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EVERYONE,
EVERYWHERE,
KNOWING JESUS



When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless. Like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples. ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’

Matt 9:36-38



How did Gen Z become the most religious generation alive?

Data shows Gen Z believe in a higher power more than any other generation - and Christian influencers have told Sky News what they think the change is down to.

“I remember when I was in school I would tell people I believed in God and they would be like ‘you’re a loser’. No I couldn’t be prouder, it’s becoming nor normal



Love Island and TOWIE star Matilda Draper isn't your average Christian evangelist - but the 25-year-old is one of a growing number of young influencers spreading the word of God online.



Christianity

'It's younger people seeking some sort of spirituality': UK Bible sales reach record high

Surge in 2025 sales correlates with growth in church attendances in England and Wales, research shows

God makes a comeback in Gen Z: Those in teens and early 20s are half as likely to call themselves atheists compared to their parents, poll shows

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BELIEF IN BRITAIN

**A LOOK INTO THE RELIGIOUS
AND SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE
OF THE NATION**

INTRODUCTION

I commissioned this poll of 10,000 Brits representing the full breadth of religious and spiritual backgrounds across the country to help promote *The Devils' Gospels: Finding God in Four Great Atheist Books.*

I expected the data to confirm what has been assumed for a long time: Britain is steadily becoming a more atheist country. The results are the reverse of what I was expecting.



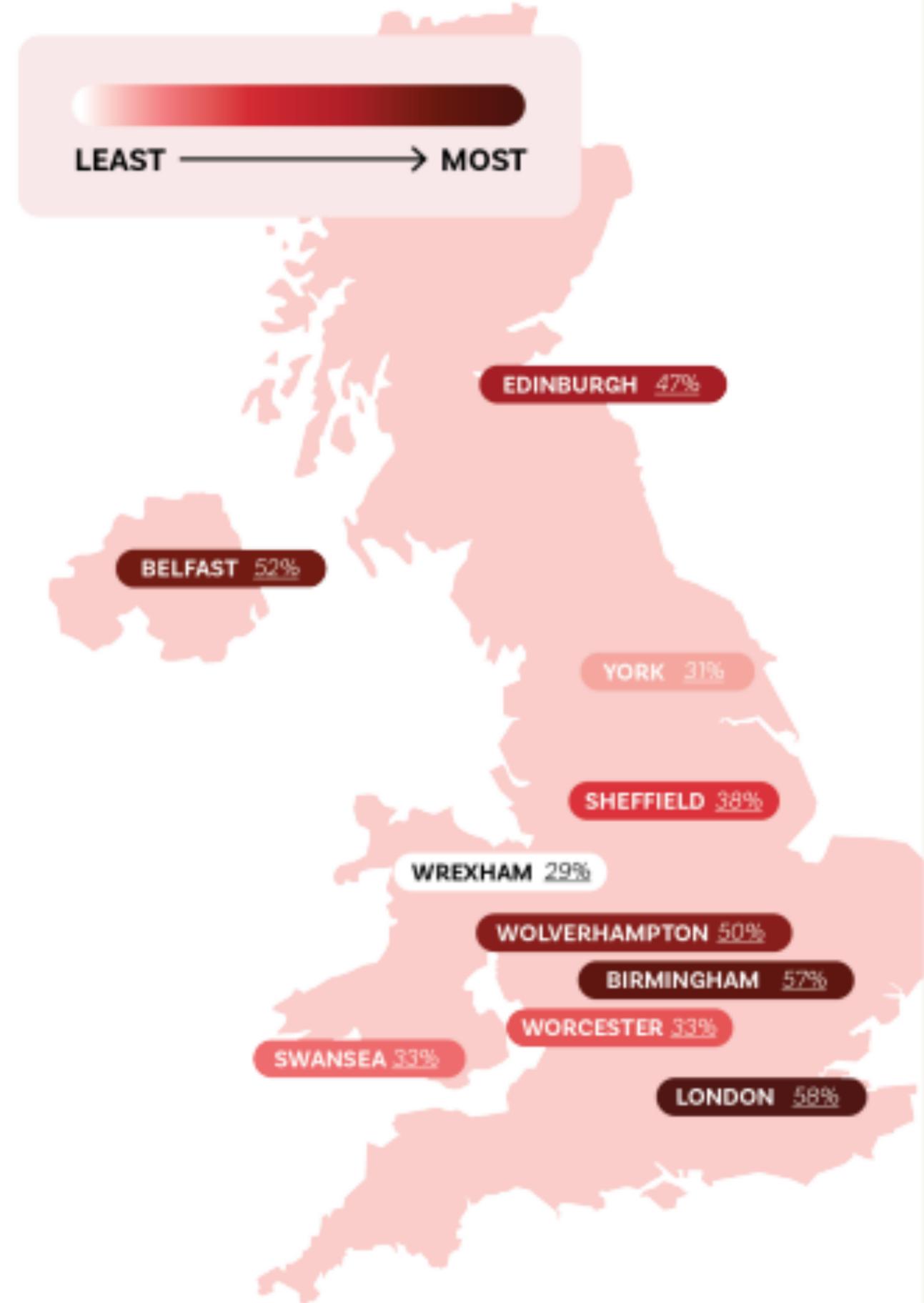
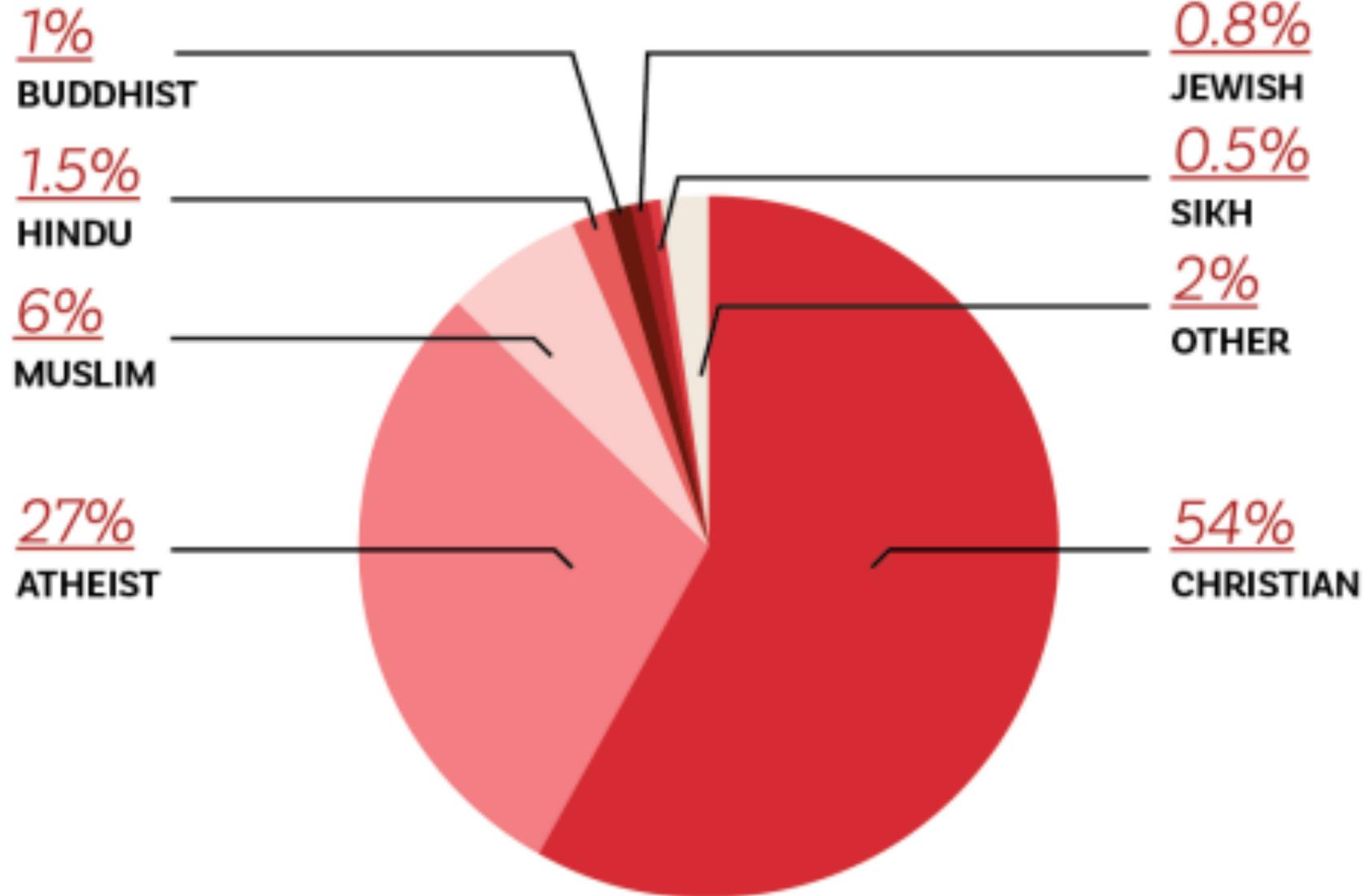
64%

