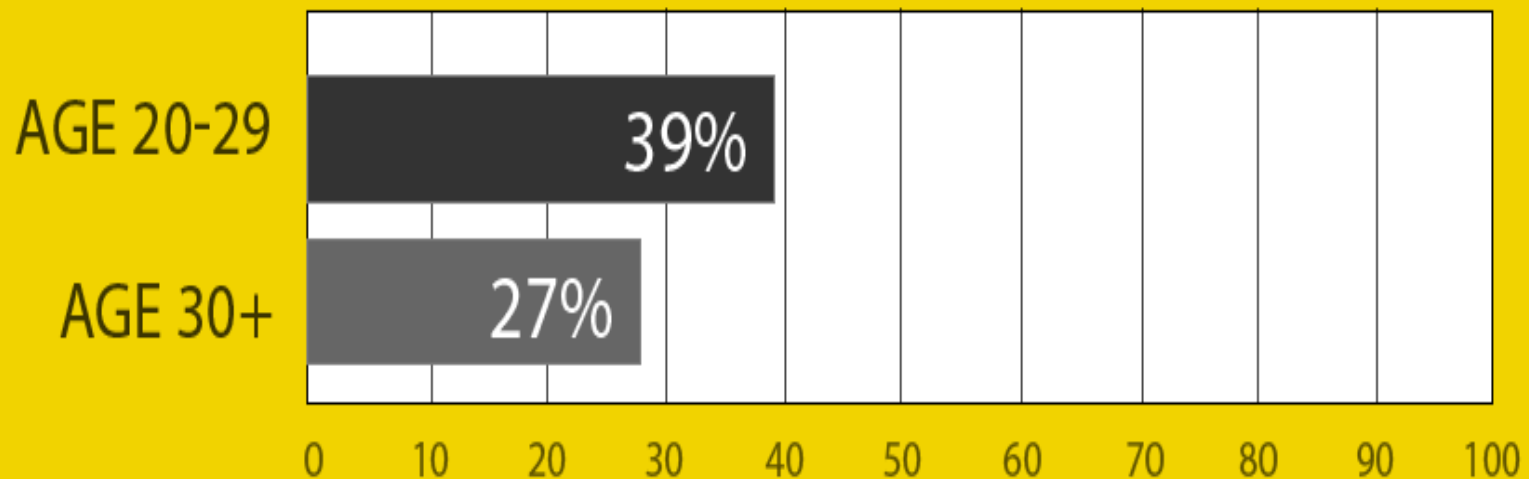
SPIRITUALITY

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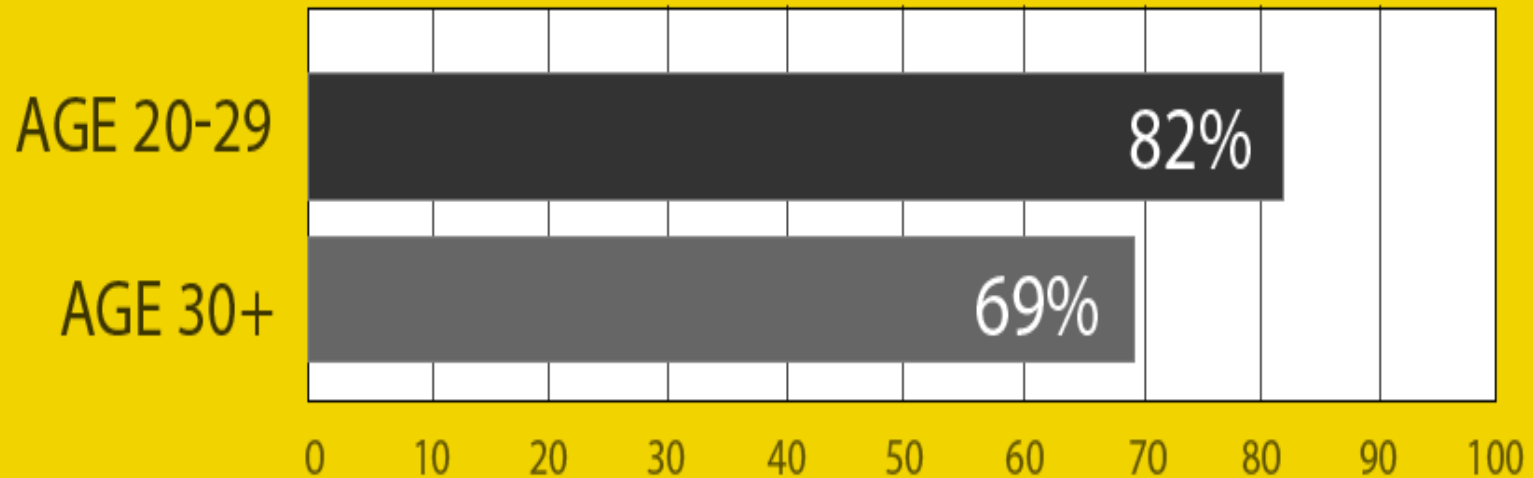
I consider myself to be spiritual because I am interested in knowing more about God, or a higher supreme being.



