

Leaving the Church

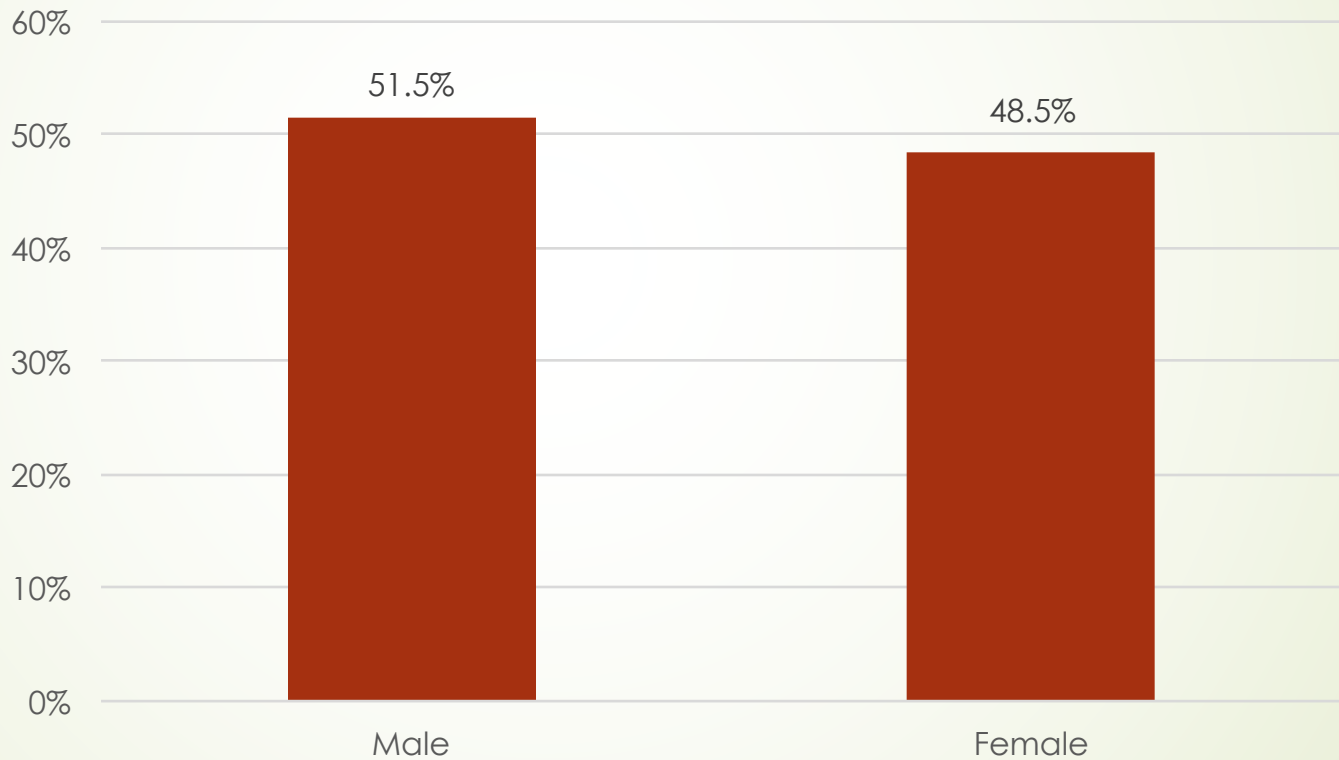
Why some Seventh-day Adventist members leave the church, and why some come back