OF GEN Z WOULD DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS SPIRITUAL
COMPARED TO ONLY 35% OF BOOMERS

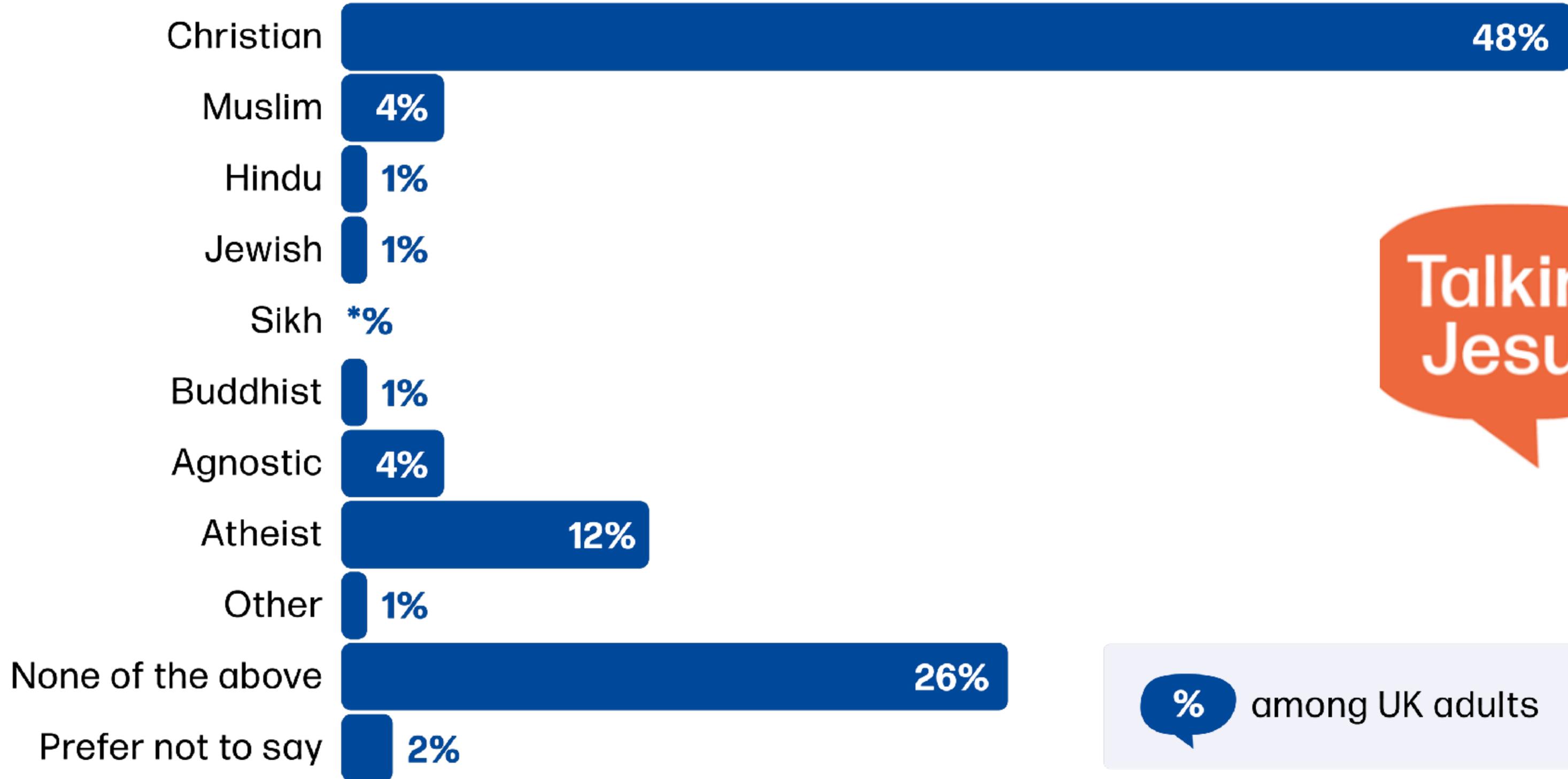
“We have two generations of people (the Millennials and Generation X) growing up in Britain feeling emotionally bereft and struggling with conventional material life goals. After 17 years of economic stagnation, over-reliance on social media for human interaction, the isolations of Covid, and political divisions over Brexit and immigration, who would not want to soar above it all to embrace a new sense of meaning, connection and self worth?”