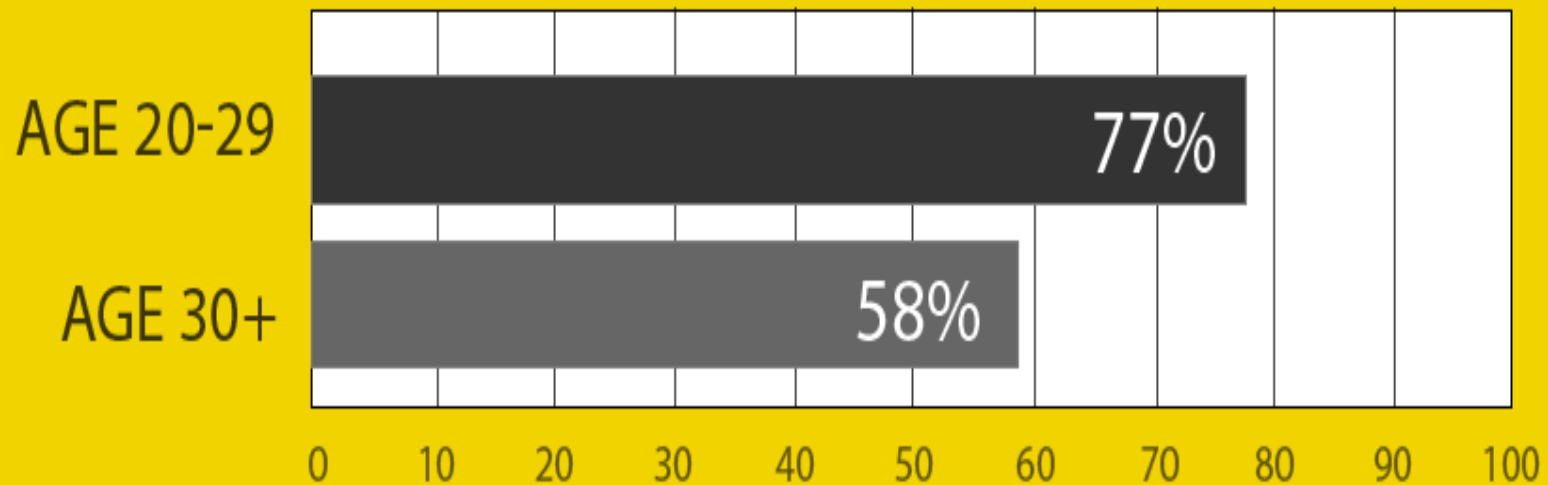
People who attend a Christian church are generally more spiritual than those who do not attend.