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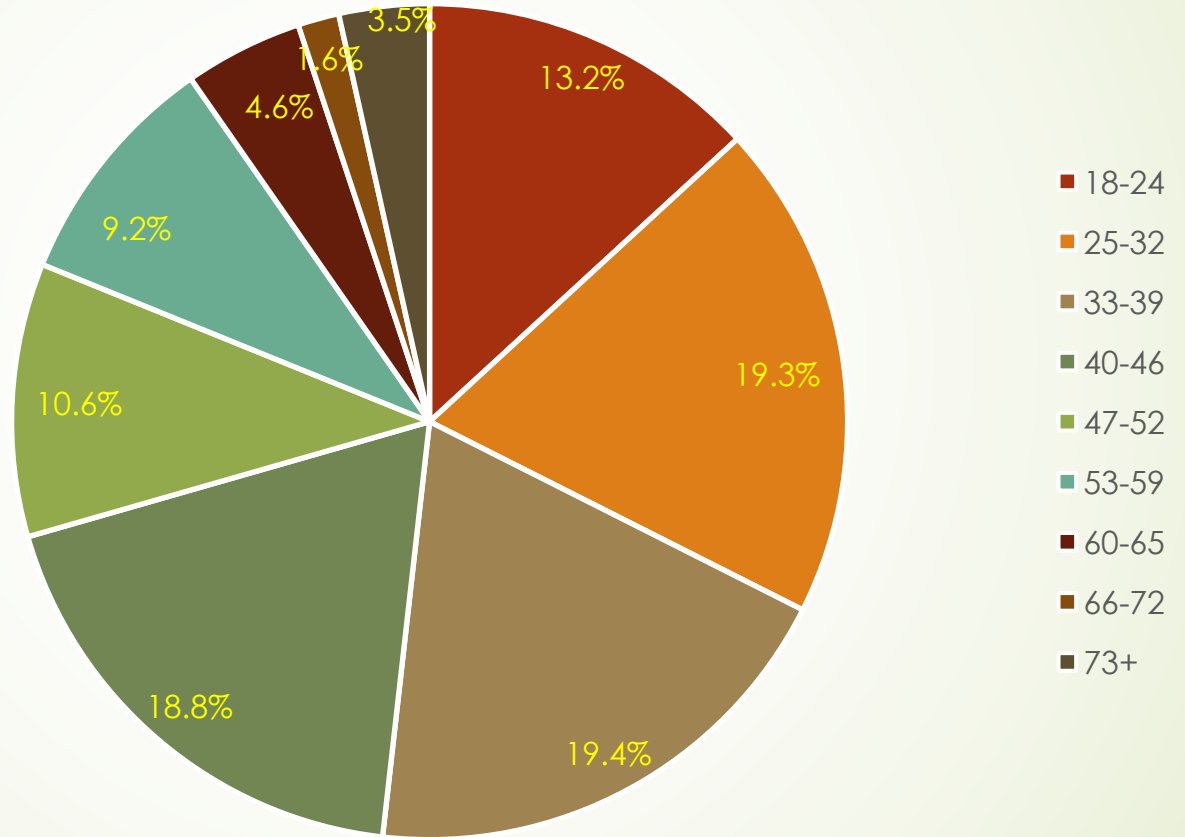
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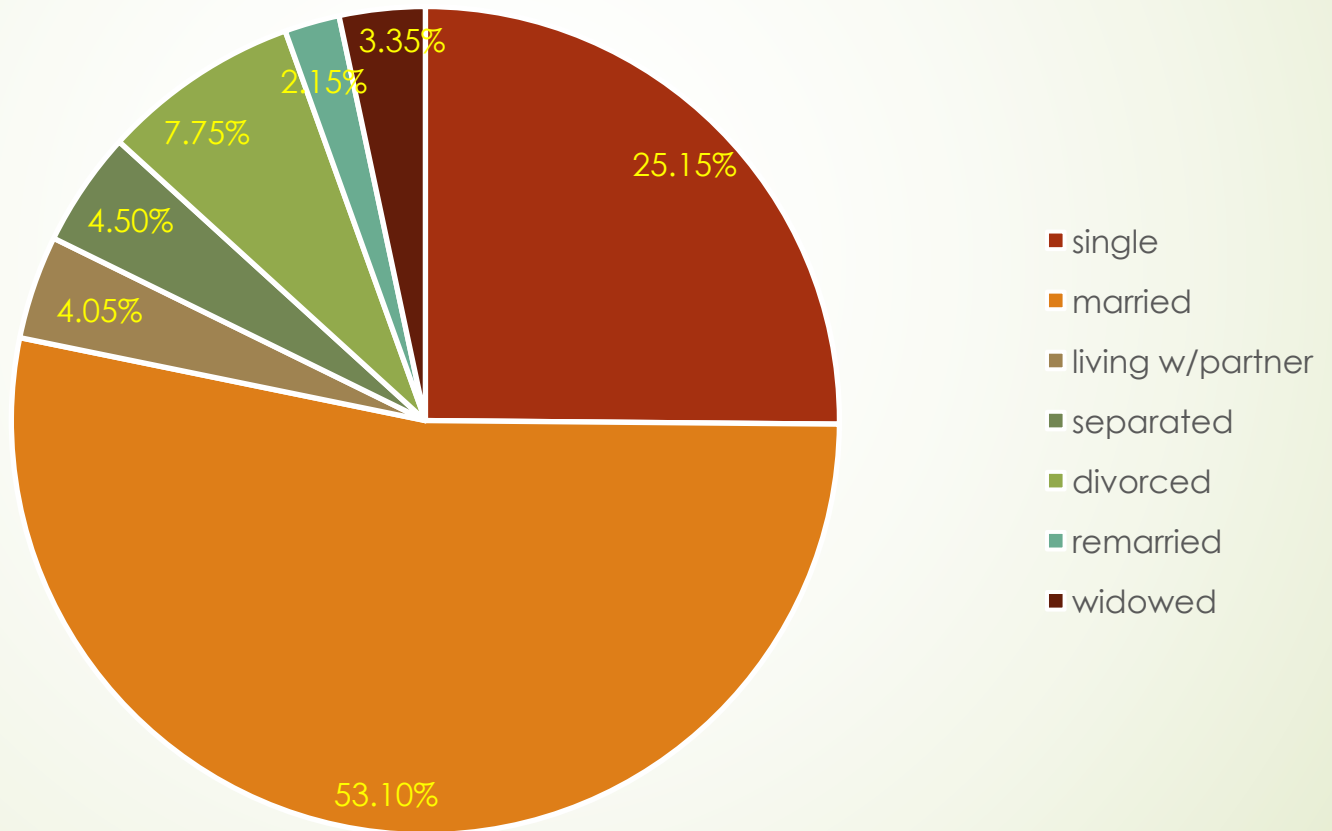
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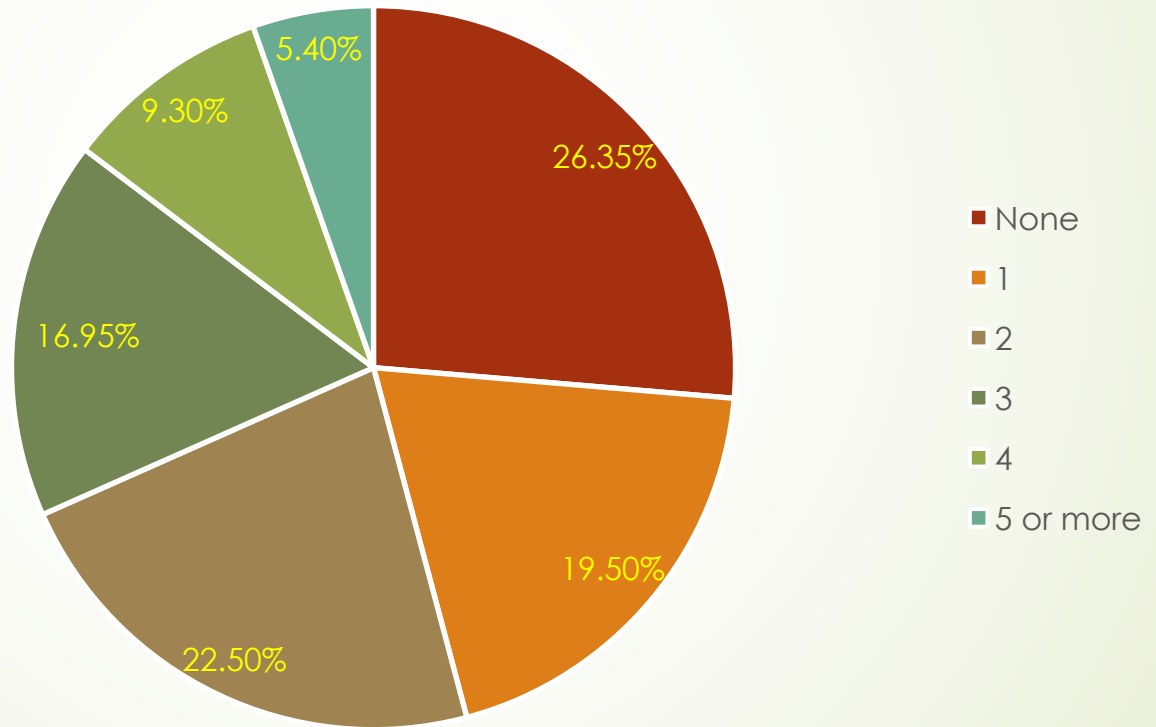
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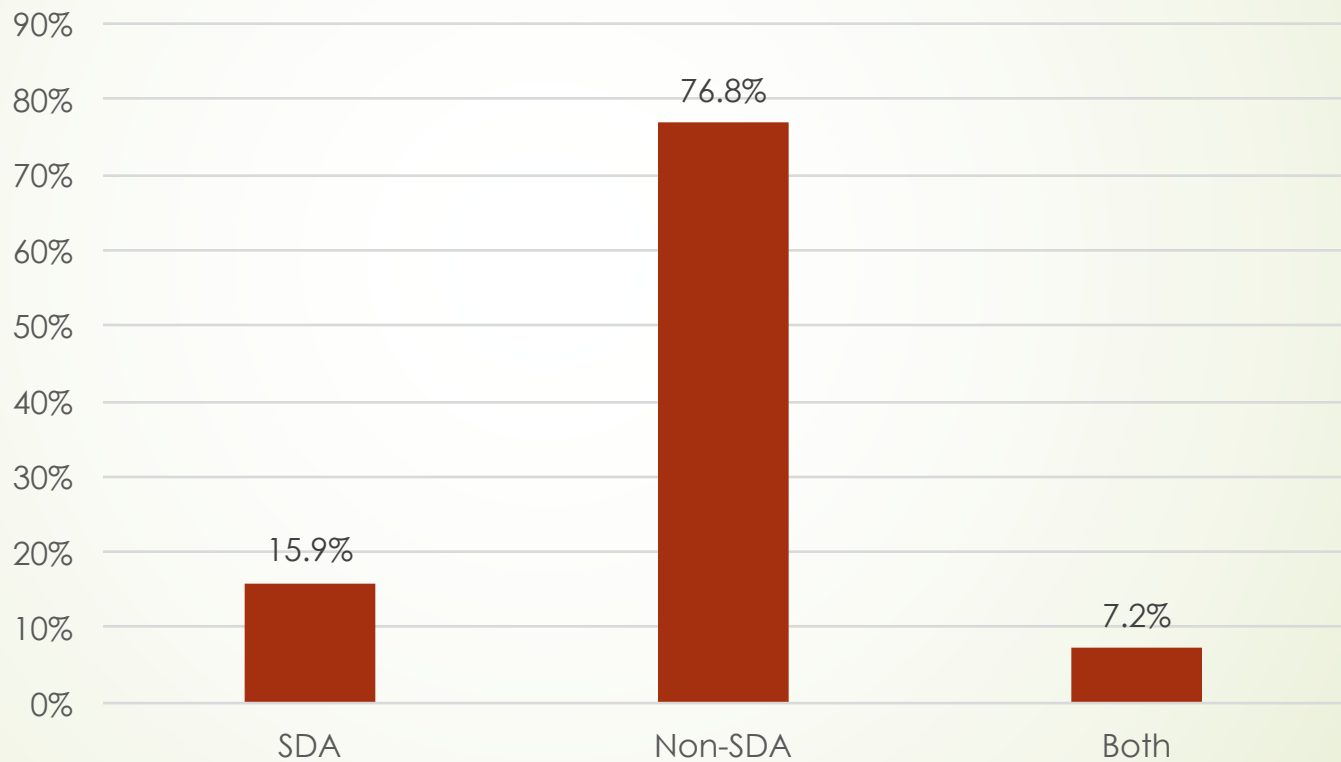
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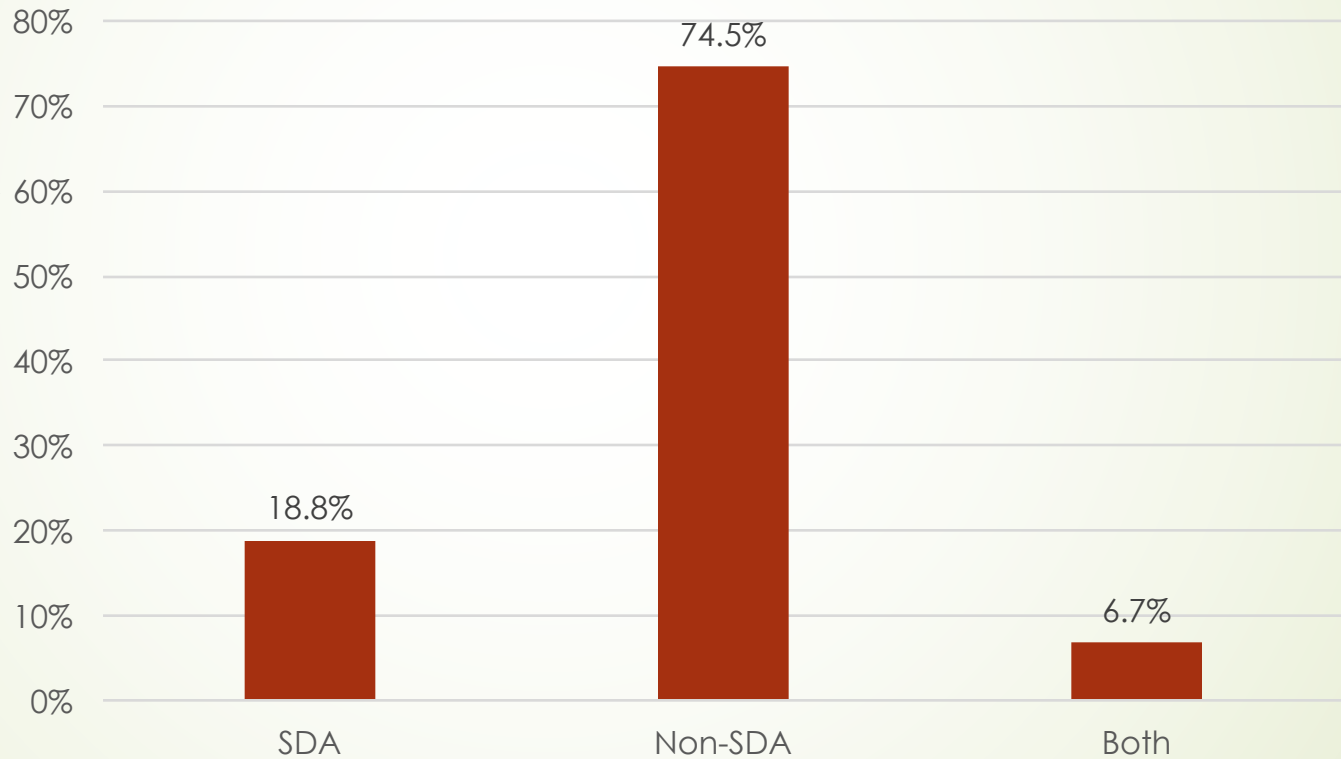
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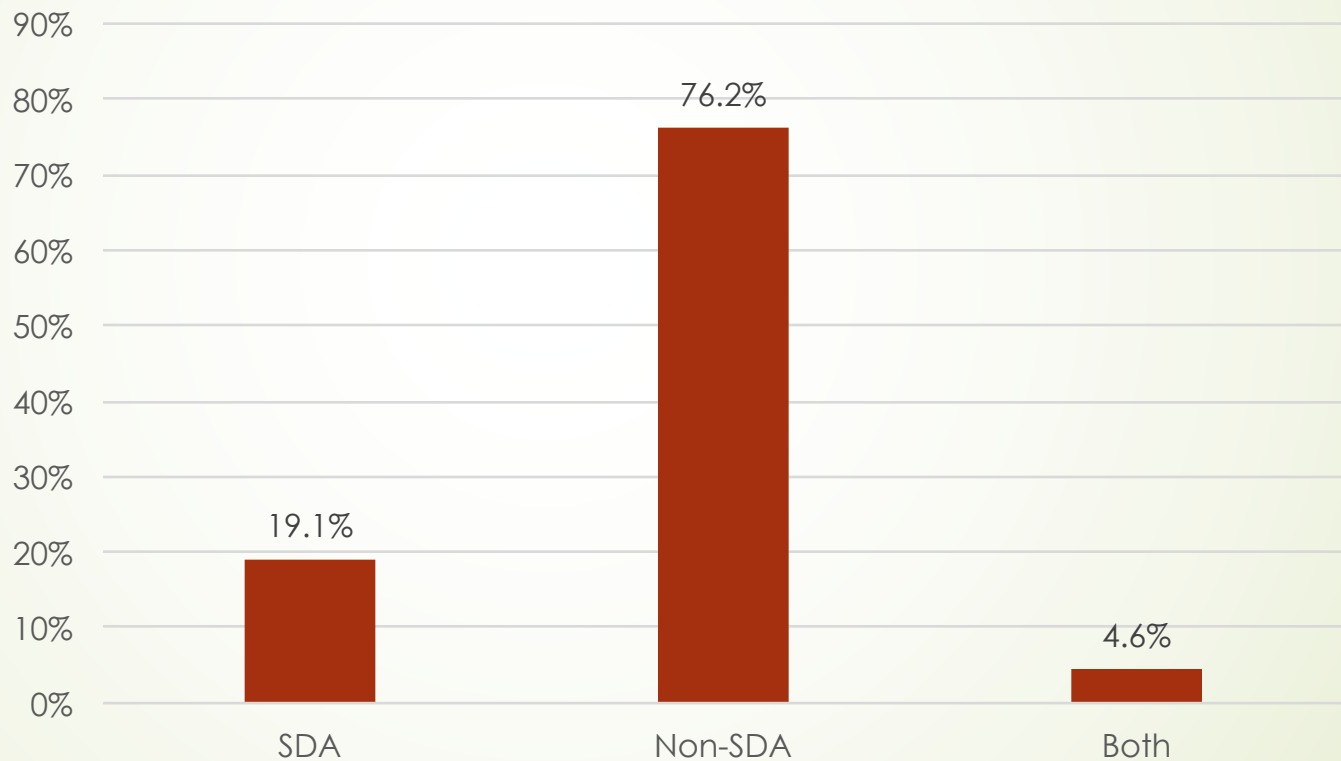
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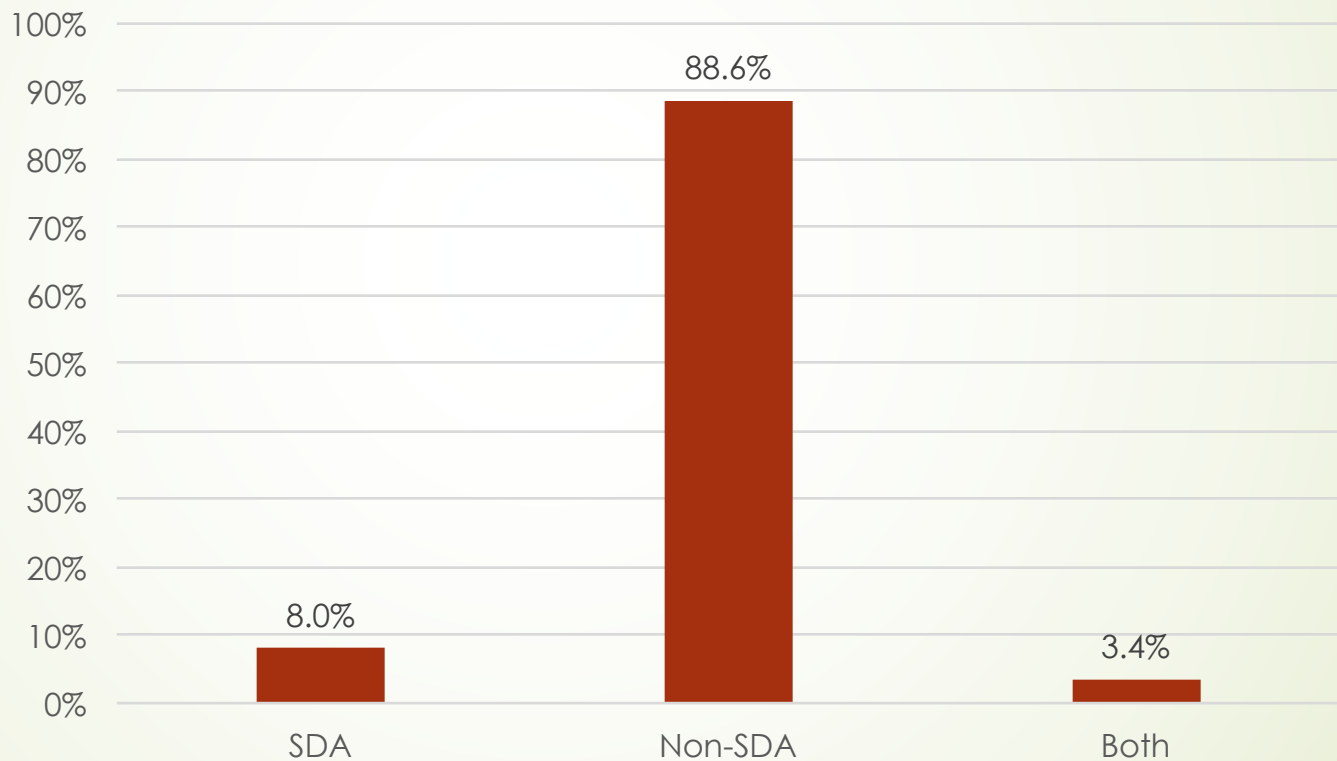
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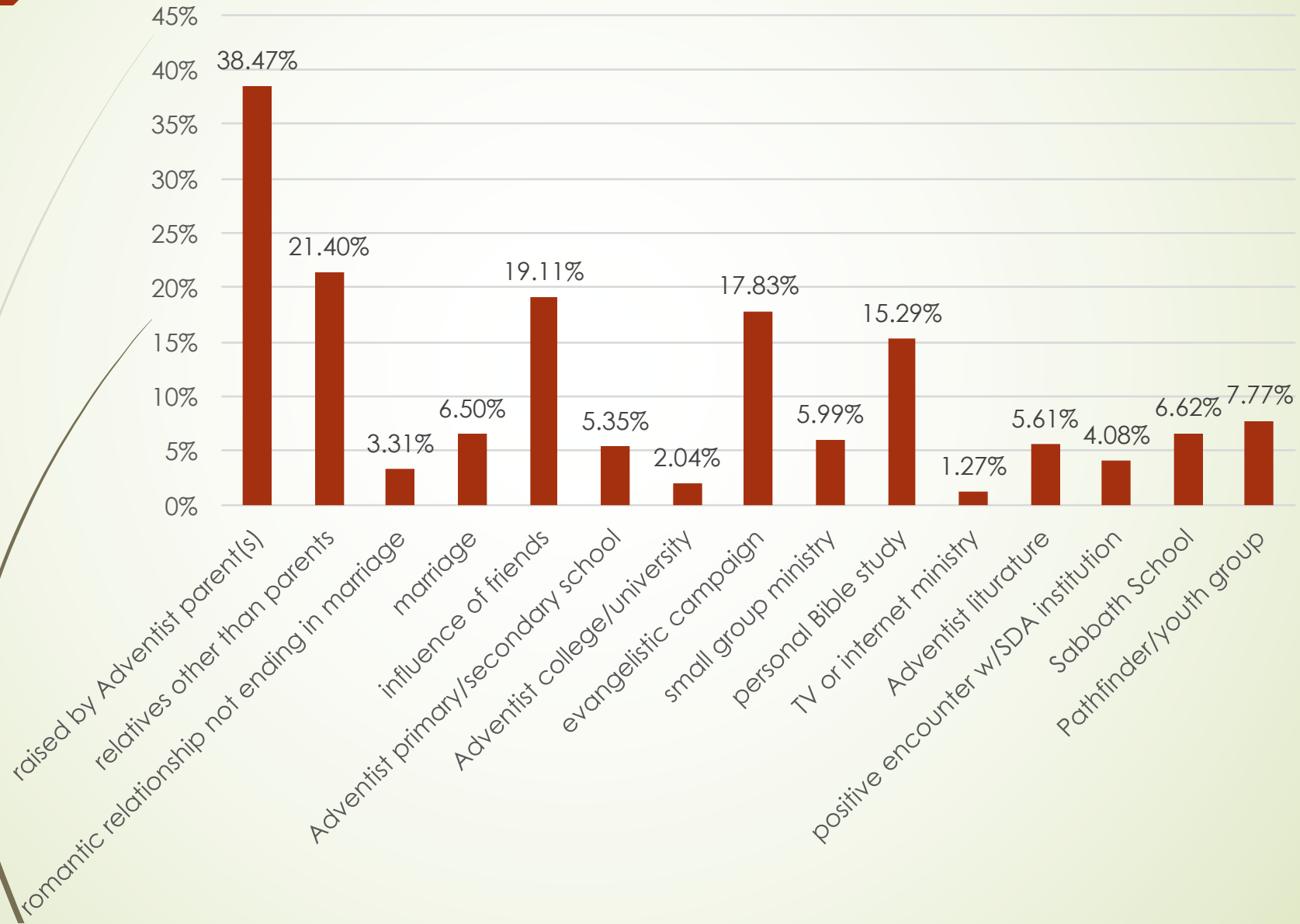
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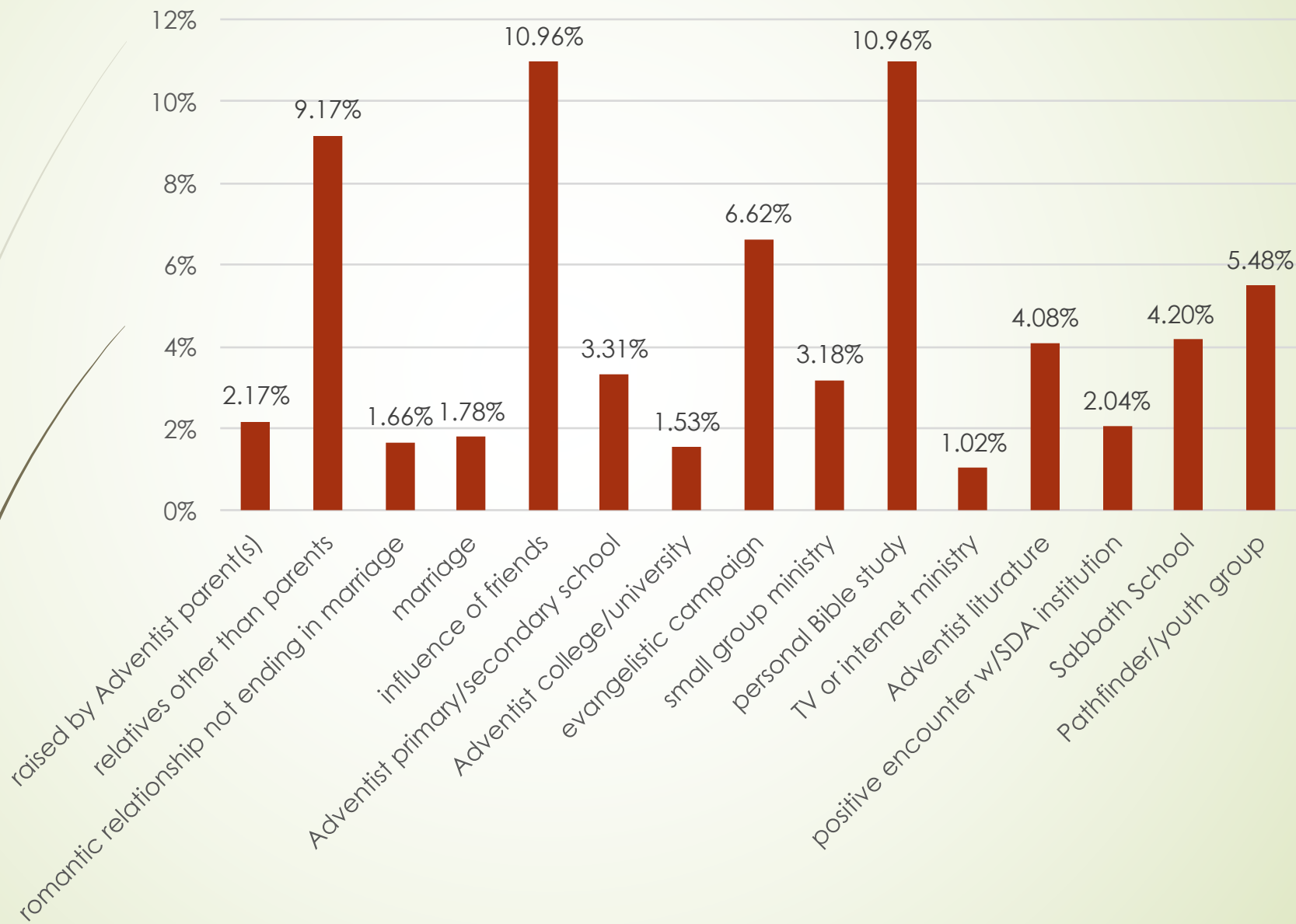
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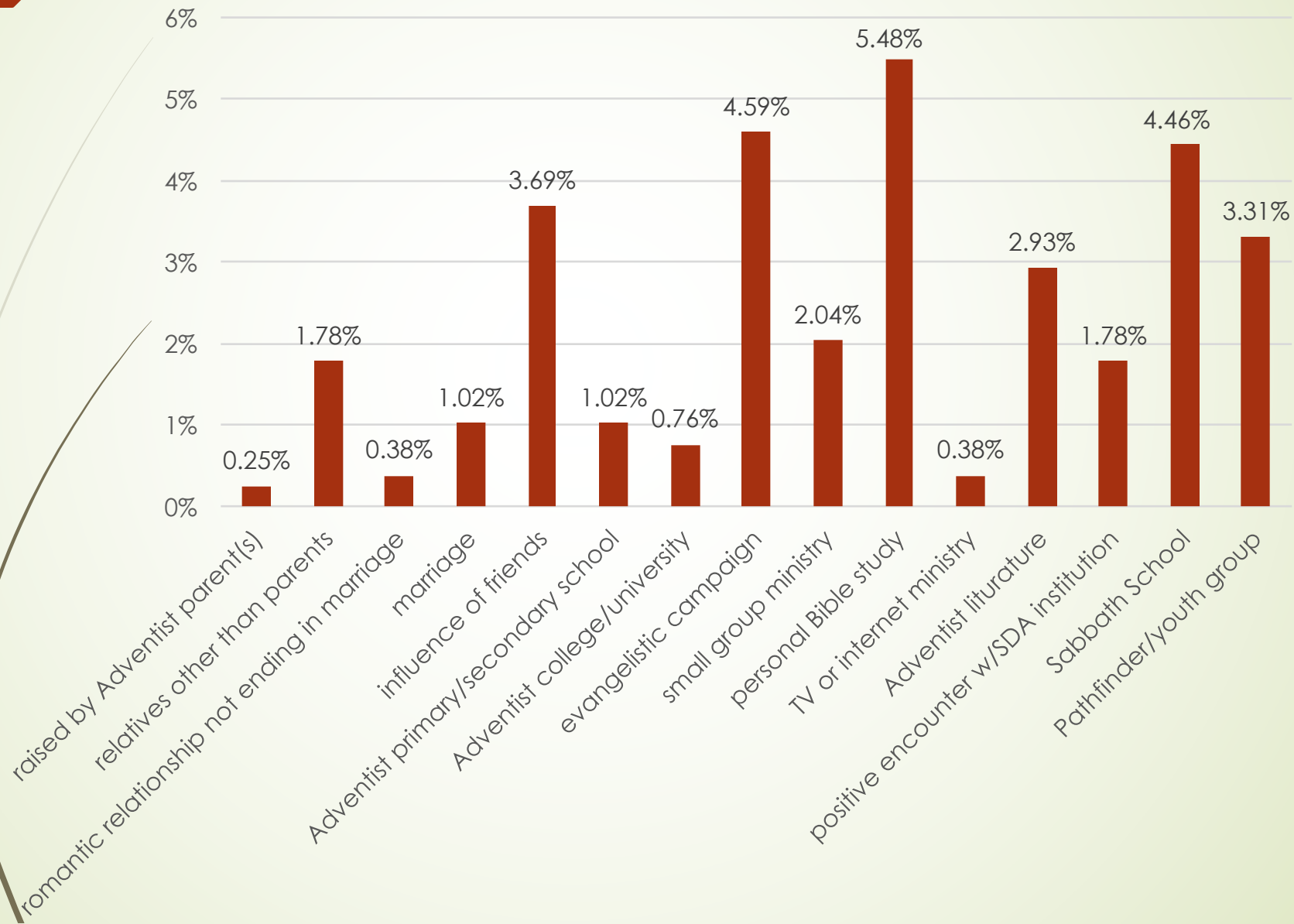
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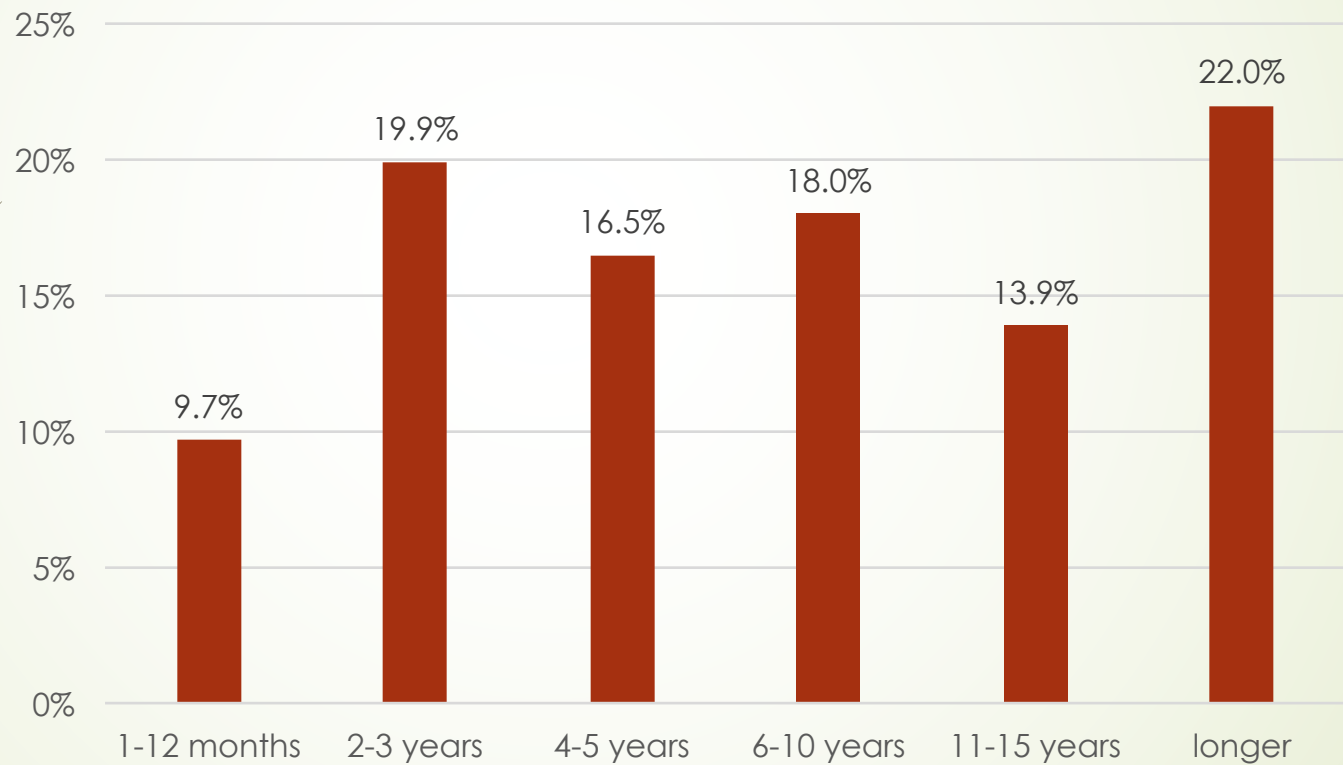
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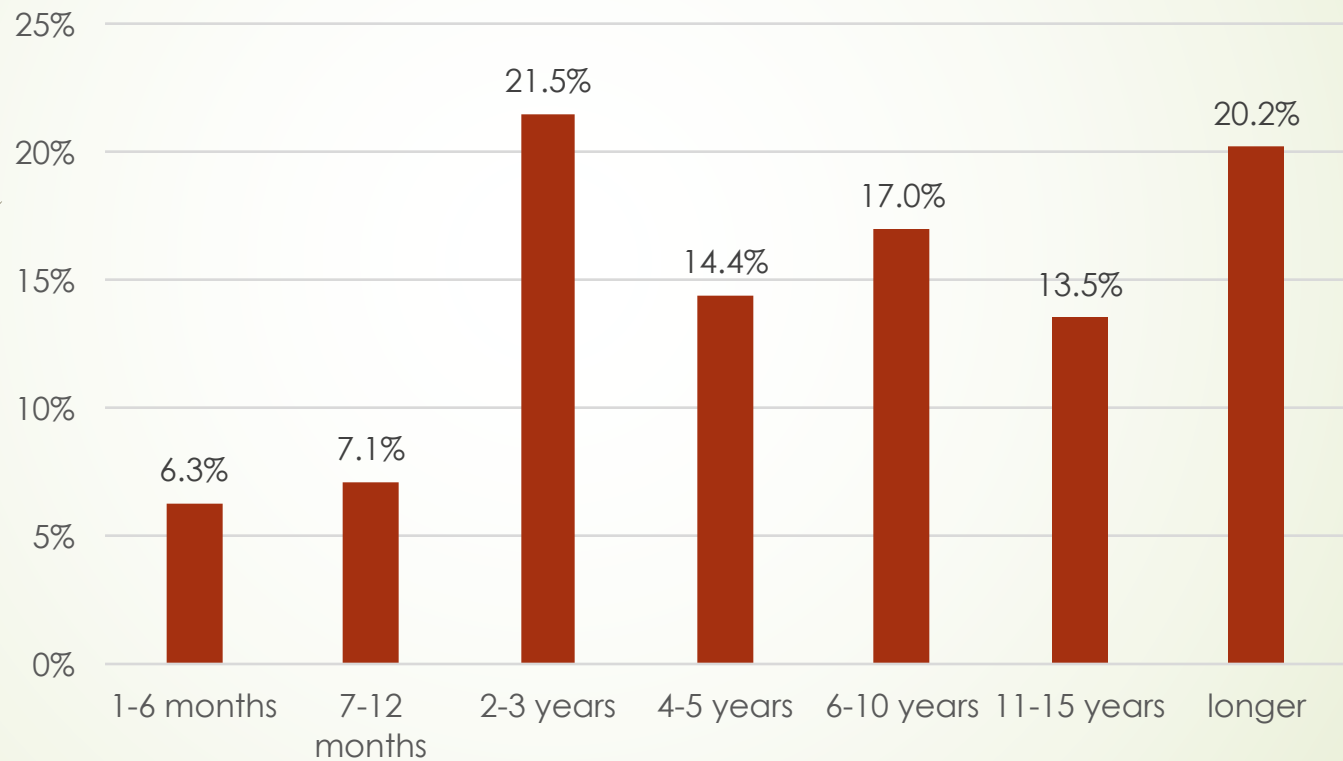
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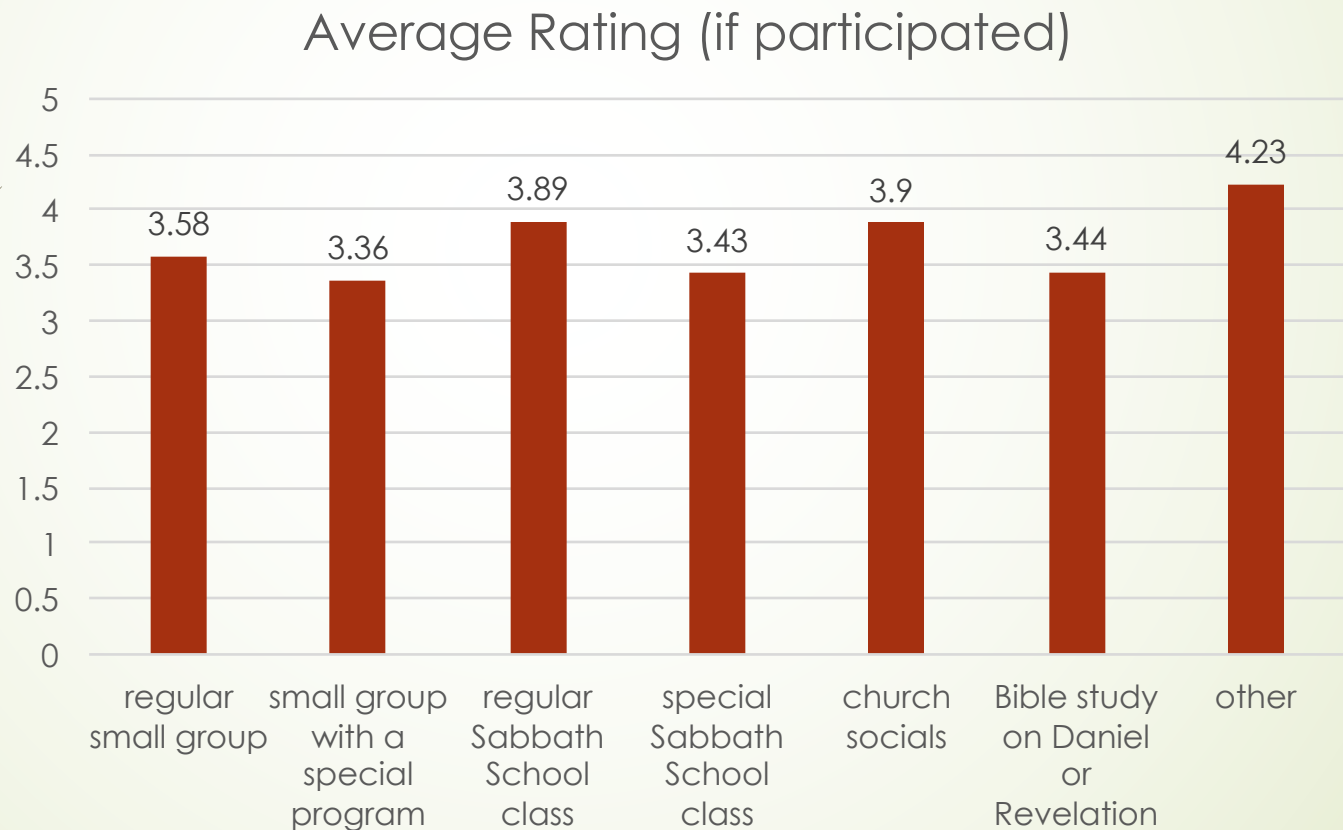
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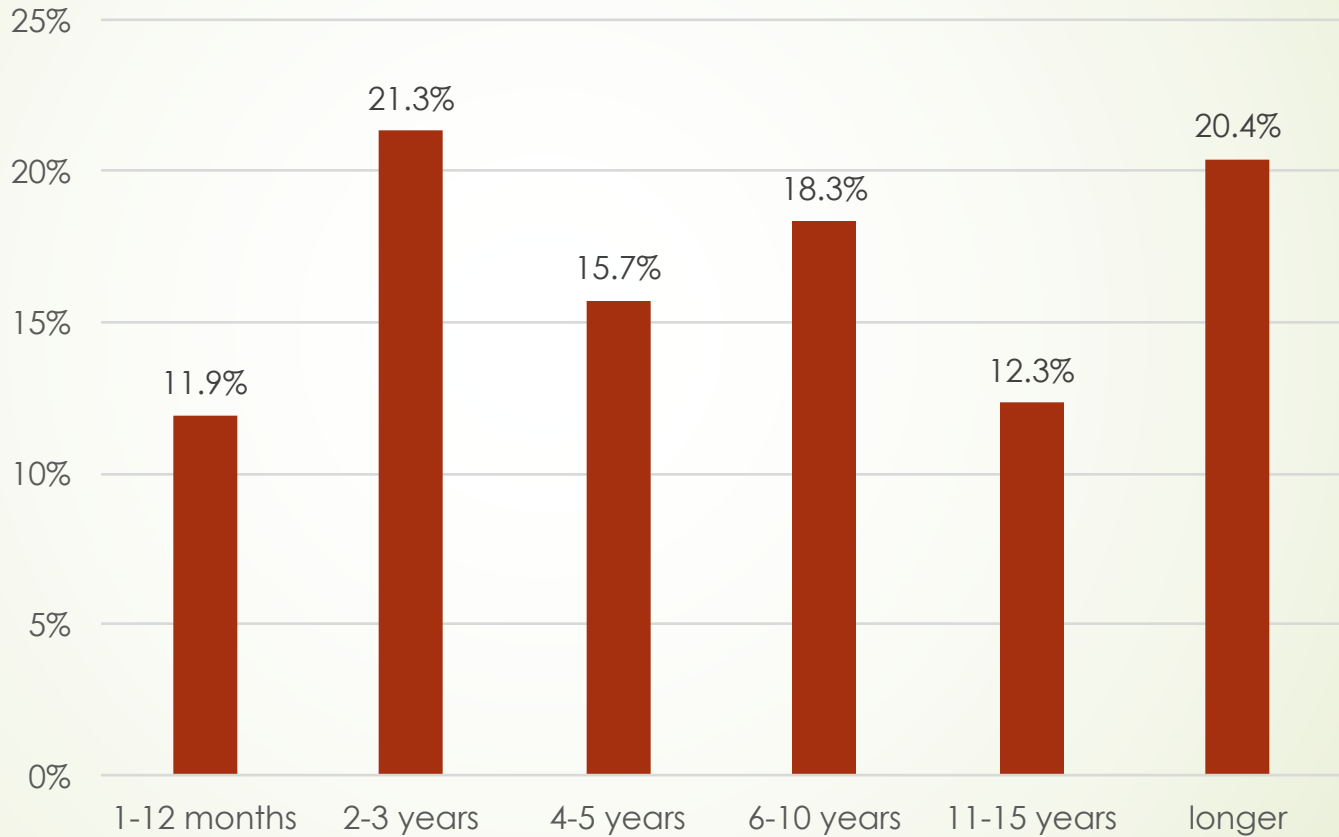
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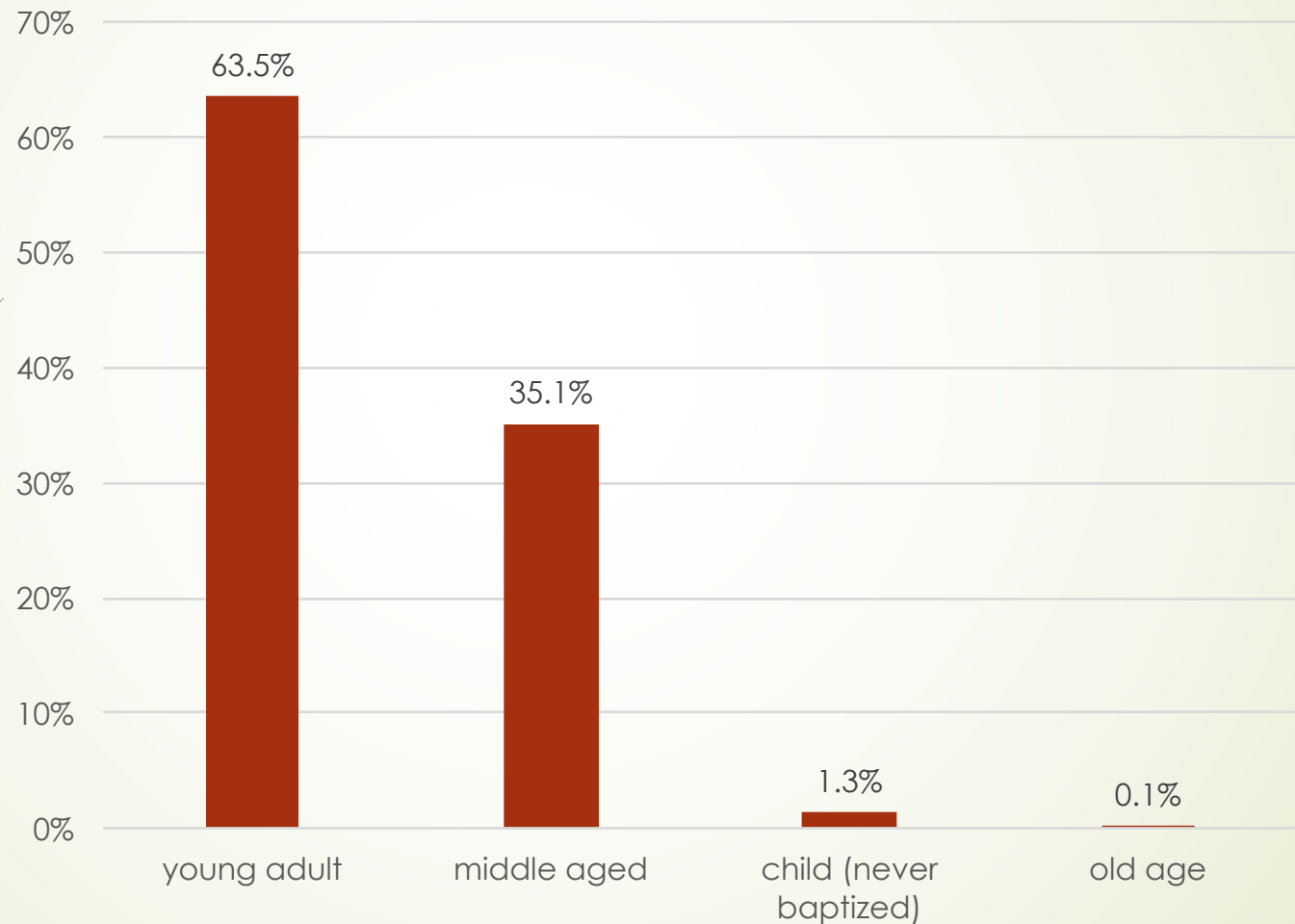
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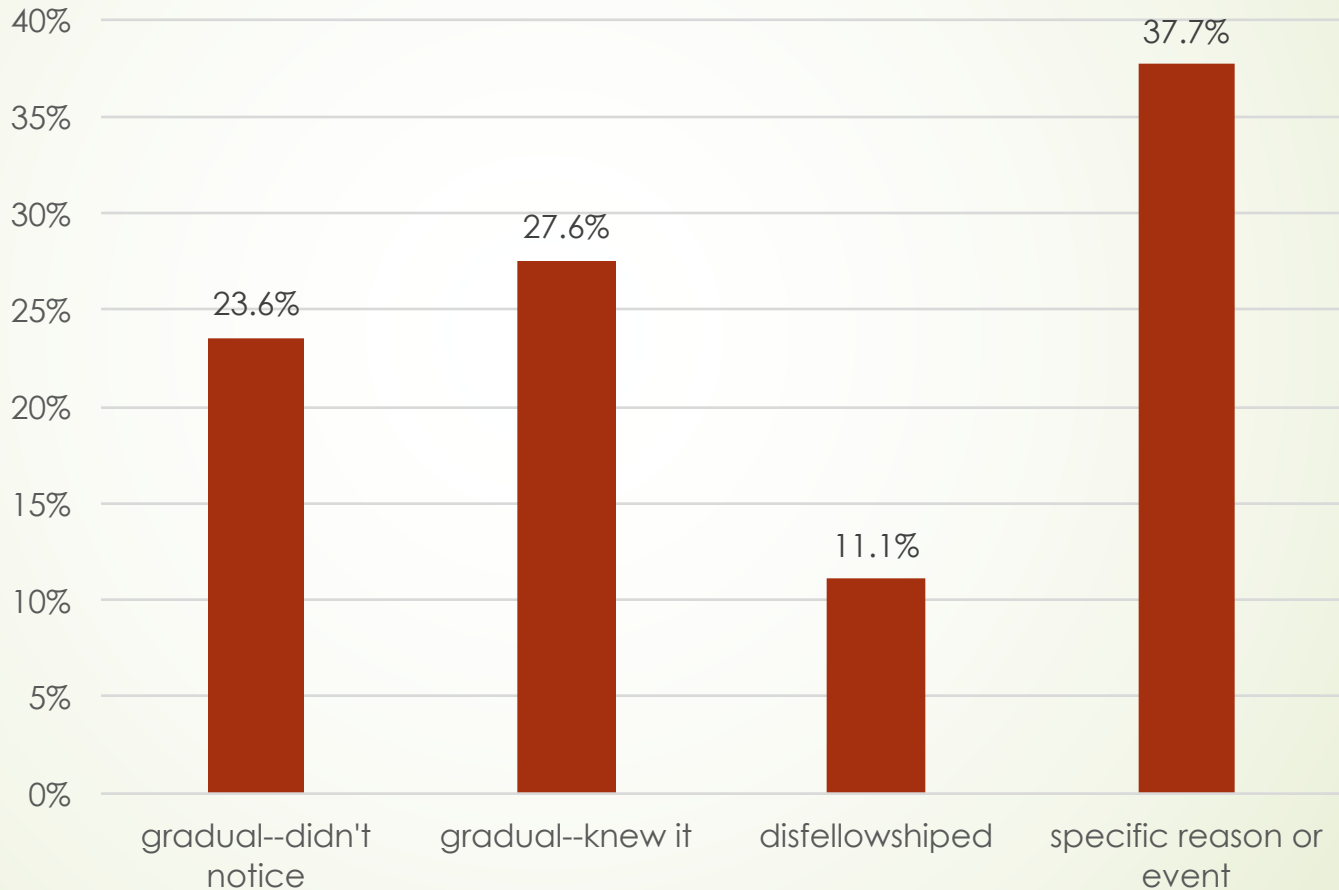
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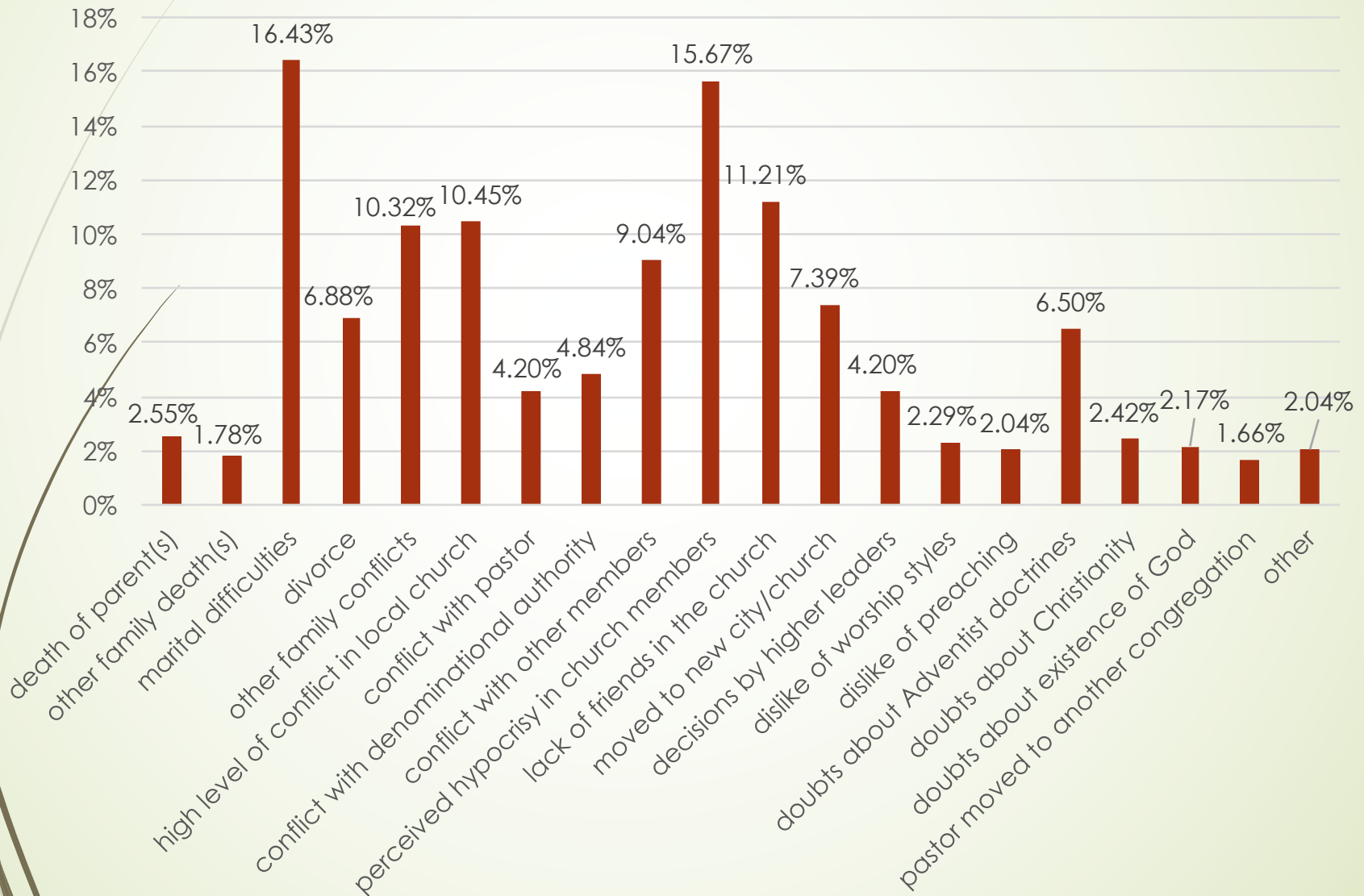
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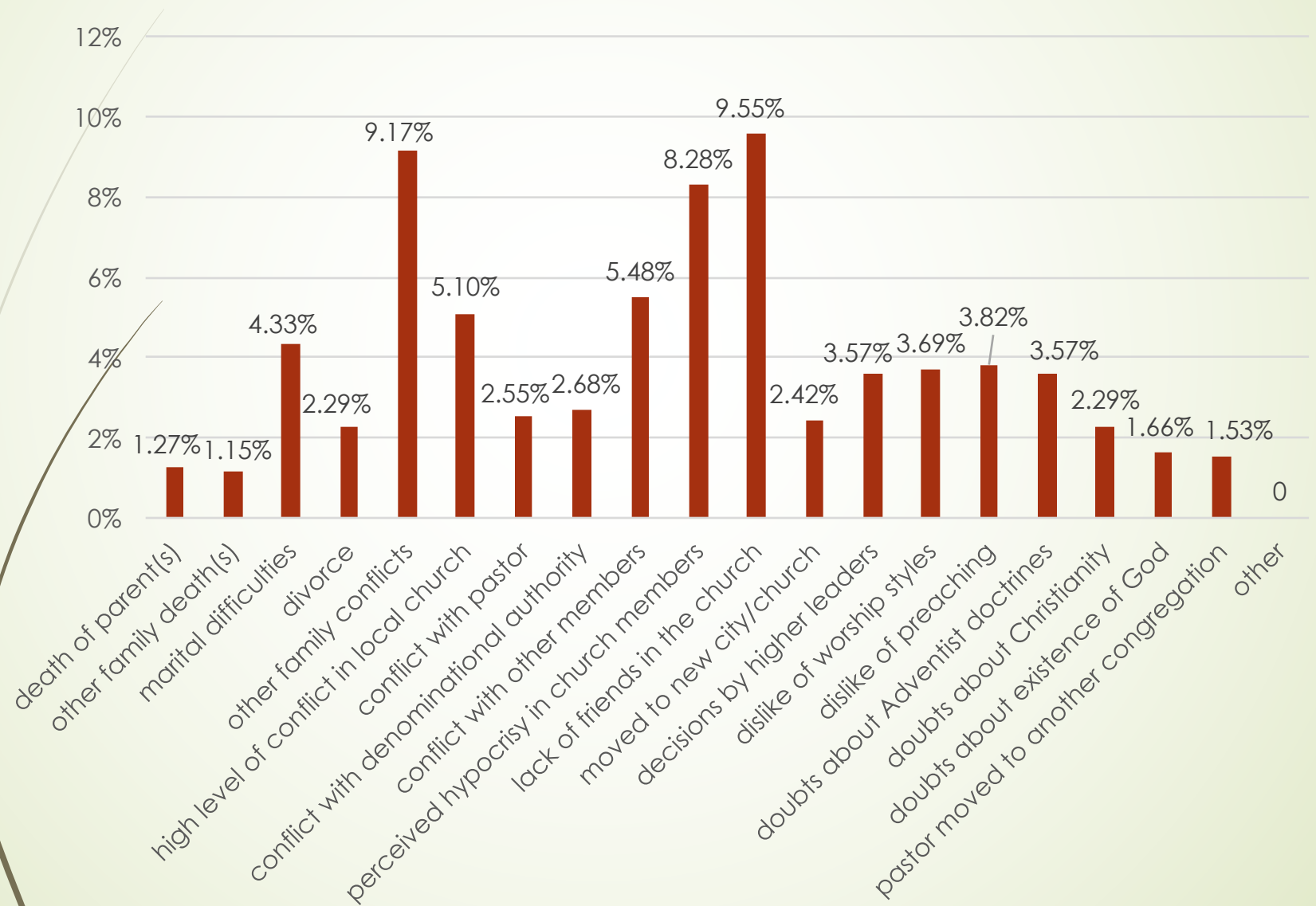
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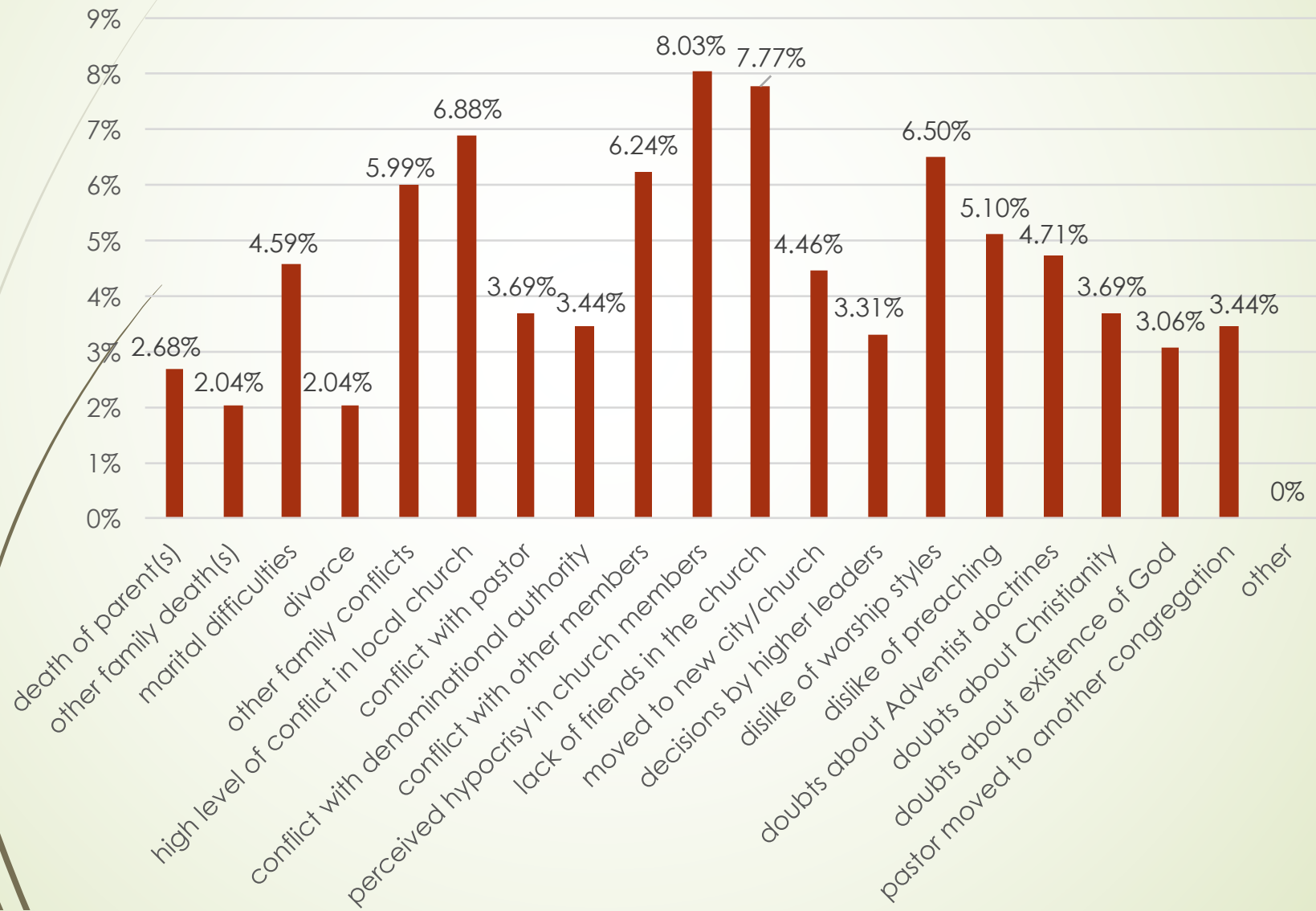
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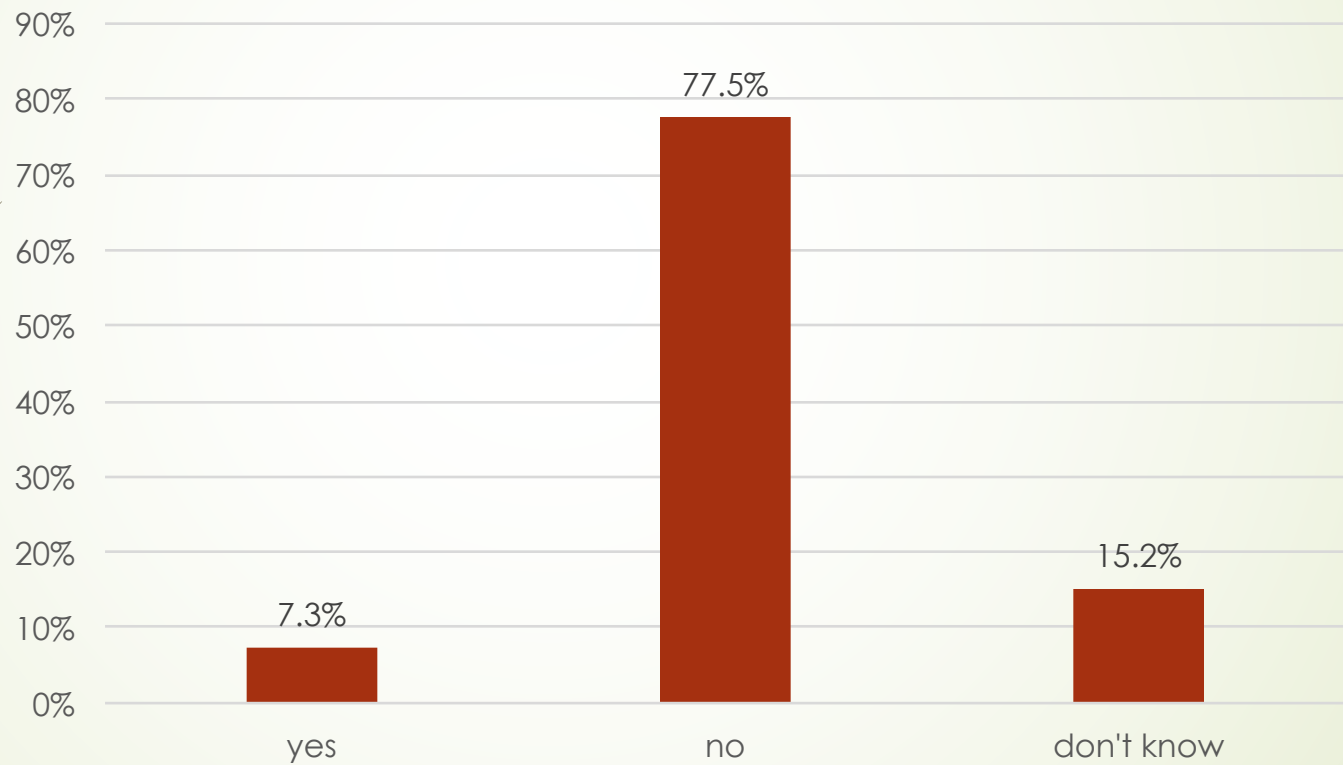
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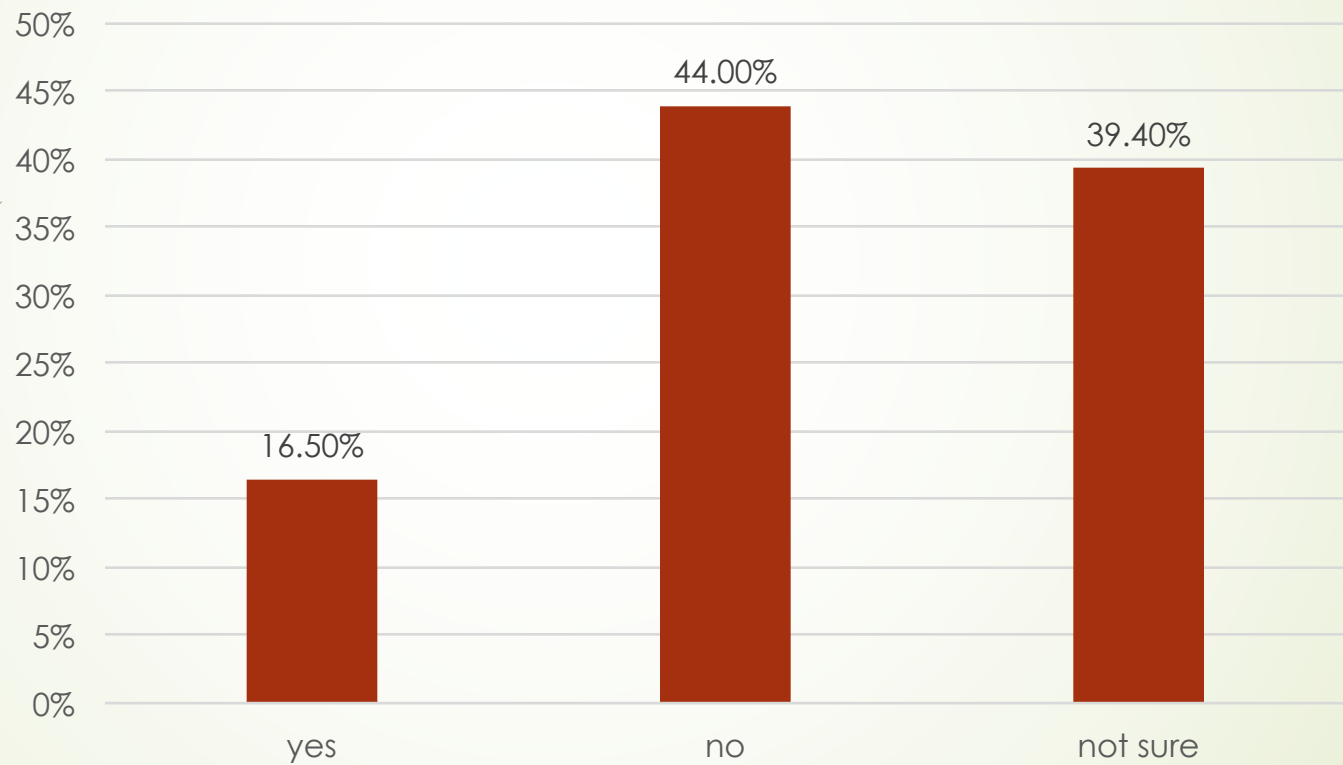
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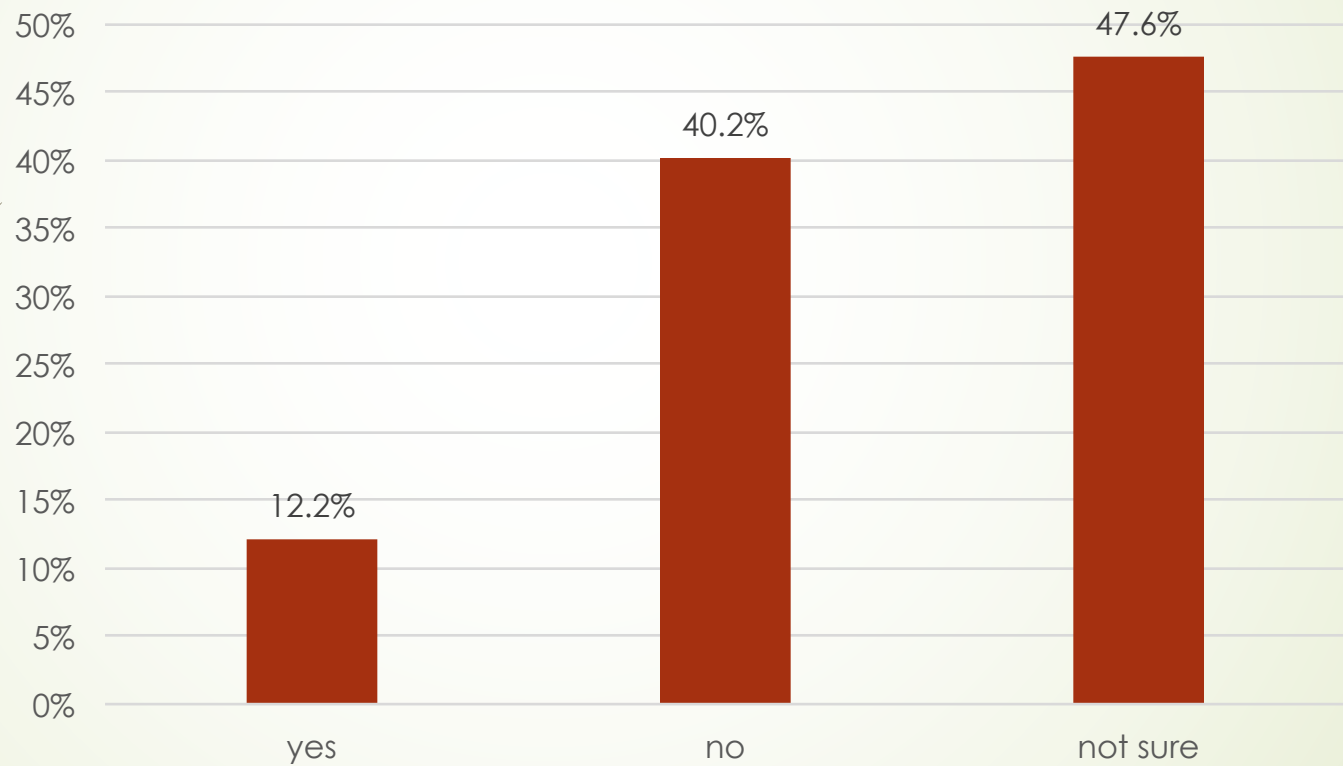
Adventist Education a Factor in Departure?



