



01: WORSHIP



02: MAKE DISCIPLES



03: GATHER

grow *together*



Church Multiplication Pathway

ASSESS



TRAIN



LAUNCH

02: MAKE DISCIPLES



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THE KING'S COMMISSION: HELP OTHERS BECOME DISCIPLES

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



A PROBLEM

A PERSPECTIVE

A PRACTICE



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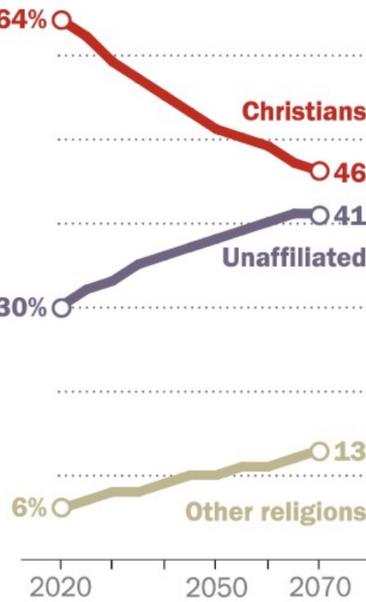
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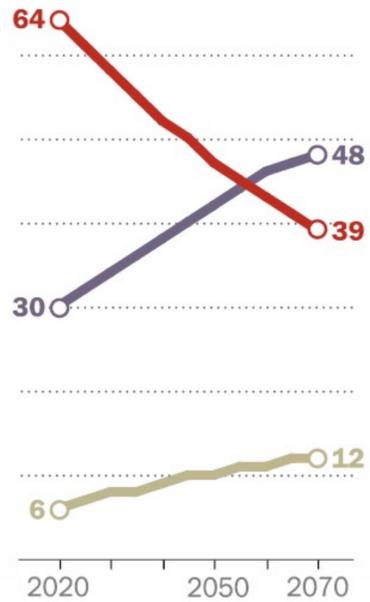
Scenario 1: Steady switching

Movement into and out of Christianity remains stable at recently observed rates. That is, in each new generation, 31% of Christians become religiously unaffiliated before they turn 30, and 21% of unaffiliated people become Christian.



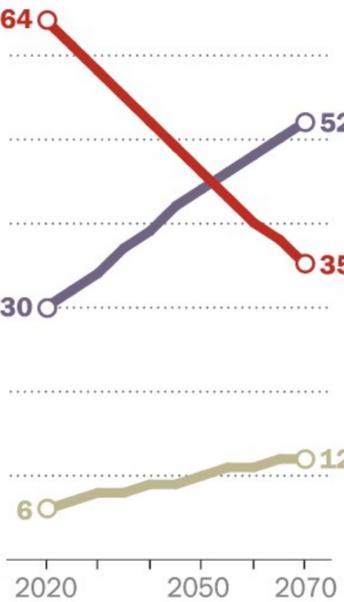
Scenario 2: Rising disaffiliation with limits

In each new generation, a growing share of Christians switch out before they turn 30, while a shrinking share of 'nones' switch in. But the switching rate is capped to prevent the share of Christians who leave the faith from rising above 50%.



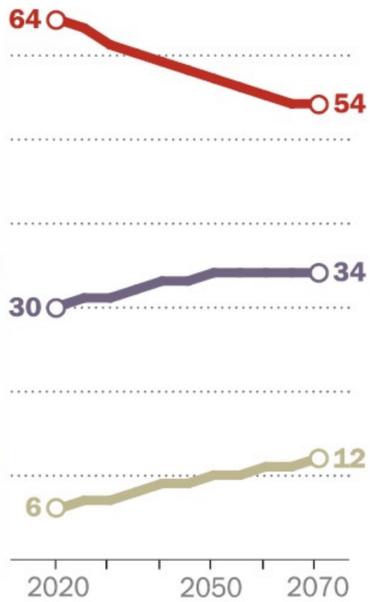
Scenario 3: Rising disaffiliation without limits

In each new generation, a growing share of Christians switch out before they turn 30, while a shrinking share of 'nones' switch in. No cap is imposed on switching rates.



Scenario 4: No switching

This scenario imagines no person in America has changed or will change their religion after 2020.