The UK's most & least Spiritual Cities

RELIGIOUS DISTRIBUTION IN THE UK



The state of faith in the UK

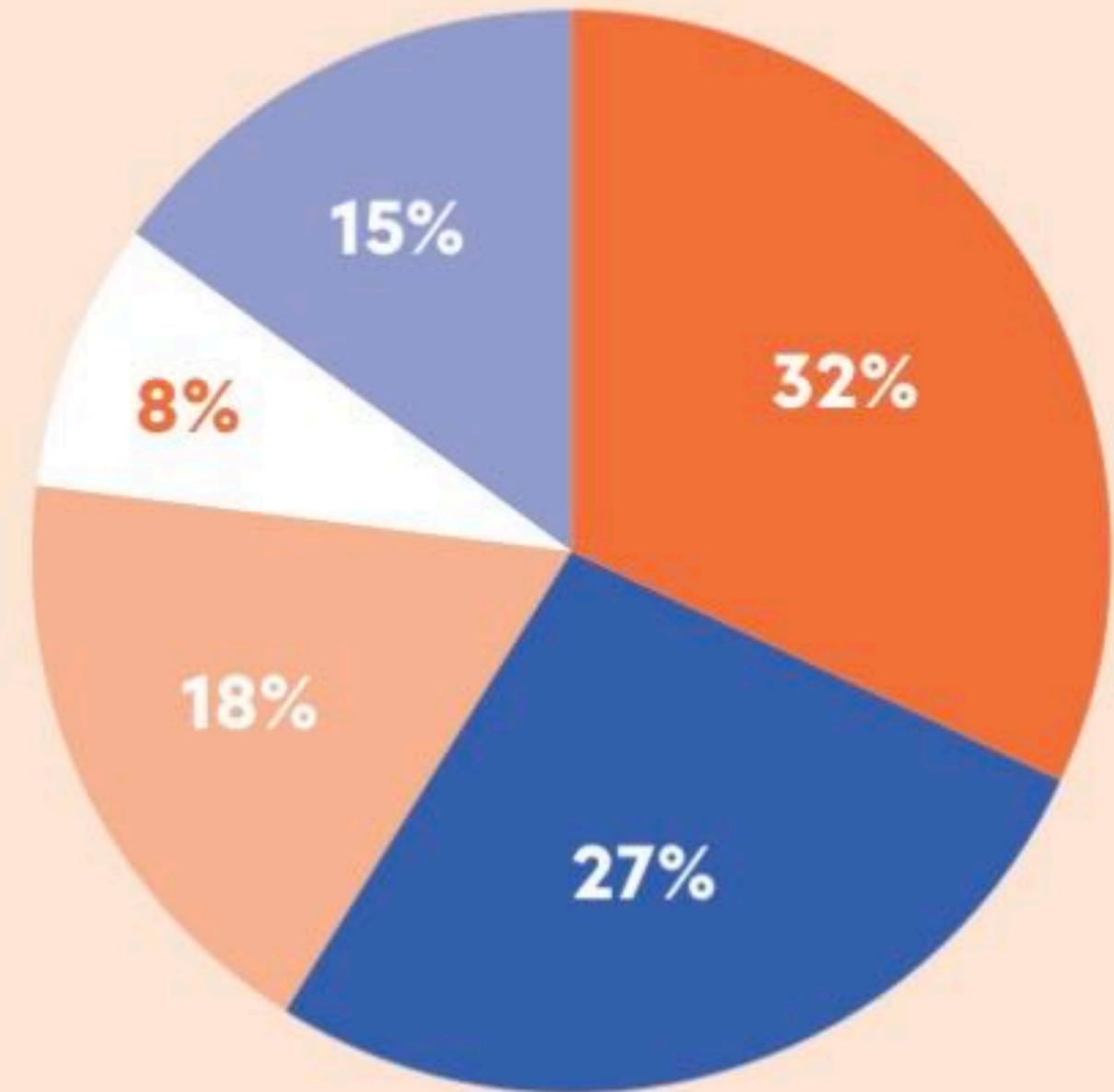


 among UK adults

How long it took people to come to faith

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- Less than 6 months
- 6 months to 1 year
- 1–2 years
- 3–5 years
- I've been curious for longer than 5 years



1.

Young people are both more spiritual and more religious than older people; they also report becoming more spiritual and more religious in the past five years.

2.

Atheism appears to be most popular among people in the 40s and 50s: younger people seem less interested.

3.