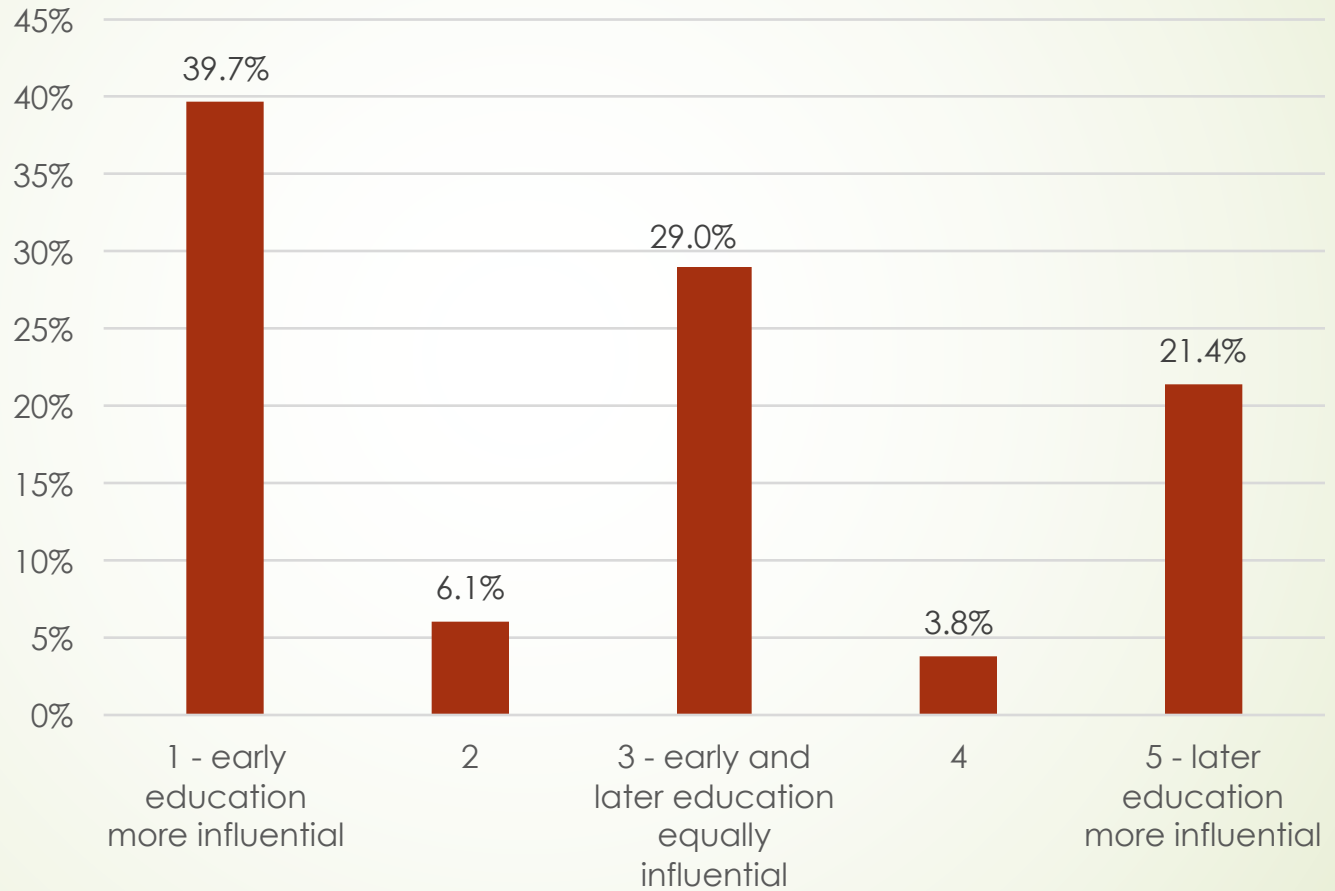
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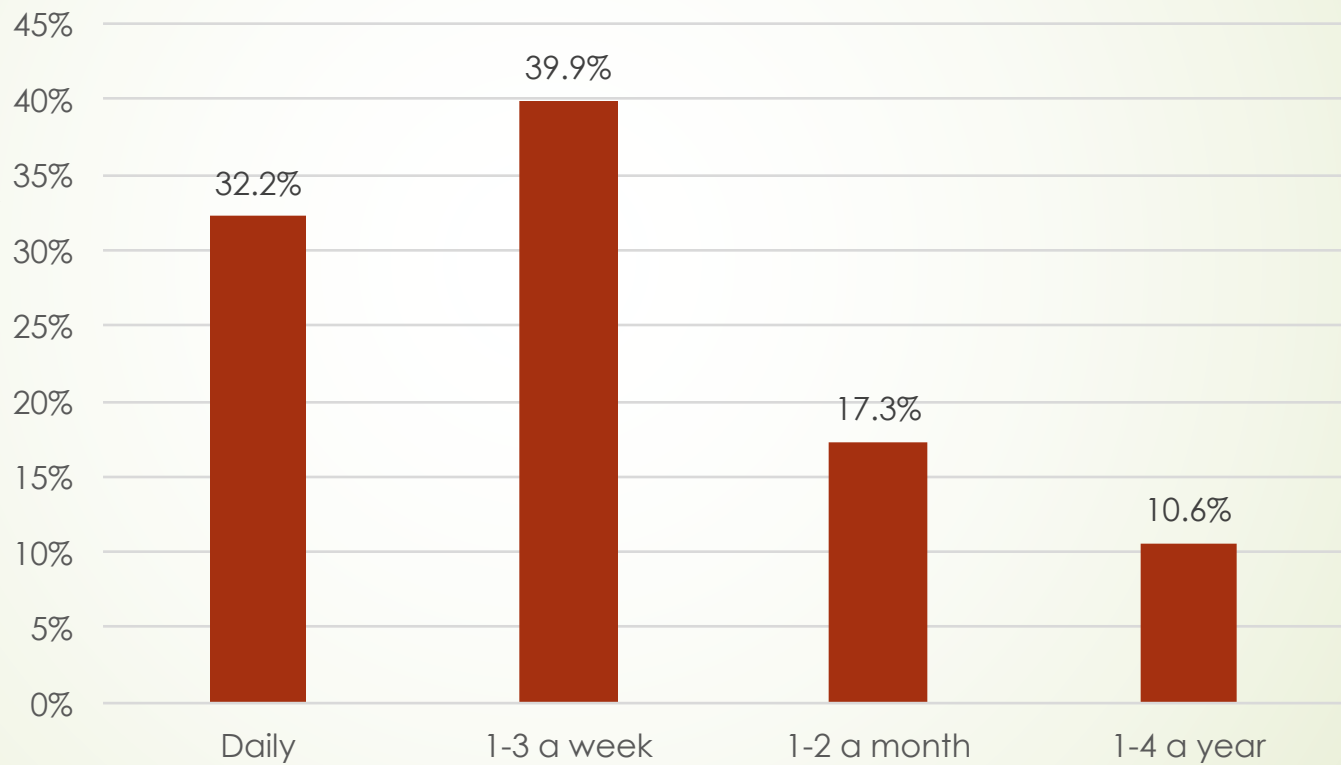
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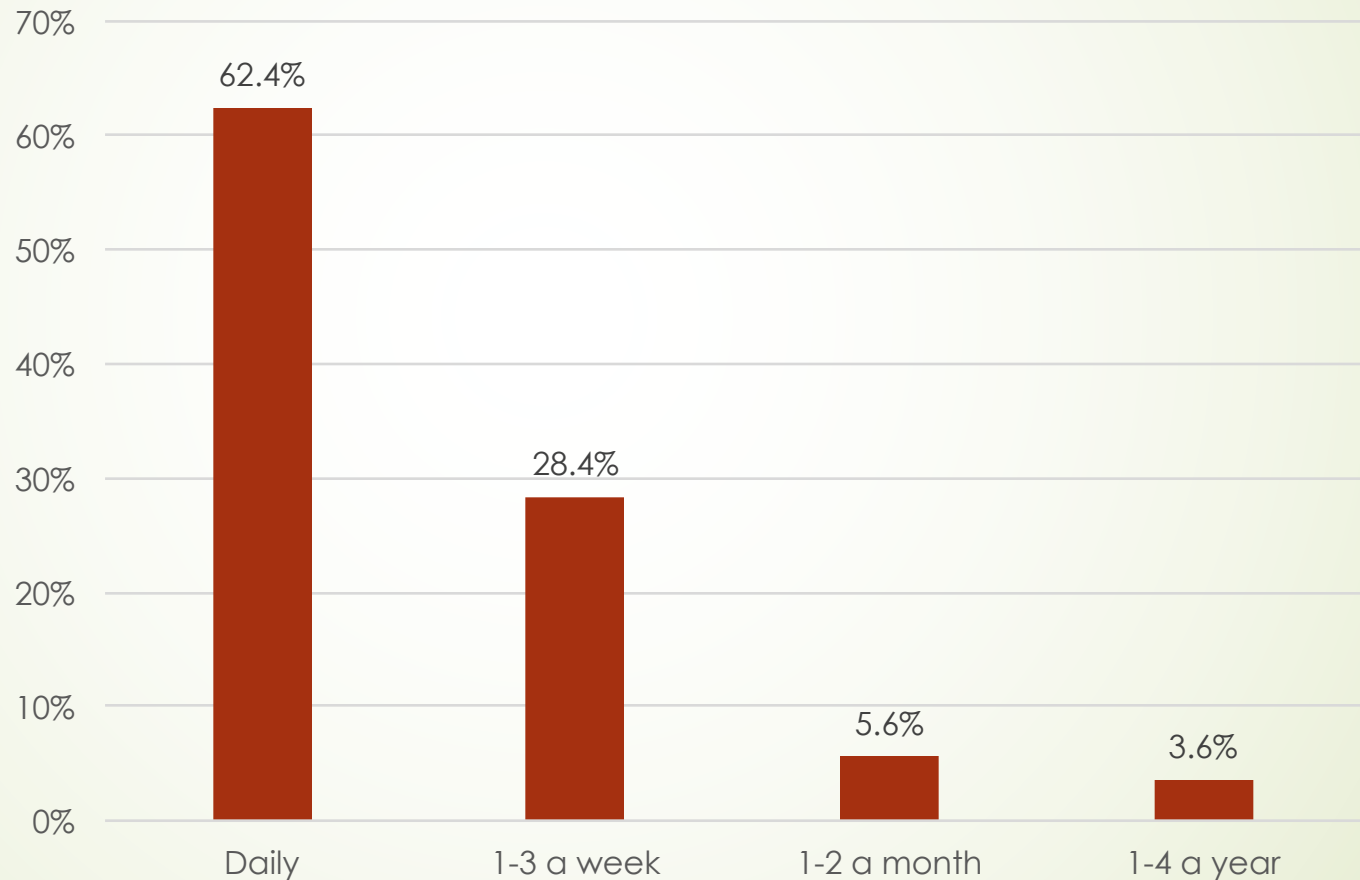
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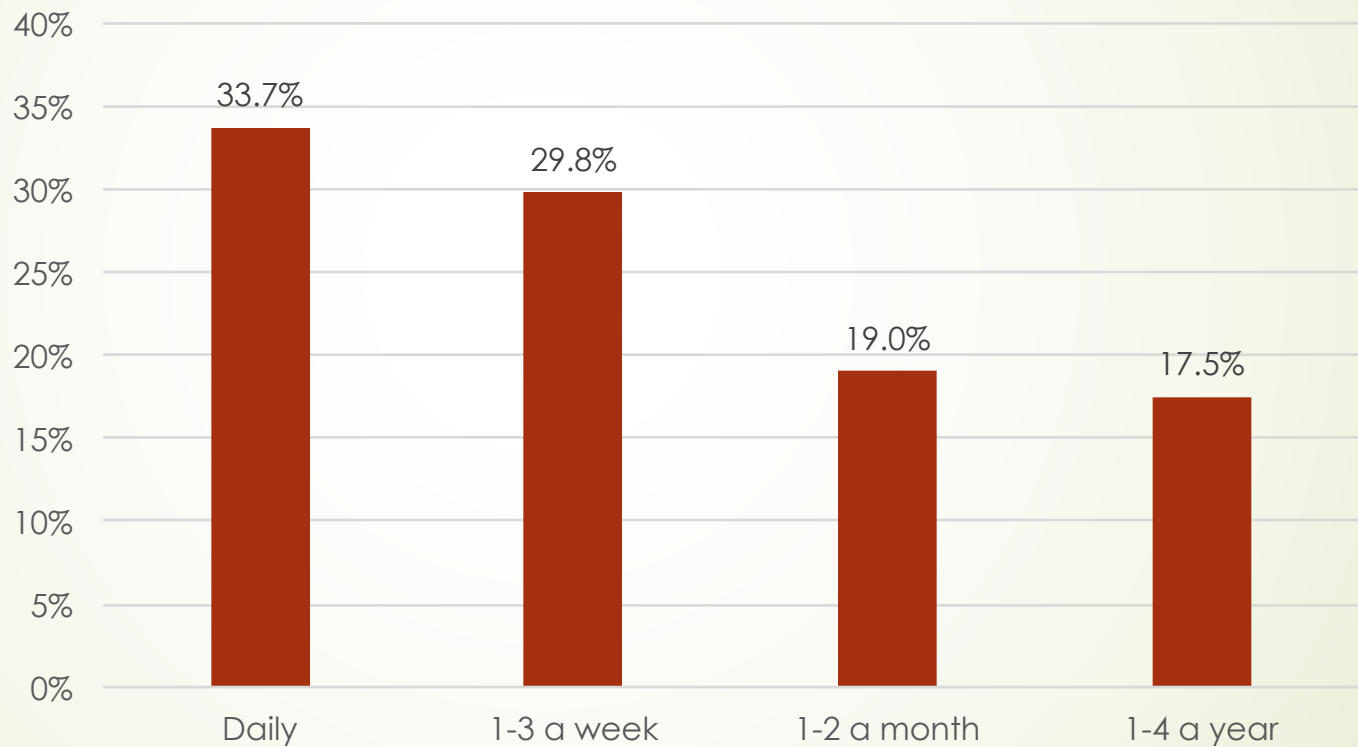
Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Personal Bible Study