Source: Pew Research Center projections. See Methodology for details. "Modeling the Future of Religion in America"

The projected future of Christianity in America:
Decline.

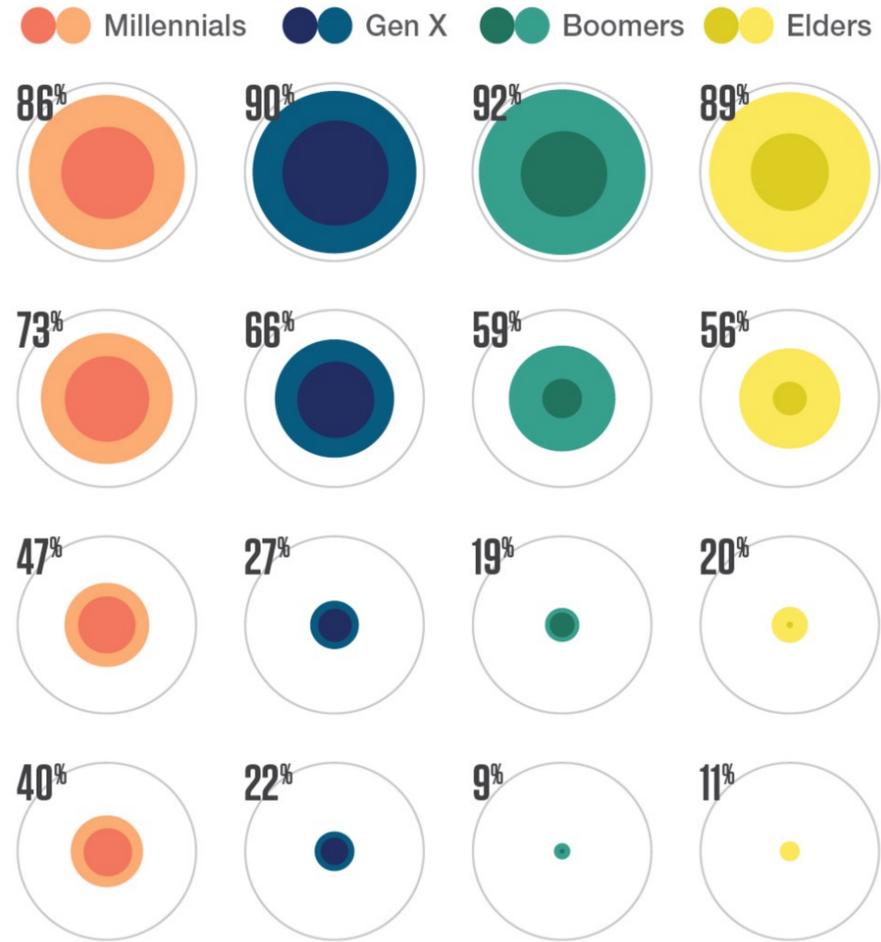


GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES ON FAITH-SHARING

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% strongly + somewhat agree among US practicing Christians