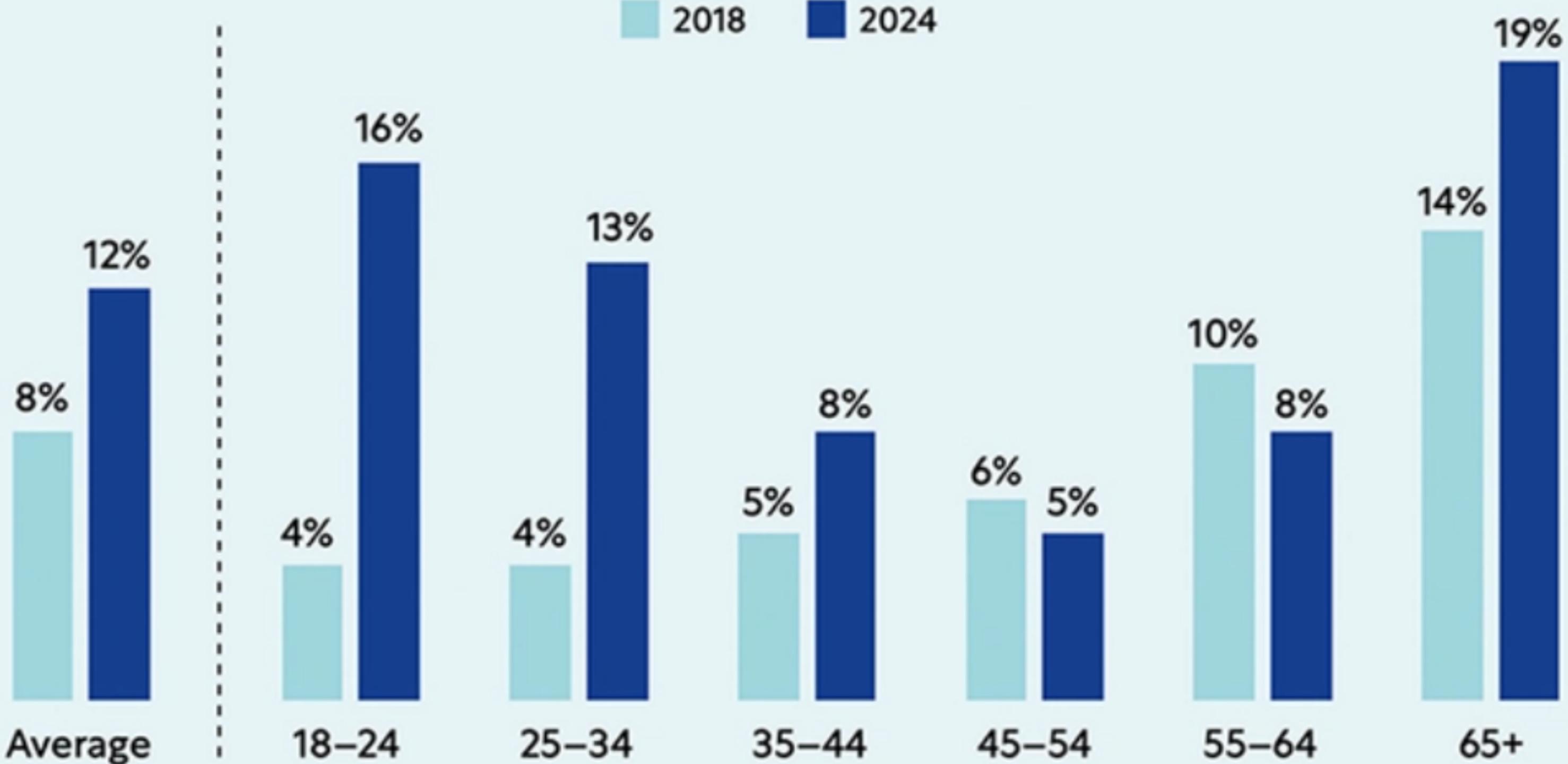
Nevertheless Britons young and old are highly critical of religion, and pessimistic about its outlook

The rise in regular churchgoing

Percentage of age group population who describe themselves as christian and go to church at least once a month



Apart from weddings, baptisms & funerals how often, if at all, did you go to a church service in the last year?



How many people are practising Christians?



% among UK adults

Talking Jesus

Quiet Revival:
Church Attendance Monthly or more 12%



12%

**of the adults in
England and Wales
are attending
church monthly**

21%

**of men
aged 18–24
are regular
churchgoers**

33%

**of adult
churchgoers
are 18–34**

Belief in the resurrection



I believe the resurrection of Jesus from the dead happened word-for-word as described in the Bible

16%

I believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but that the story in the Bible contains some content which should not be taken literally