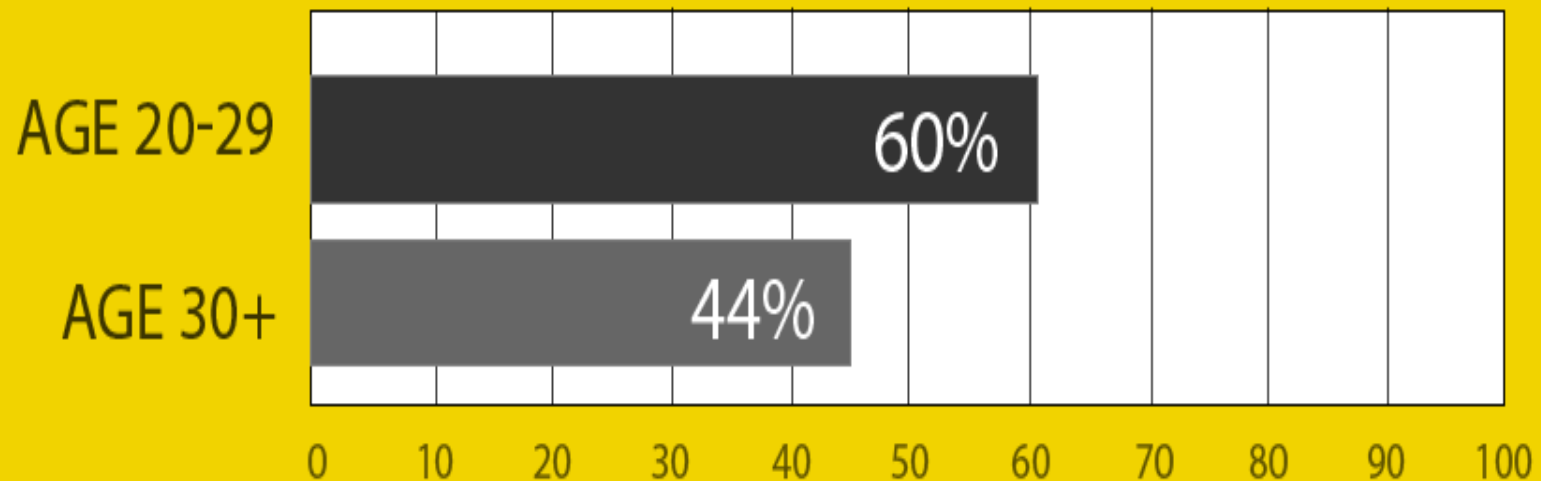
When a person dies, his or her spirit continues to exist in an afterlife.



There exists a place of reward in the afterlife,
sometimes called heaven.



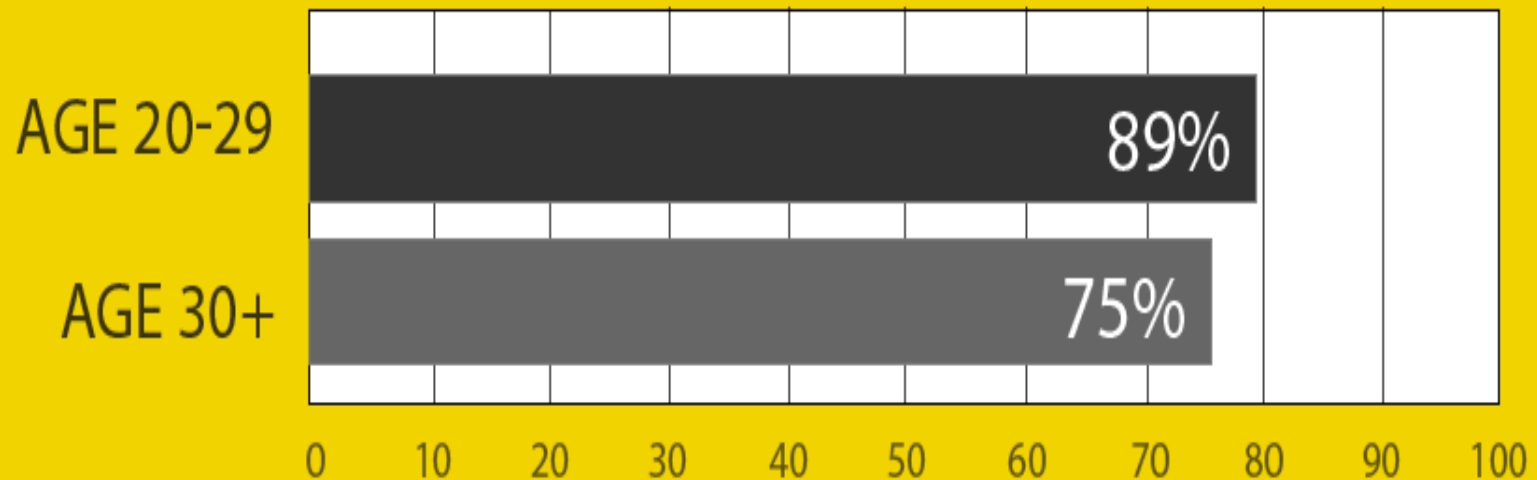
There exists a place of punishment in the afterlife, sometimes called hell.