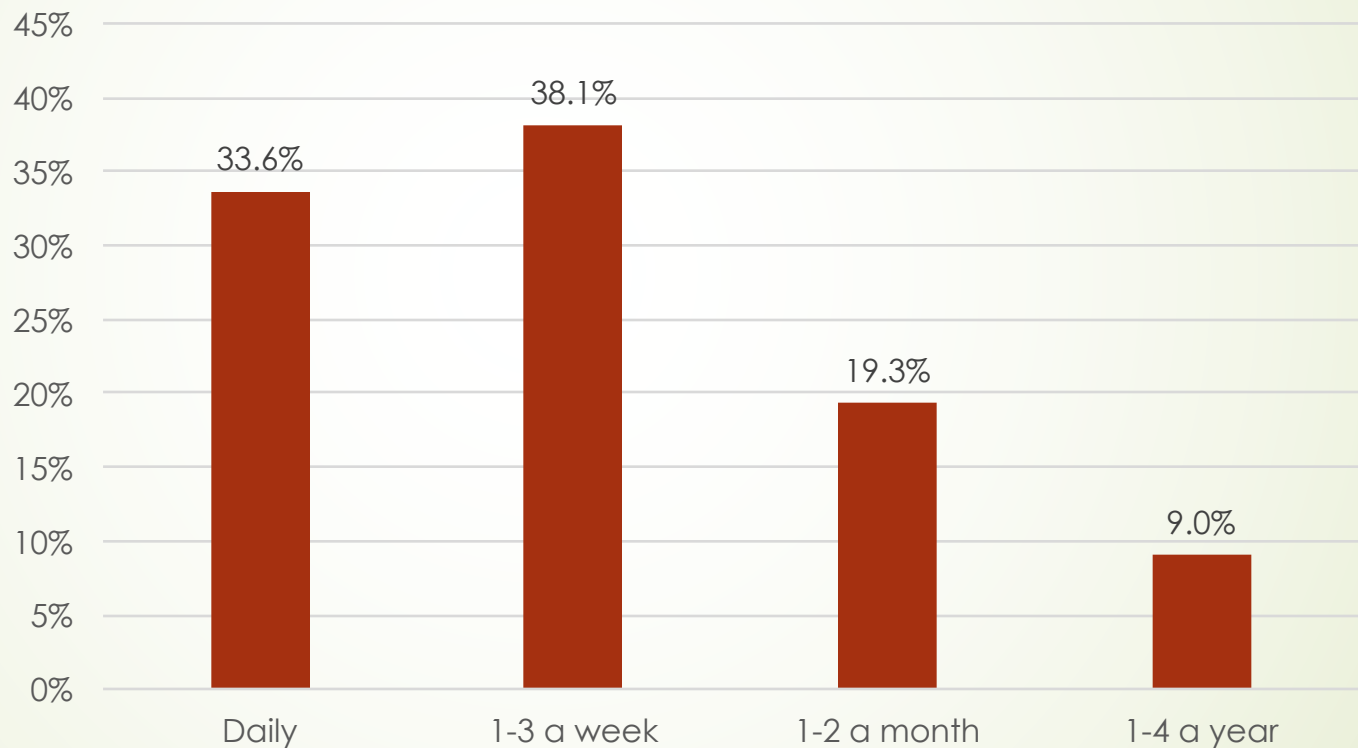
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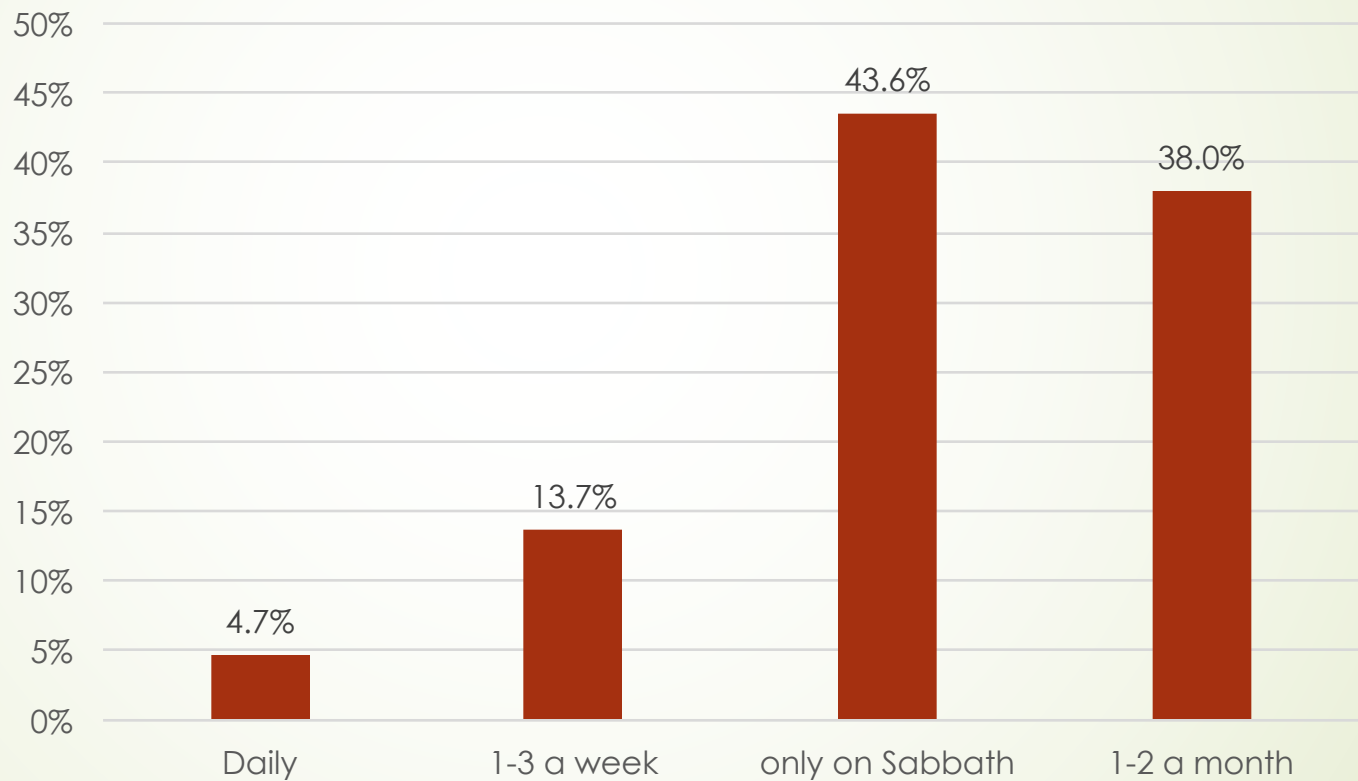
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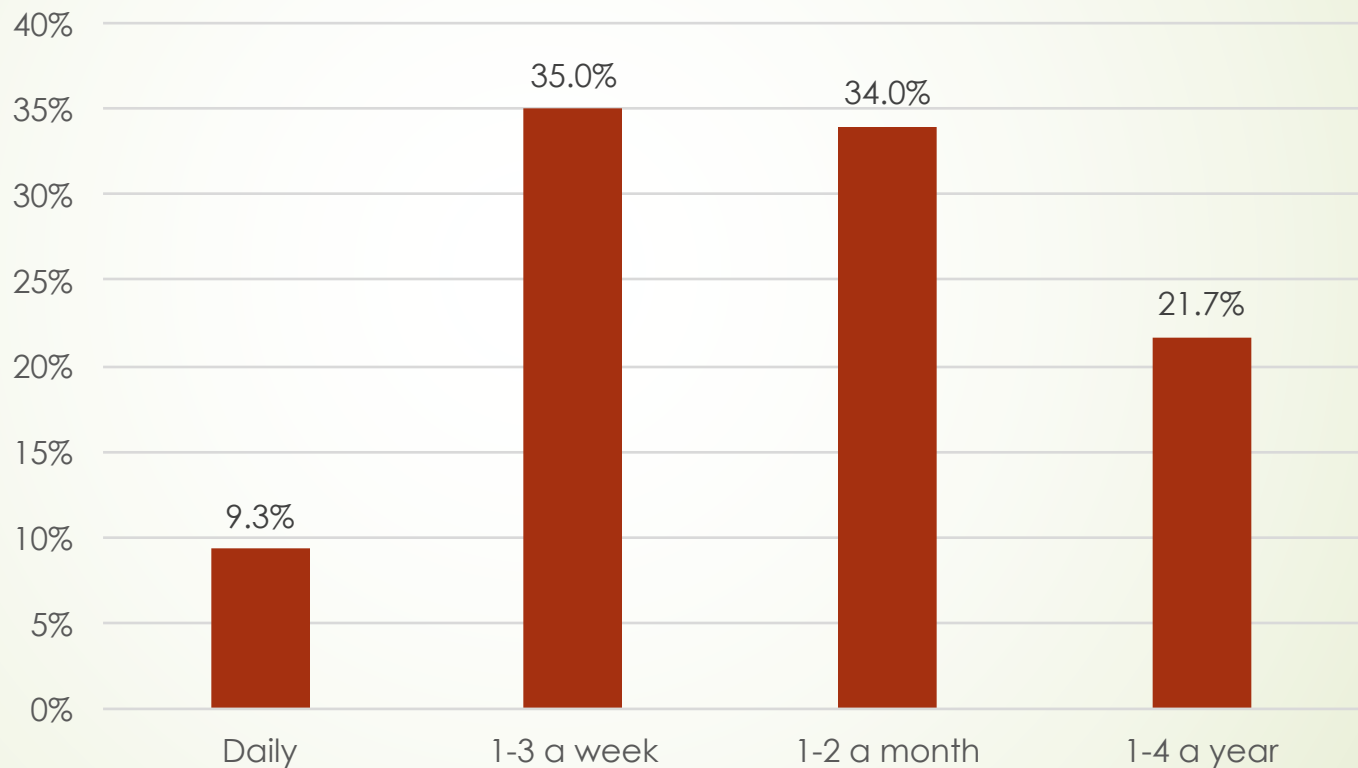
Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Study of Sabbath School Quarterly