29%

I do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead

41%

Don't know

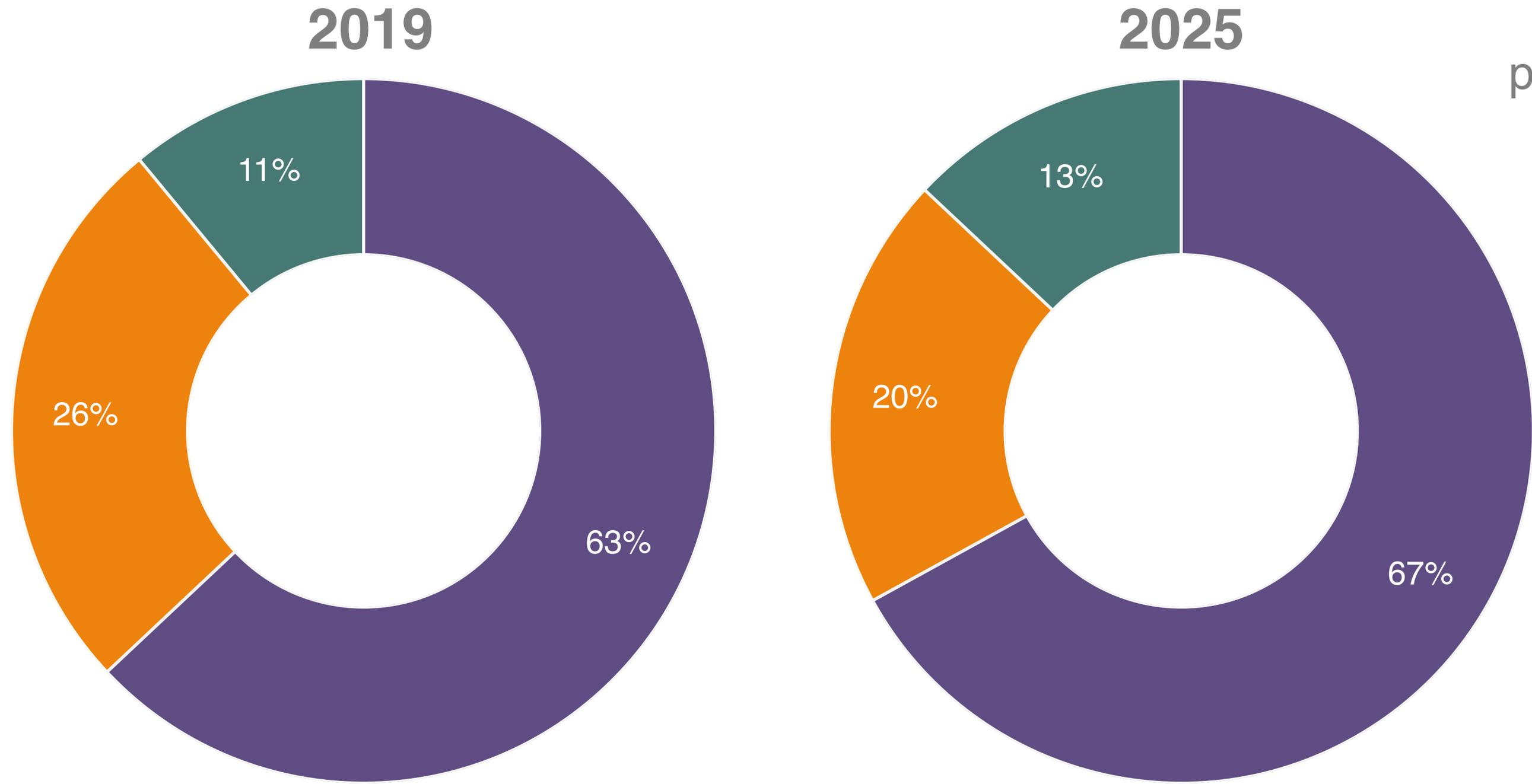
14%



% among UK adults

2025 main sample broken down by type of parent

Sample breakdown (showing % parents in each group)





“These are striking findings that completely reverse the widely held assumption that the Church in England and Wales is in terminal decline,” said study co-author Dr Rhiannon McAleer. “While some traditional denominations continue to face challenges, we’ve seen significant, broad-based growth among most expressions of church – particularly in Roman Catholicism and Pentecostalism. There are now over 2 million more people attending church than there were six years ago.”



Reflection Time 1

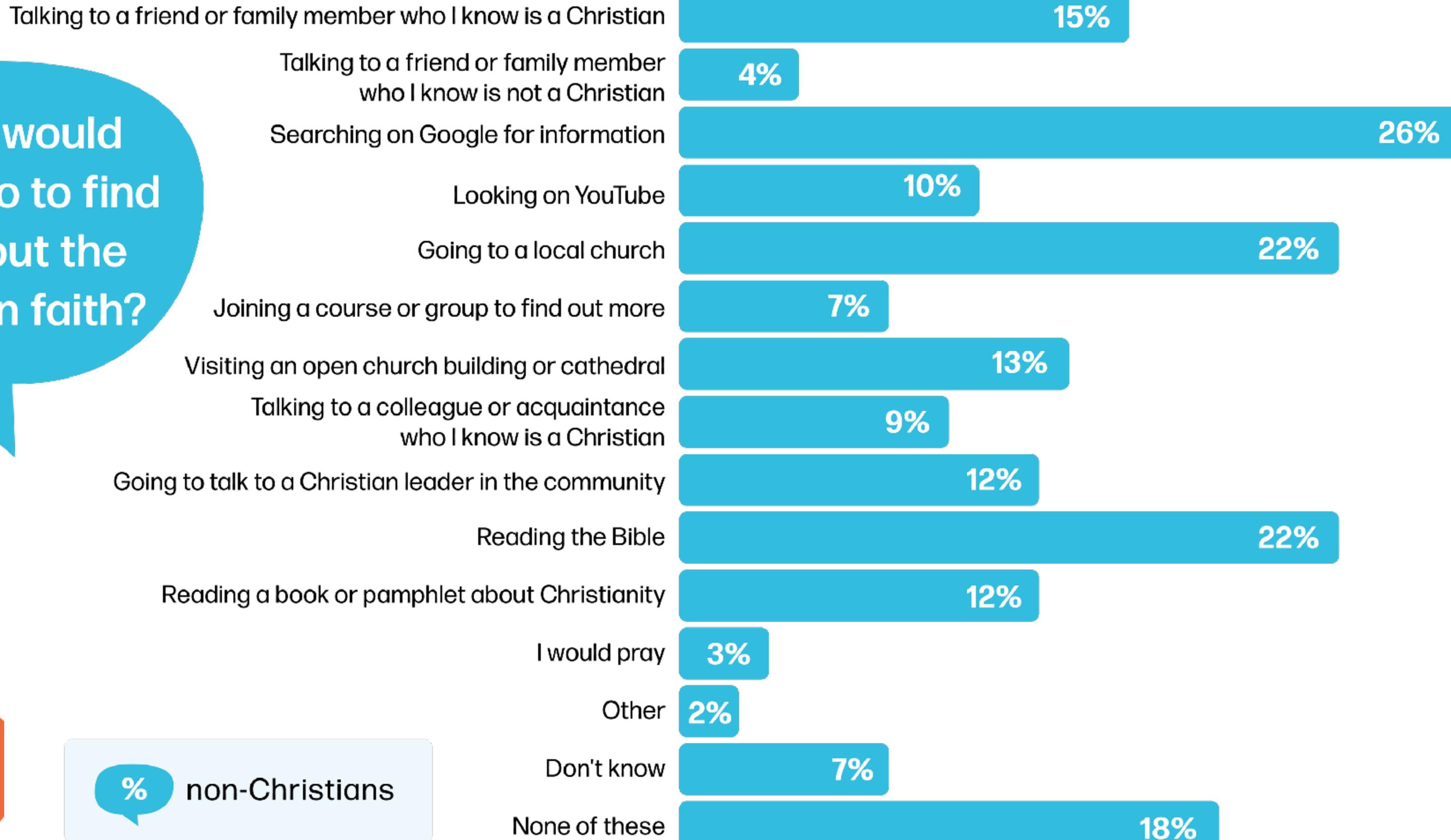
1. How do you feel about the News headlines?
 2. What do you think has led to this spiritual hunger?
 3. What is happening where you are? Does this resonate or not?
 4. How could you find out what people think where you live?
 5. What are the challenges and opportunities for you and your churches?
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Where would people go to find out about the Christian faith?