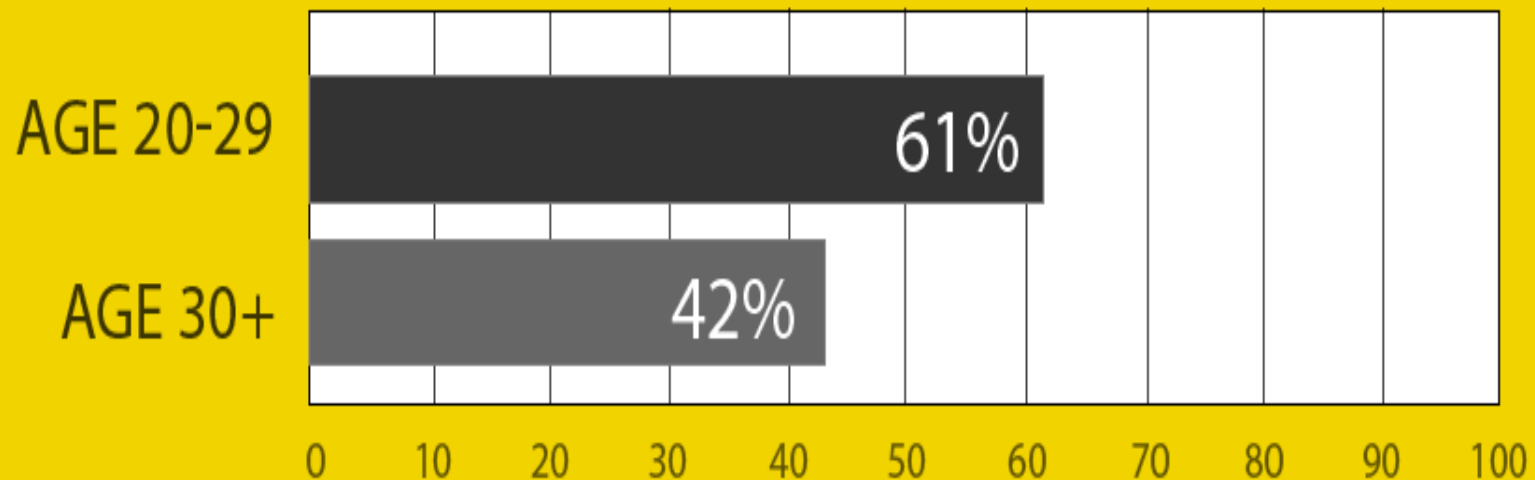
OPENNESS TO OUTREACH

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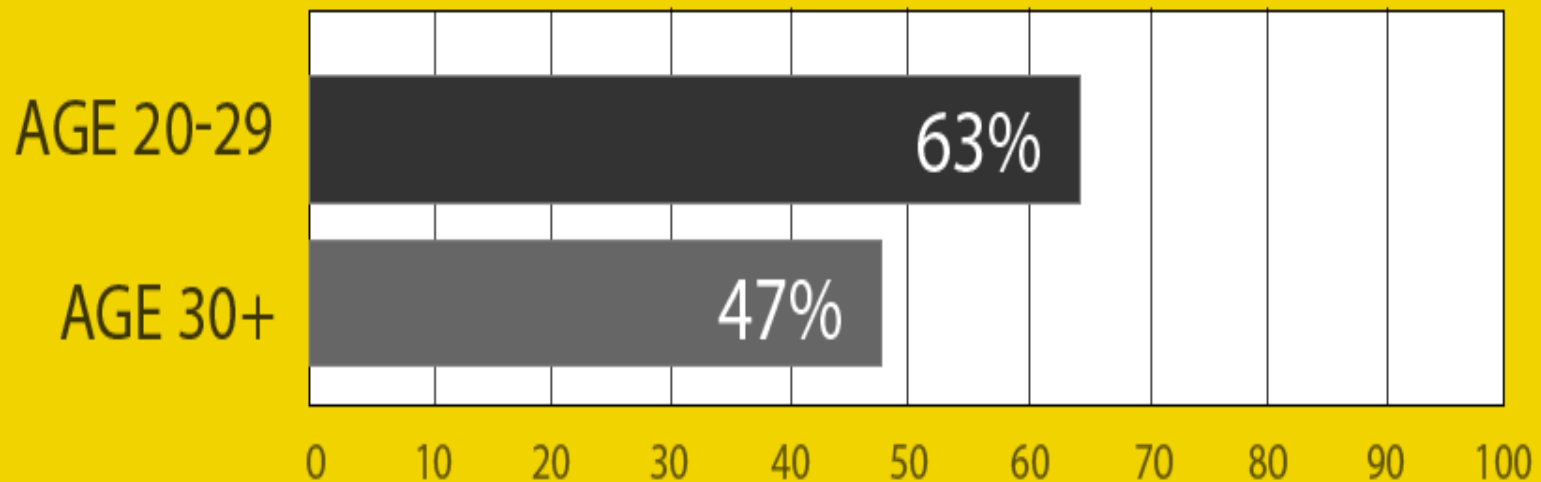
If someone wanted to tell me