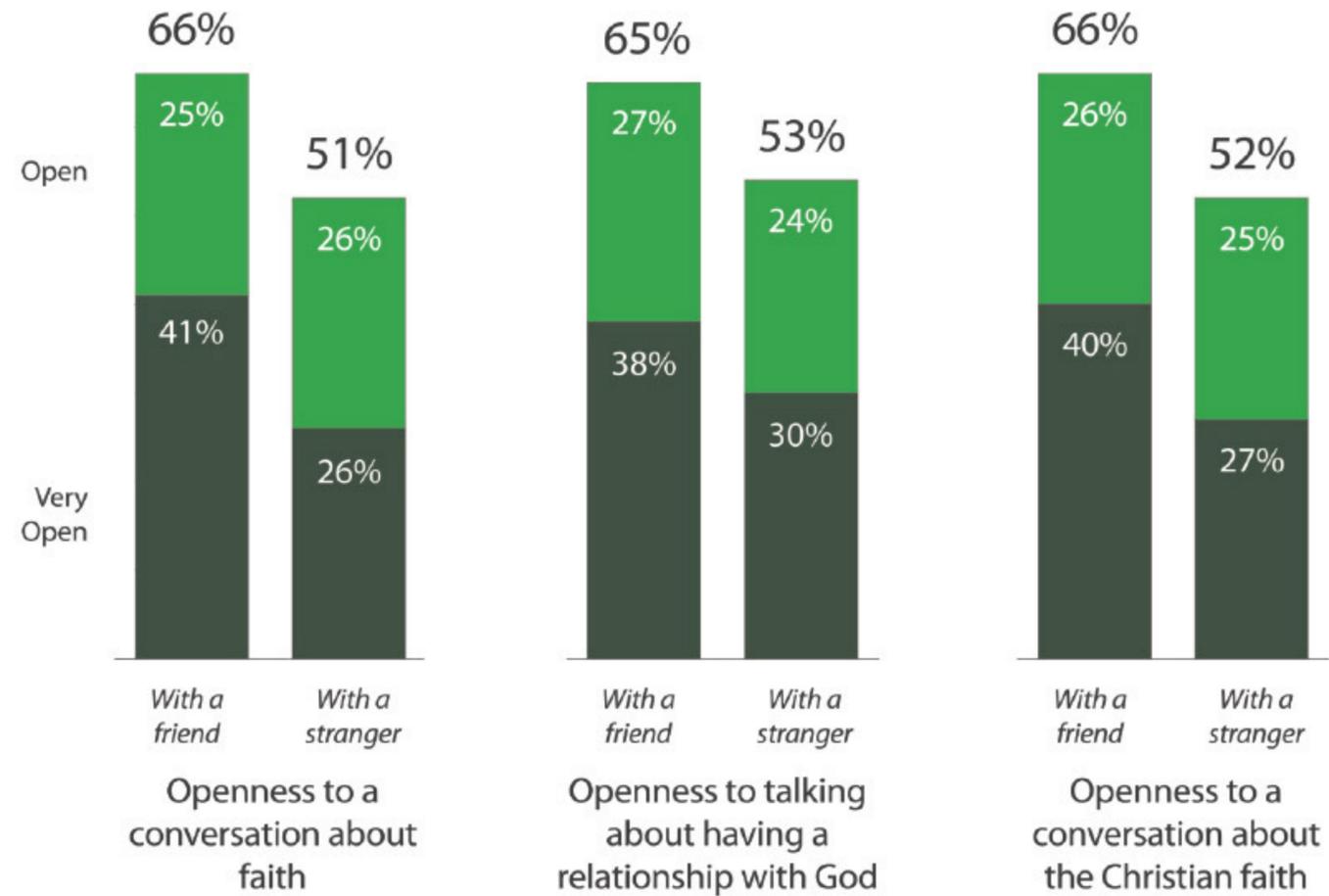
● Dark = Strongly agree
● Light = Somewhat agree



In 2019, nearly half of practicing Christian millennials said evangelism is wrong.



Among U.S. adults



Note: Some totals may not be equal due to rounding.

Lifeway research

Source: Evangelism Explosion online survey of 1,002 U.S. adults conducted by Lifeway Research, December 8-17, 2021

2 out of 3 Americans are **open** to having spiritual conversations.



A PROBLEM | *Christianity is in decline.*

In culture where Christianity is declining, many Christians feel insecure and inadequate to help others become disciples.



DECLINE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RENEWAL.

“The first phase of renewal is Holy Discontent. Here, the dismay between the hunger for something better and the reality in which we are living coalesces from frustration or lament into a holy discontent. Our desires begin to align with God’s desire to renew the world... we become discontent with the state of the world, perceiving its injustices, sinfulness, brokenness, and lostness. Its failings become painfully real to us.”

MARK SAYERS | REAPPEARING CHURCH



DECLINE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RENEWAL.

“We become discontent with the state of the church, but not in a critical nitpicking sense. Instead, we experience a genuine hunger for the church to be released into its full potential and power in our broken world. These discontents then ferment into a deep dissatisfaction with the state of our own lives and the level of our own faith. No longer pointing fingers of accusation outward, we realize our own inadequacy. Grasping that change must begin with us; instead of falling into self-condemnation or paralysis, we cry out to God to change us, to start His renewal in our hearts.”

MARK SAYERS | REAPPEARING CHURCH



DECLINE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RENEWAL.