Talking Jesus

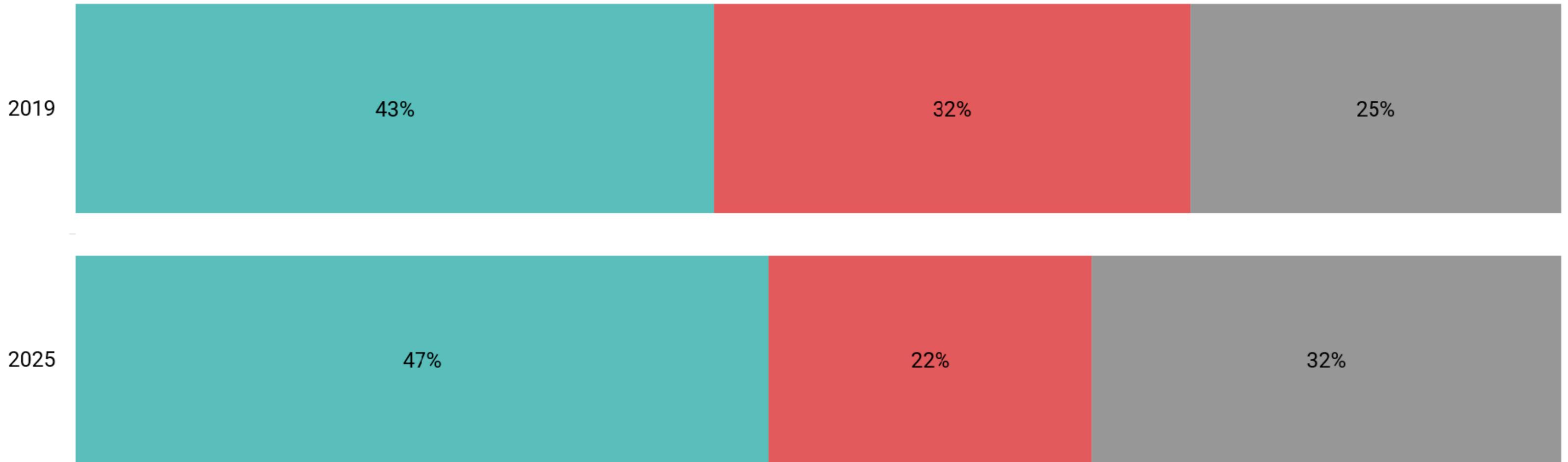
% non-Christians



Unreached parents are less likely to reject an invitation in 2025 than they were in 2019, but that is as much due to increased uncertainty as it is increased openness

Whether unreached parents who were invited would welcome that invitation (%)

Yes No Don't know



Ripe for harvest



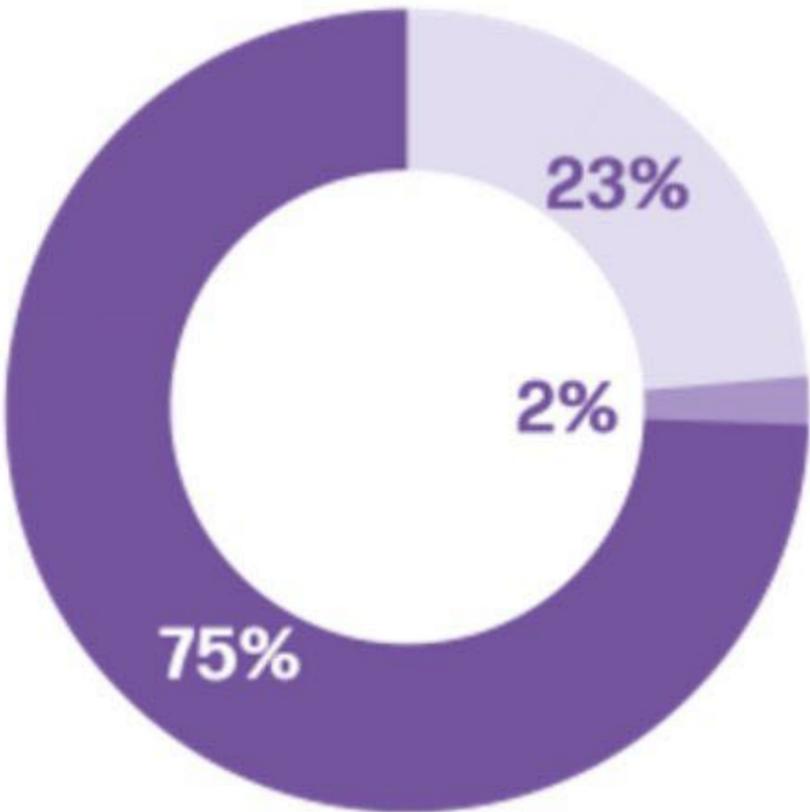
**One in three
would go to
church**

**One in four
would open
the Bible**

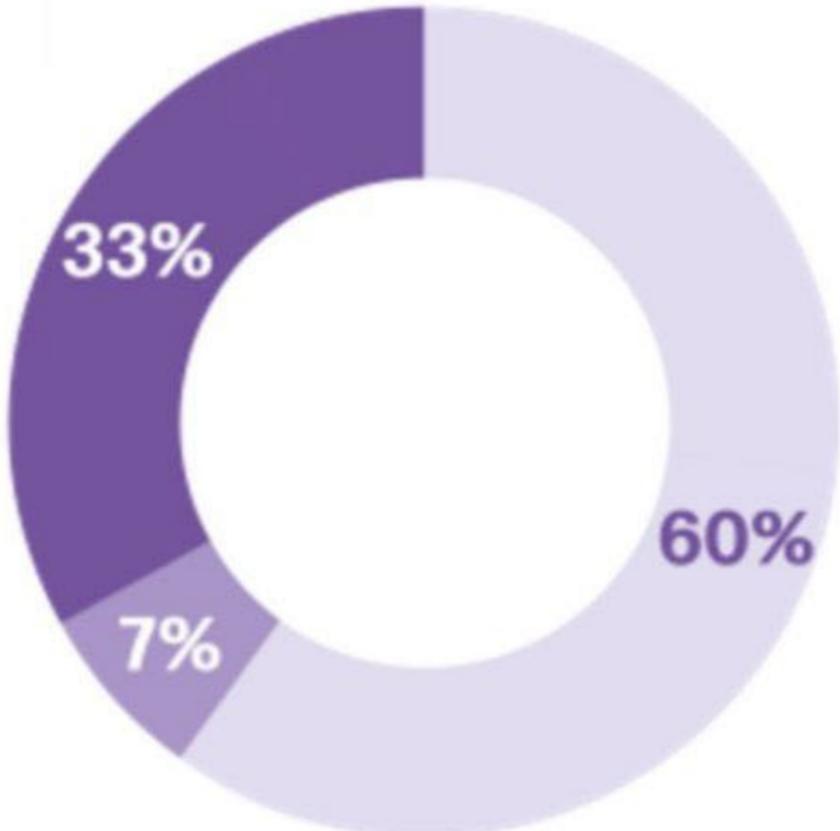
**Two in three
would
appreciate
prayer**

How are the conversations going?