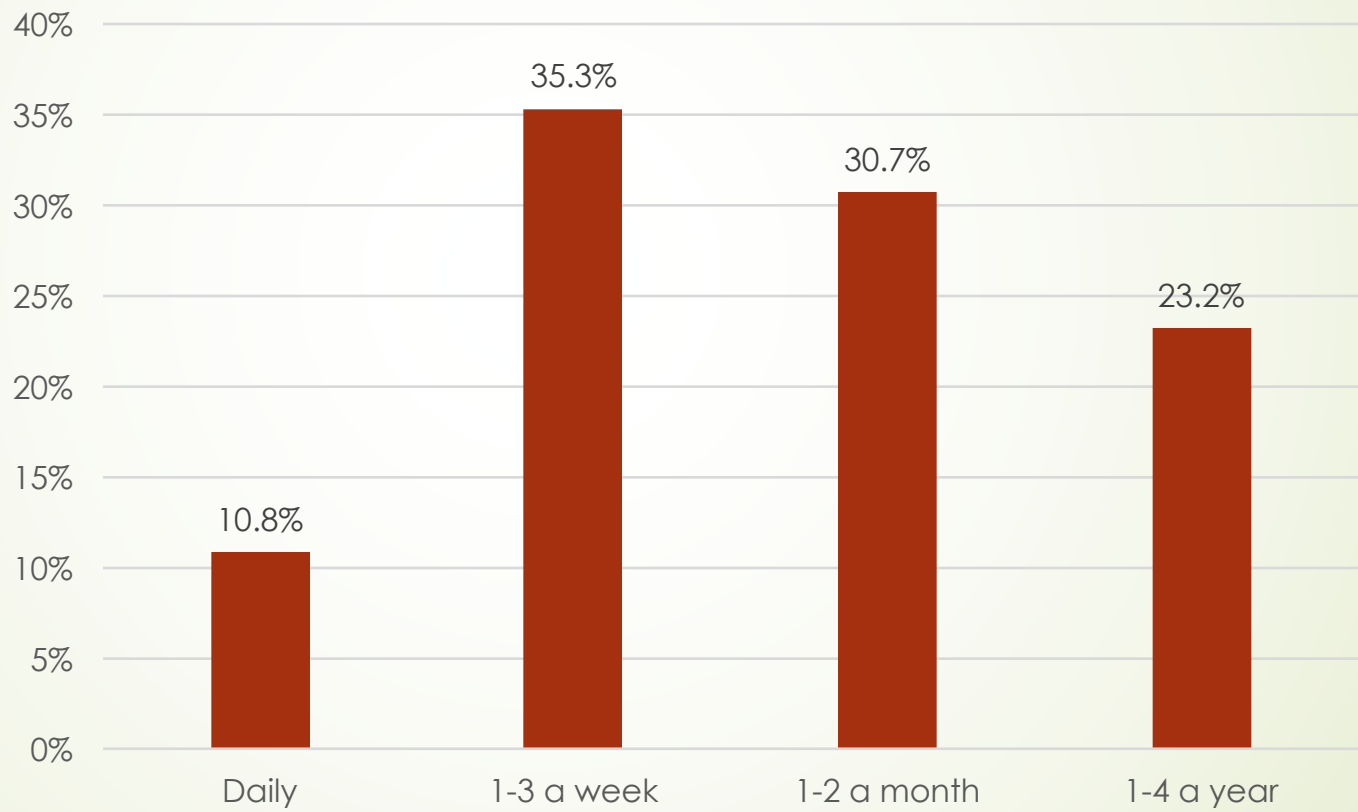
Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Church Aid to Community