what she or he believed about Christianity, I would be willing to listen.



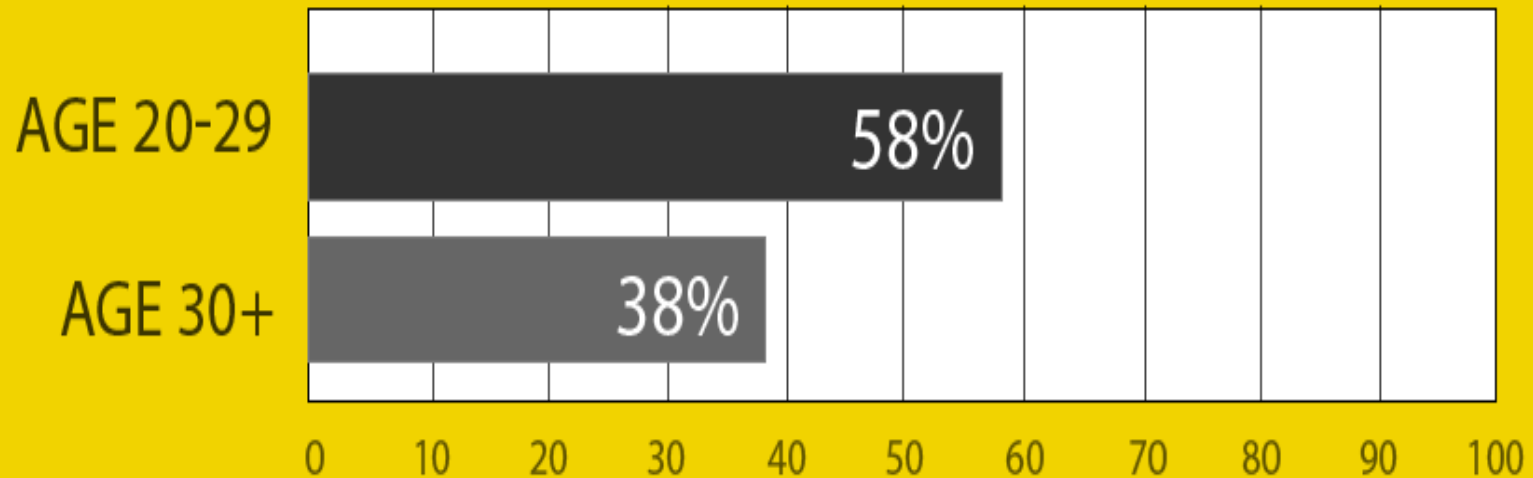
I would be willing to study the Bible
if a friend asked me to.