When it comes to renewal, we face four options:

HUMAN-DRIVEN EFFORT: *To renew in our own human strength.*

STAGNATION: *To attempt to press pause, ignoring renewal, while trying to avoid decline.*

DECLINE: *To resist renewal, thus sliding into decline.*

GOD-CENTERED RENEWAL: *To align with God's plan to renew us and the world.*

MARK SAYERS | *REAPPEARING CHURCH (Adapted)*



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MOTIVE: COMPELLED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:14-16 NIV

For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.



MESSAGE: GOD'S RECONCILING THE WORLD

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 NIV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ 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**.



A DESIRE FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS IN AN UNFORGIVING WORLD.

“The community of the saints is not an “ideal” community consisting of perfect and sinless men and women, where there is no need of further repentance. No, it is a community which proves that it is worthy of the gospel of forgiveness by constantly and sincerely proclaiming God's forgiveness... not to establish a community of the perfect, but a community consisting of people who really live under the forgiving mercy of God.”

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER | *THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP*



IDENTITY: AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 NIV

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



A PERSPECTIVE | *Every disciple a disciple-maker.*

Motive: Compelled by the love of Jesus, not guilt or self-righteousness.

Message: God is the Savior, we are messengers.

Identity: Ambassador of Jesus, a missionary, where you live, work, and play.



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Pray.



FROM CONSUMPTION AND PASSIVITY TO CONTENDING AND PRAYER FOR THOSE WITHOUT GOD.

“The most important human factor in effective evangelism is prayer. Every great awakening in the history of the Church from the time of the Apostles until today has been the result of prayer. There have been great awakenings without much preaching, and there have been great awakenings with absolutely no organization, but there has never been a true awakening without much prayer.”

REVEREND R.A. TORREY | *THE PLACE OF PRAYER IN EVANGELISM*



The BLESS App

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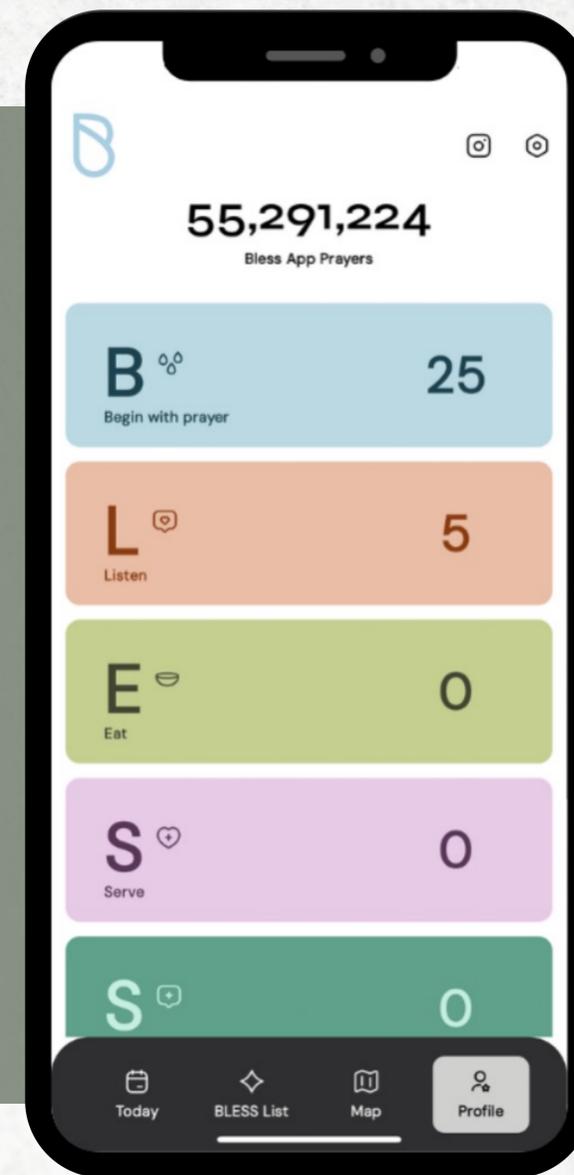
Begin with Prayer

Listen

Eat

Serve

Share your Story



A PRAYER:

Lord, thank you for seeking and forgiving sinners.

May (insert a name) come to know and experience the life and love you offer.

Work in and through us, so others may come to follow you.

Let it be so.