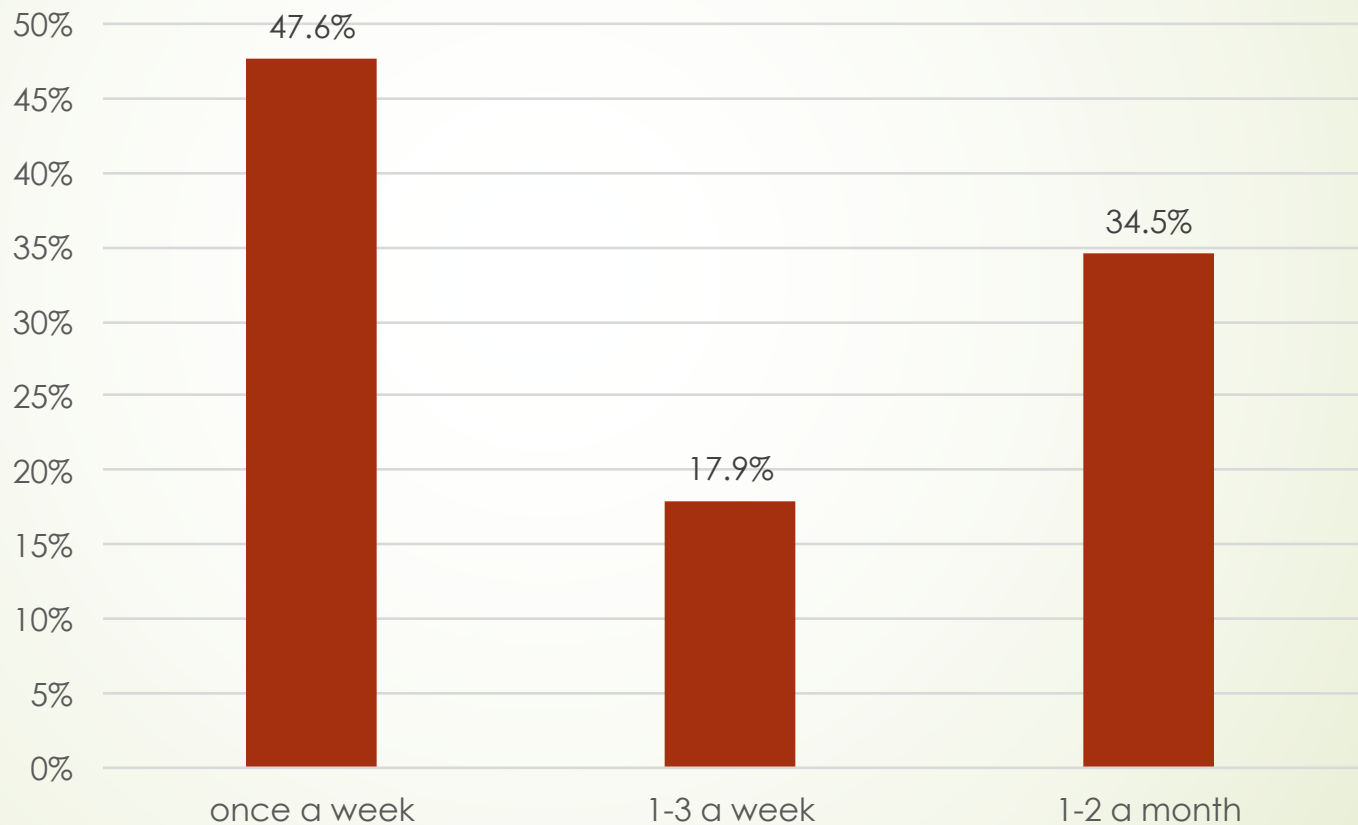
Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Prayer Meeting