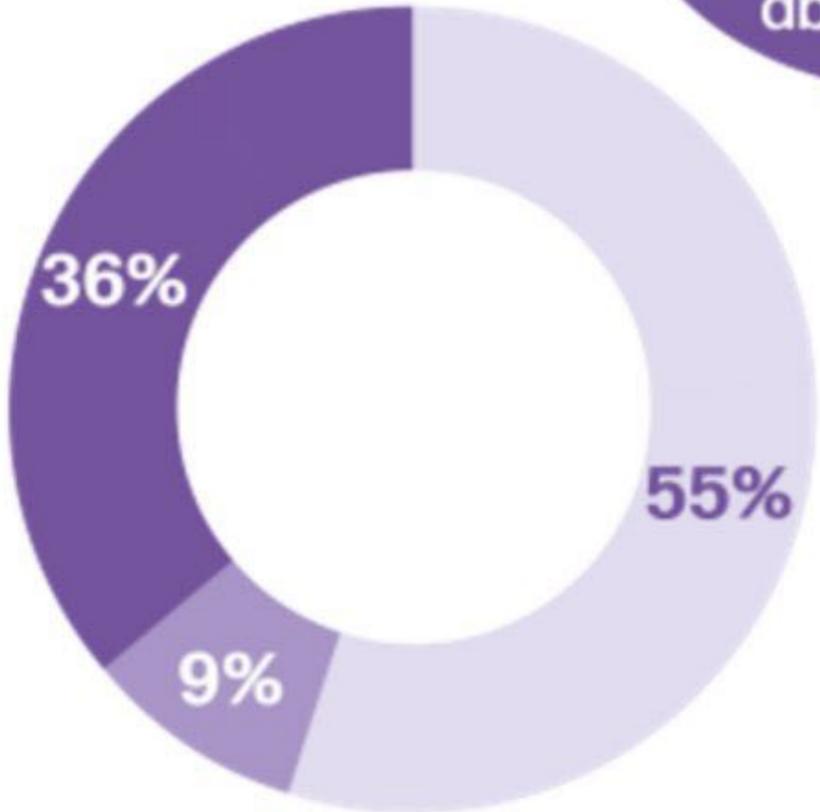
Non-Christians who've had a conversation with a practising Christian about their faith



I felt comfortable in the conversation



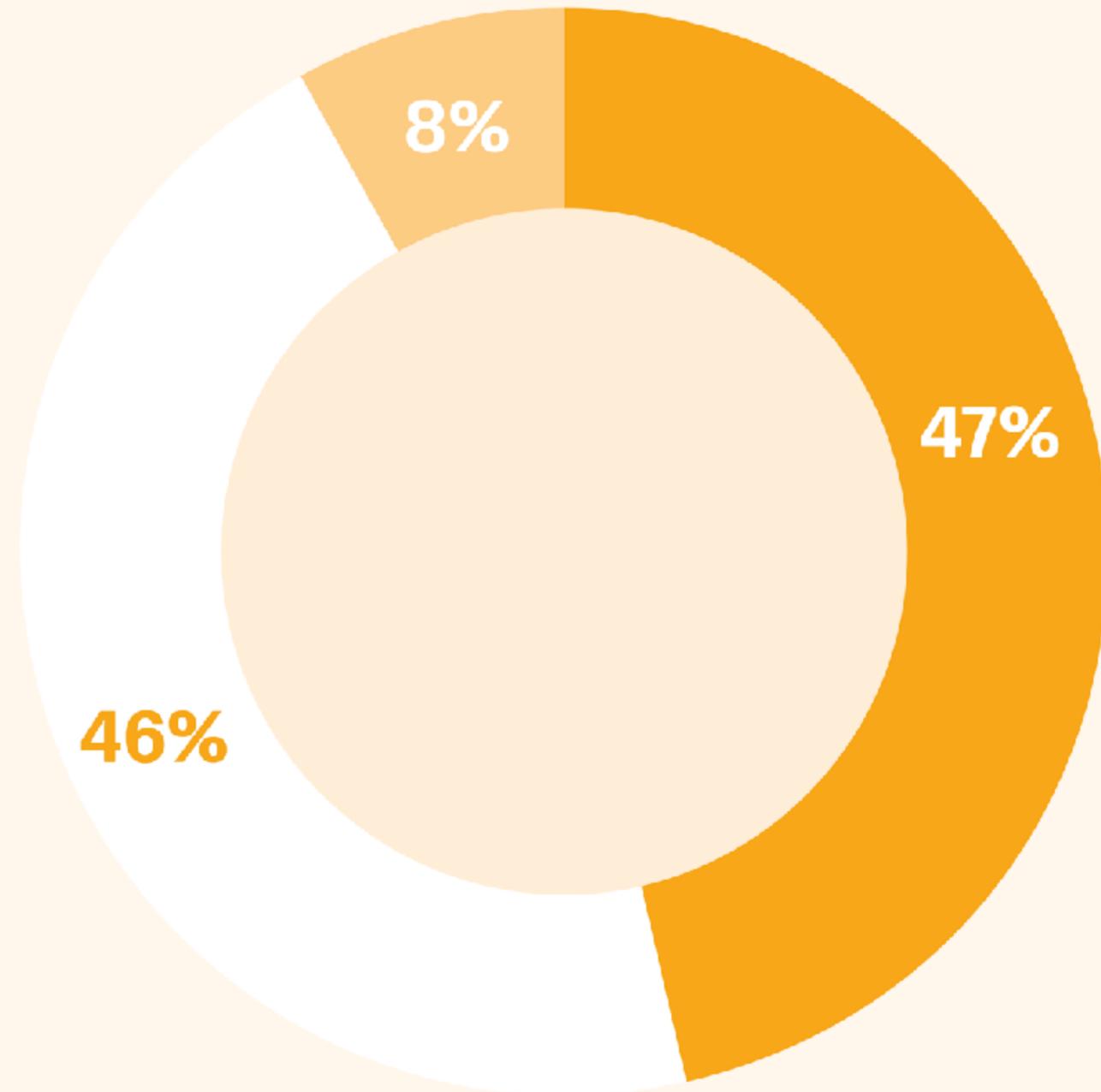
I wanted to know more about Jesus Christ