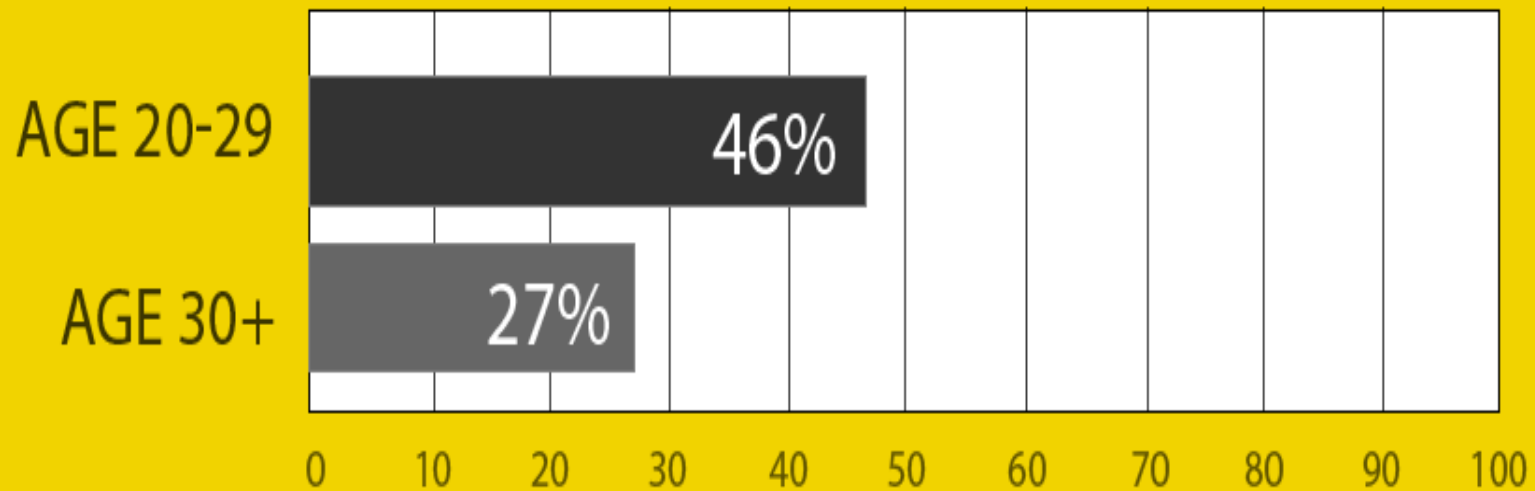
If a church presented truth to me in an understandable way that relates to my life now, I would attend.



If people at church cared about me as a person, I would be more likely to attend.



I would be willing to join a small group of people to learn more about the Bible and Jesus.

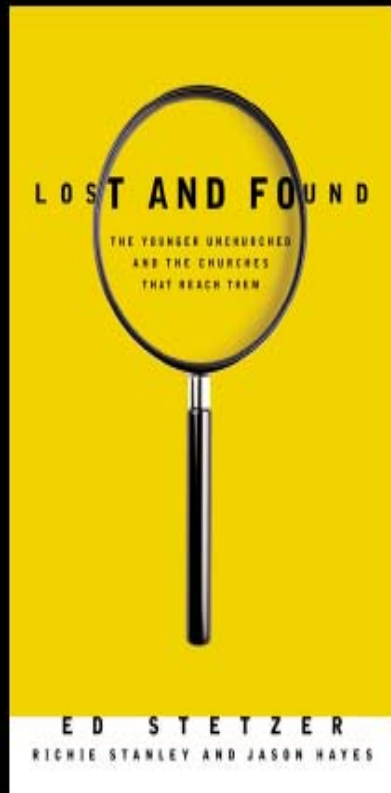


MARKERS OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. COMMUNITY
2. CONTENT (AND DEPTH)
3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
4. CROSS-GENERATIONAL CONNECTION

HOW CHURCHES ARE...

1. CREATING DEEPER COMMUNITY
2. MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE
3. LEADING YOUNG ADULTS TO EXPERIENCE WORSHIP
4. DELIVERING CONTENT
5. CONNECTING YOUNG ADULTS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
6. BEING CROSS GENERATIONAL
7. BEING AUTHENTIC
8. LEADING WITH TRANSPARENCY
9. REACHING YOUNG ADULTS, LEADING WITH TEAM



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