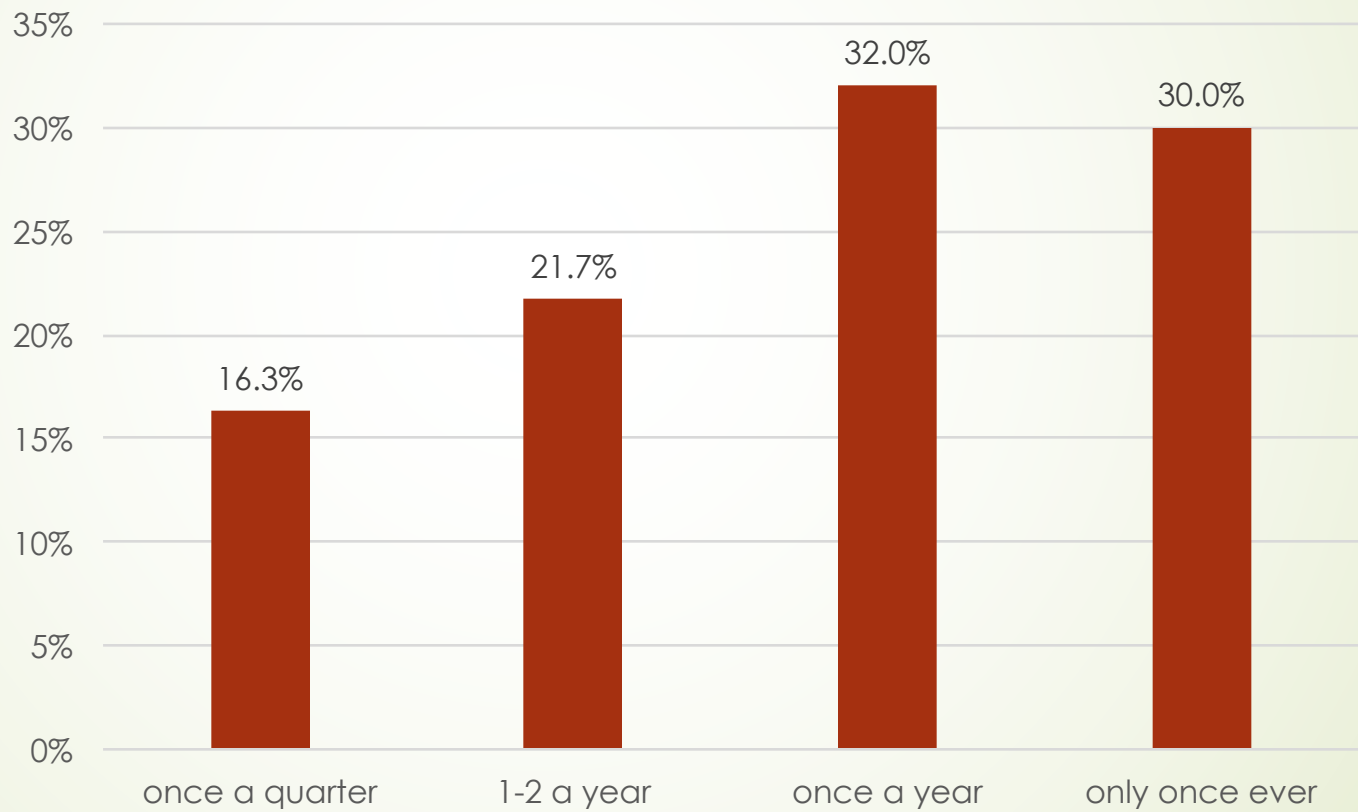
Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Pathfinders/Youth Meetings



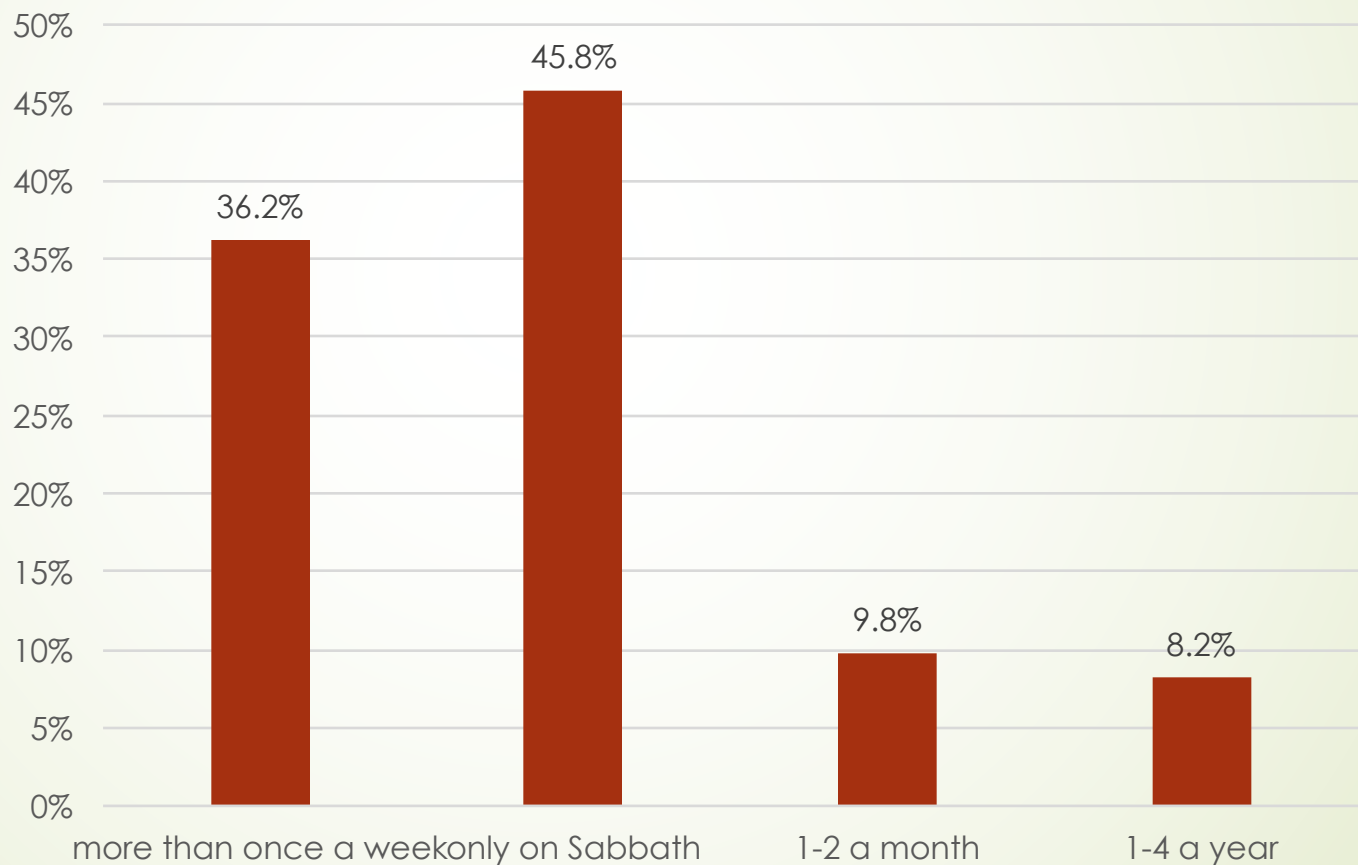
Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Small Groups



Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Summer Camp/Evangelistic Programs