I was open to an experience or encounter with Jesus Christ

Agree Don't know Disagree

Wanted to know more about Jesus after a conversation with a Christian



Agree



Disagree



Don't know



18-24 non-Christians

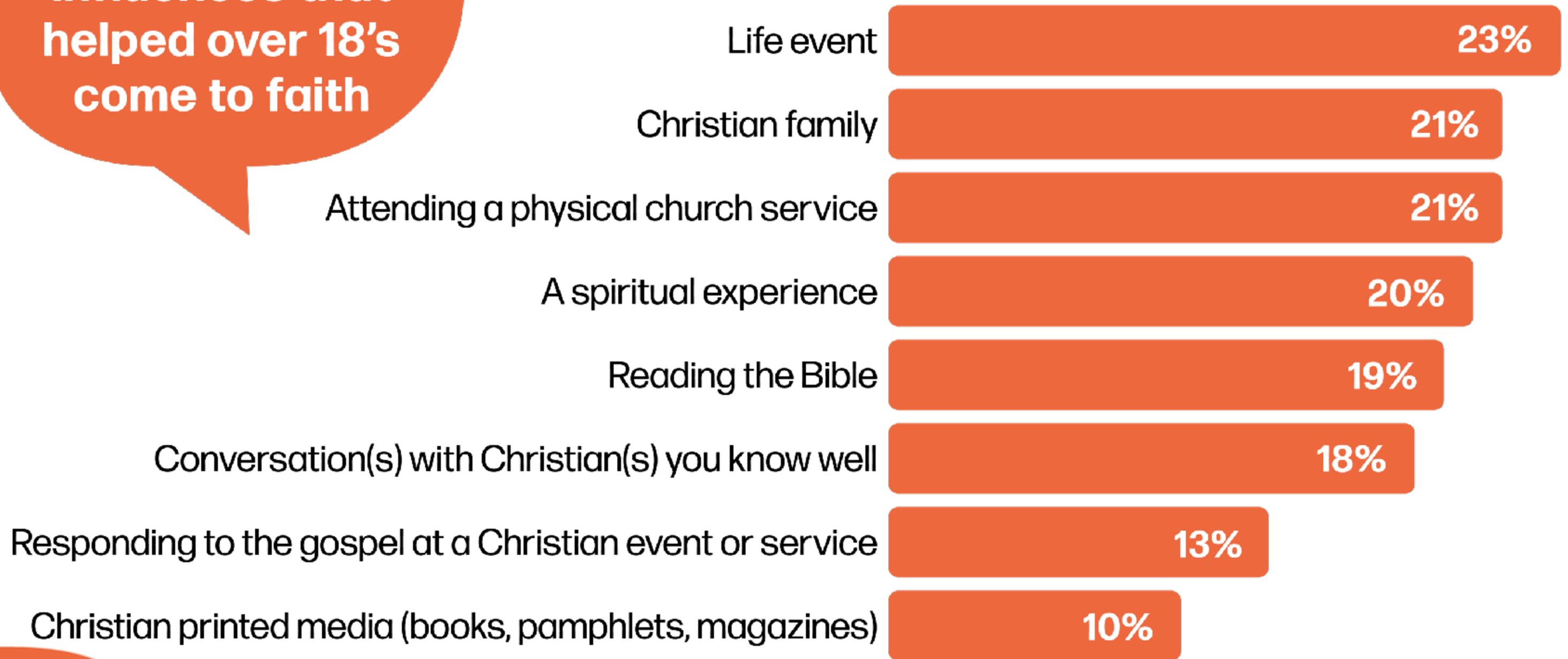
WHAT DO TODAY'S STUDENTS THINK ABOUT THE BIBLE?

[fusion]

33%

of non-Christian students are interested in reading the Bible with a friend

The top influences that helped over 18's come to faith



Talking Jesus

%

among practising Christians

WHICH OF THESE ARE HELPING PEOPLE EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

READING THE BIBLE

47%



Faith Sharing lead/team in every church

Low bar:

- Gospels in every outsider focussed activity
- Gospels in open churches
- Talking Jesus Course/ Lincoln diocese new course – everyone praying, sharing and inviting.

Go



mark | *an eye witness account*



1. Everyone Talking Jesus



2. What motivates us



3. Living Distinctively



4. Our Story



5. Sharing God's Story



6. Go on Talking Jesus



Faith Sharing lead/team in every church

Middle bar:

- Adopt a bench
- Light in the darkness
- ALIVE etc

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ALIVE



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Faith Sharing lead/team in every church

High bar:

- Bible on the streets
- Out and about evangelism

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What Happened When We Started Giving Out Free Bibles in Our Village

Kath Jones, a member of Connect Southwater Community Church in West Sussex, shares how giving away free Bibles led to new mission opportunities and a surprising openness to faith in her village.

**GREAT
GOSPEL
GIVEAWAY**

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HOPE
IN DARKNESS
THEY SHALL
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BRINGS WITH
SMILE

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Love of
God
compels
us
2 Cor 5:14

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." ...

“all this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

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I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation

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Reflection Time 2

1. What is already happening where you are?
2. Who do you think has a gift for faith sharing that you know in your churches?
3. Do you agree with the level these ideas have been put at from low to high?
4. What would you be most likely to model out of these ideas yourself?
5. What could help a culture of faith sharing develop in your churches?
6. How can we help?

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