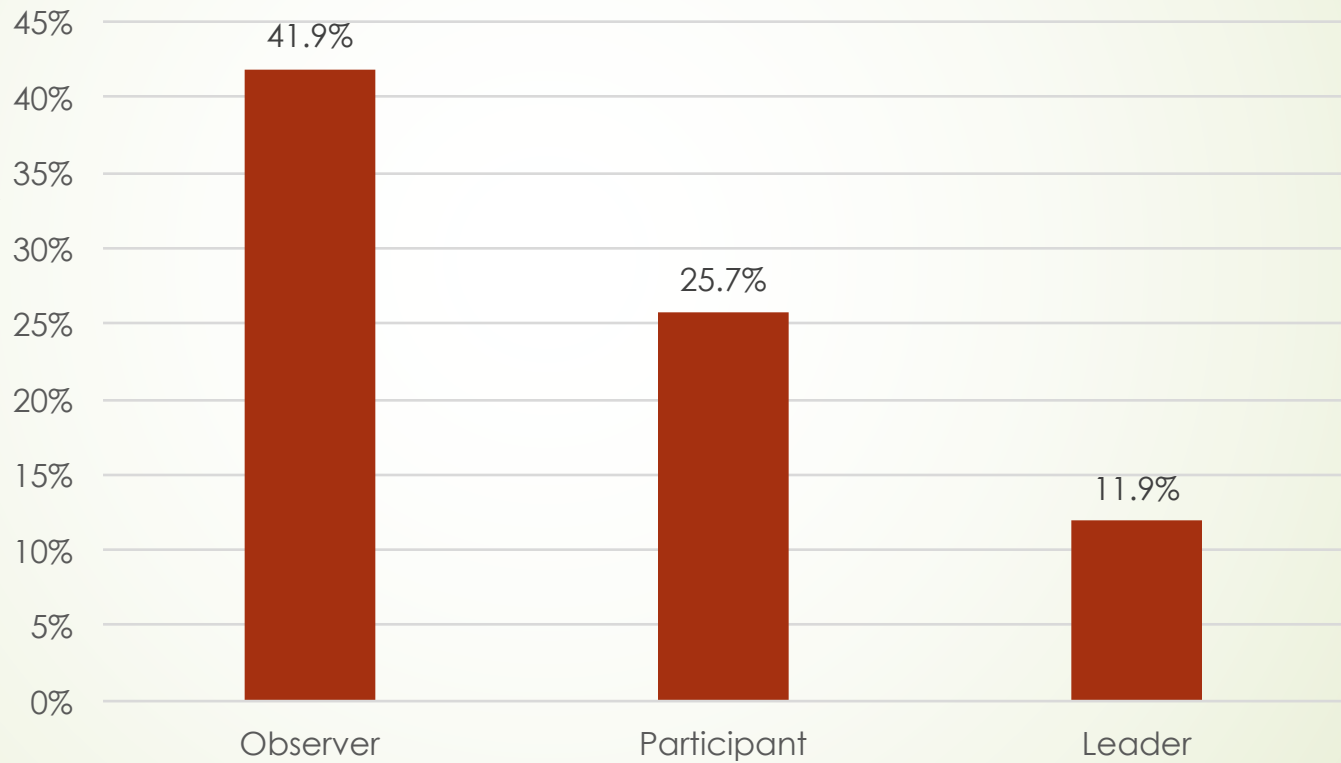


Frequency of Spiritual Activities: Services at Church

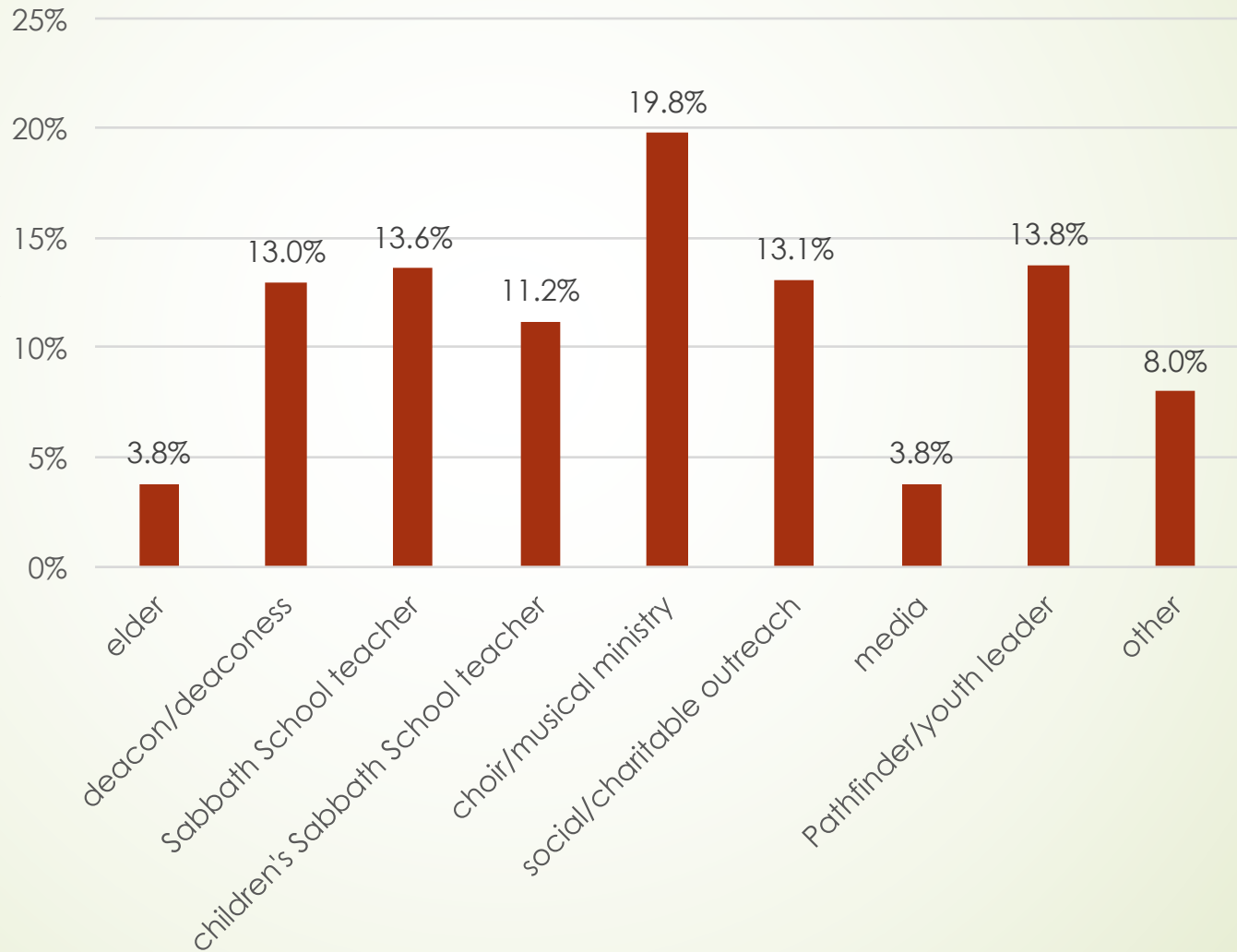


Level of Engagement Before Leaving

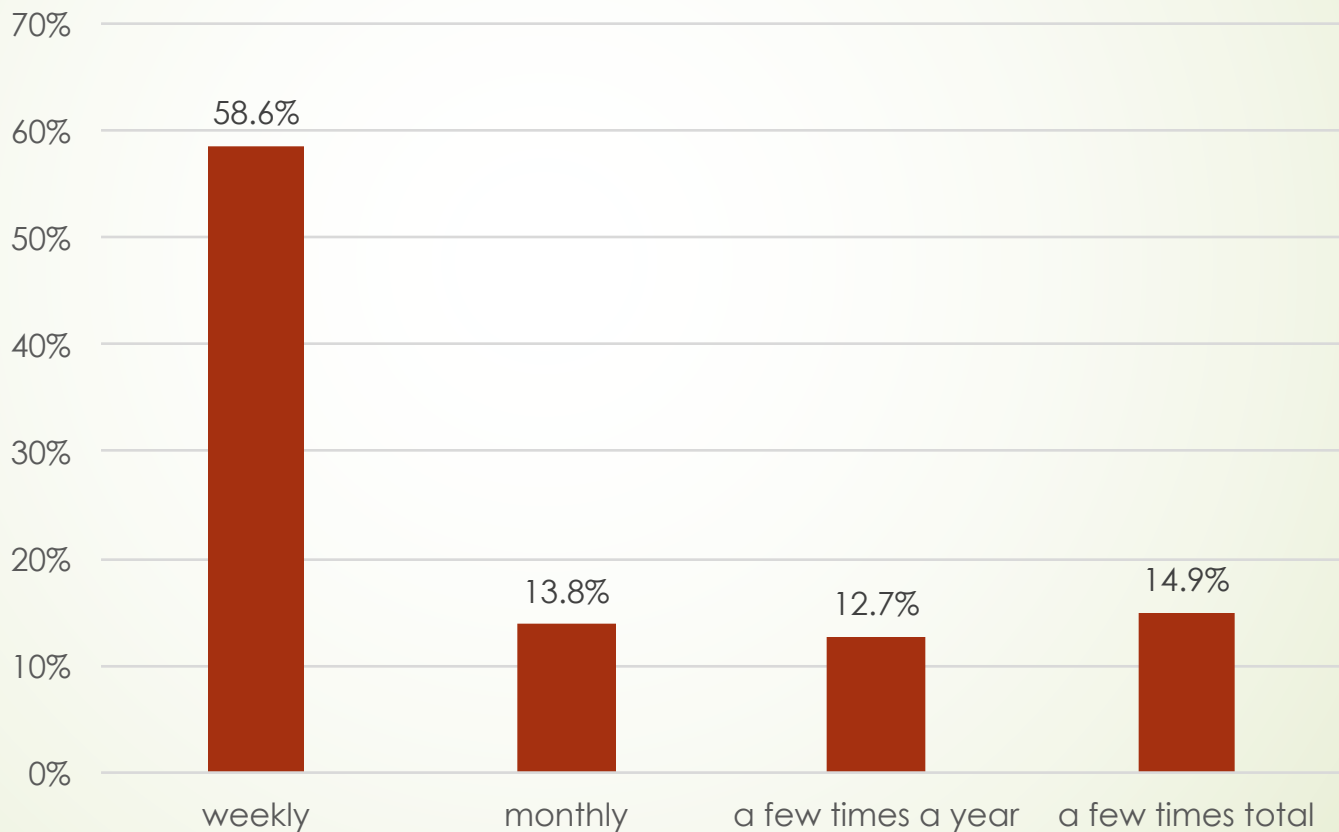
(percentage of time occupied in these roles
41%-100%)



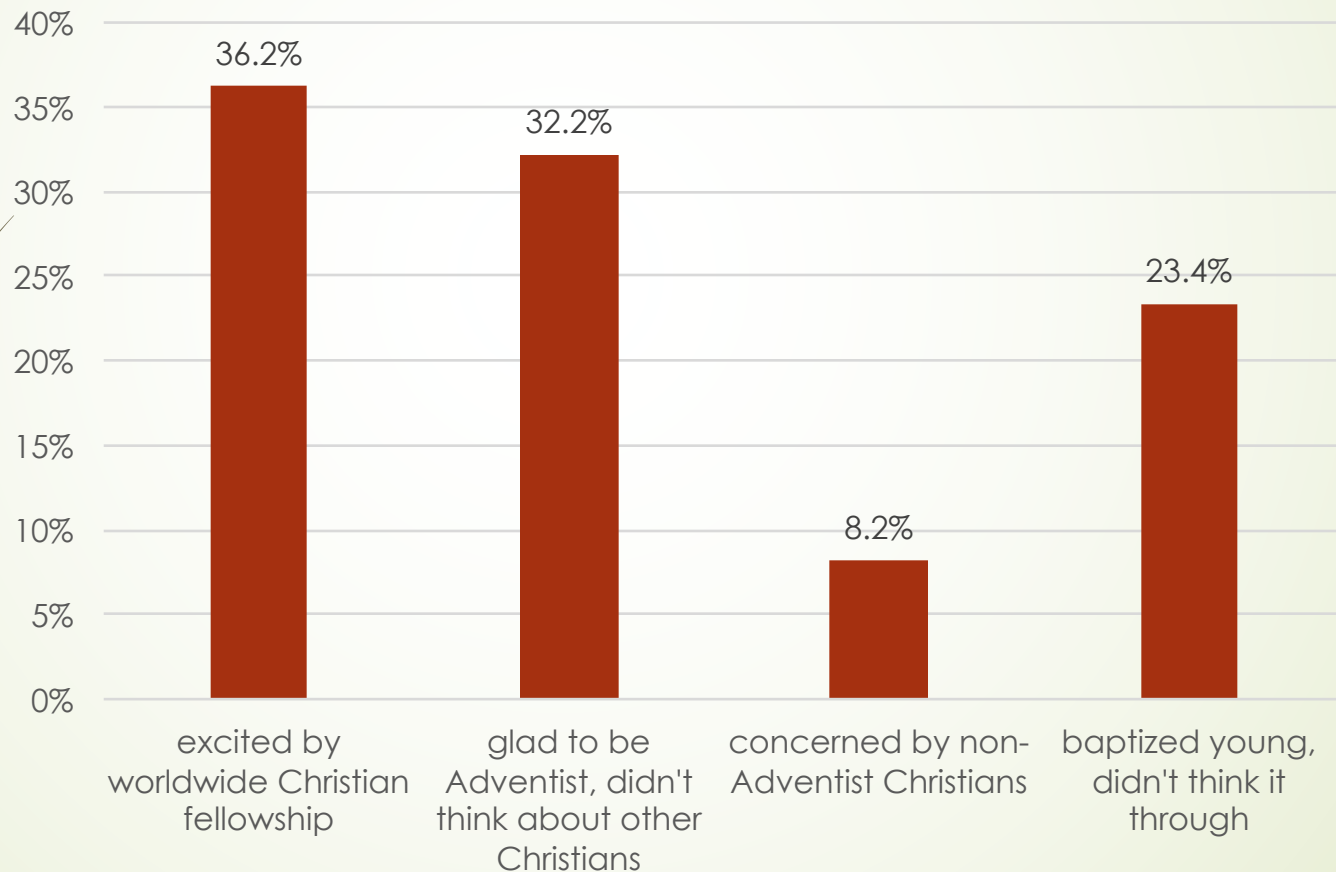
Types of Involvement



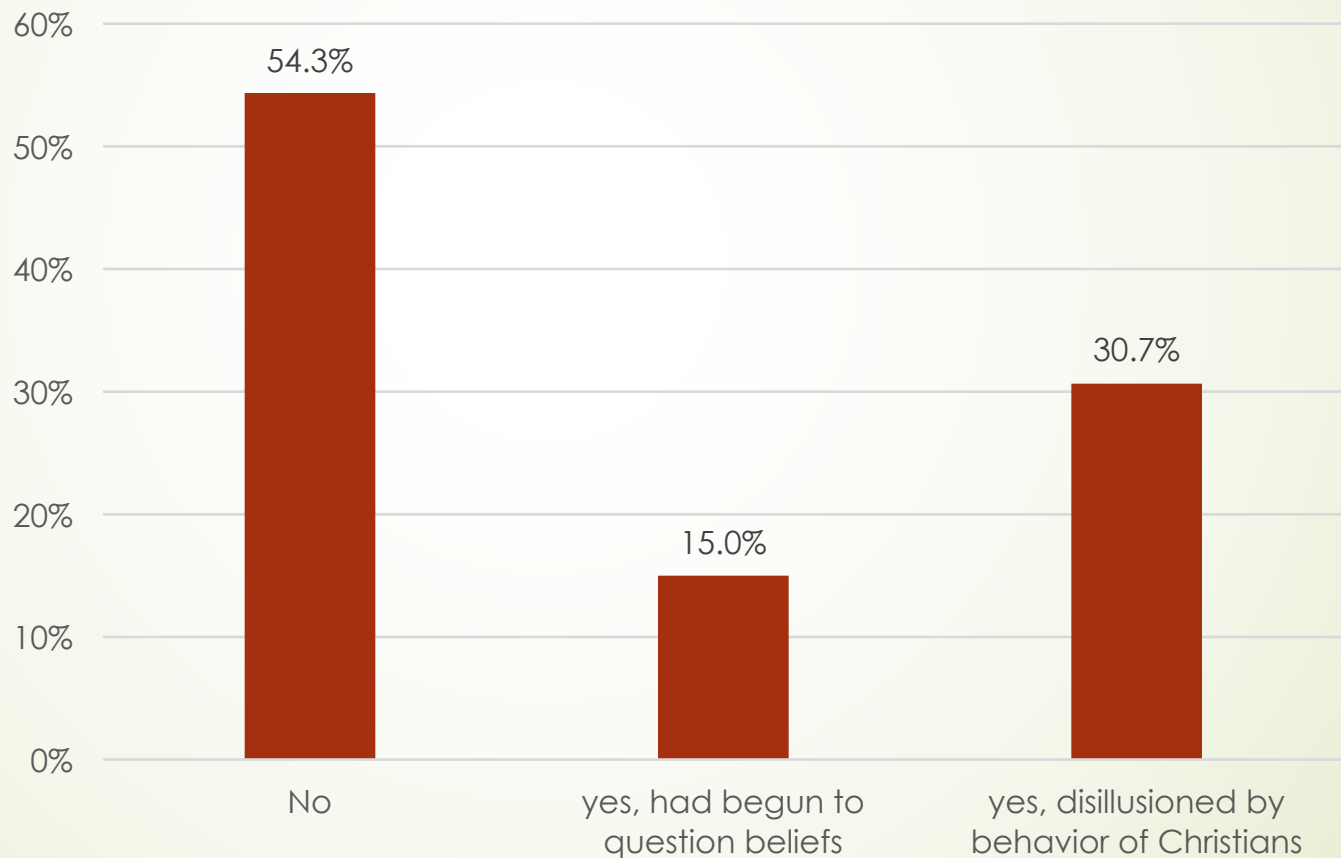
Frequency of Involvement in Leadership Activities



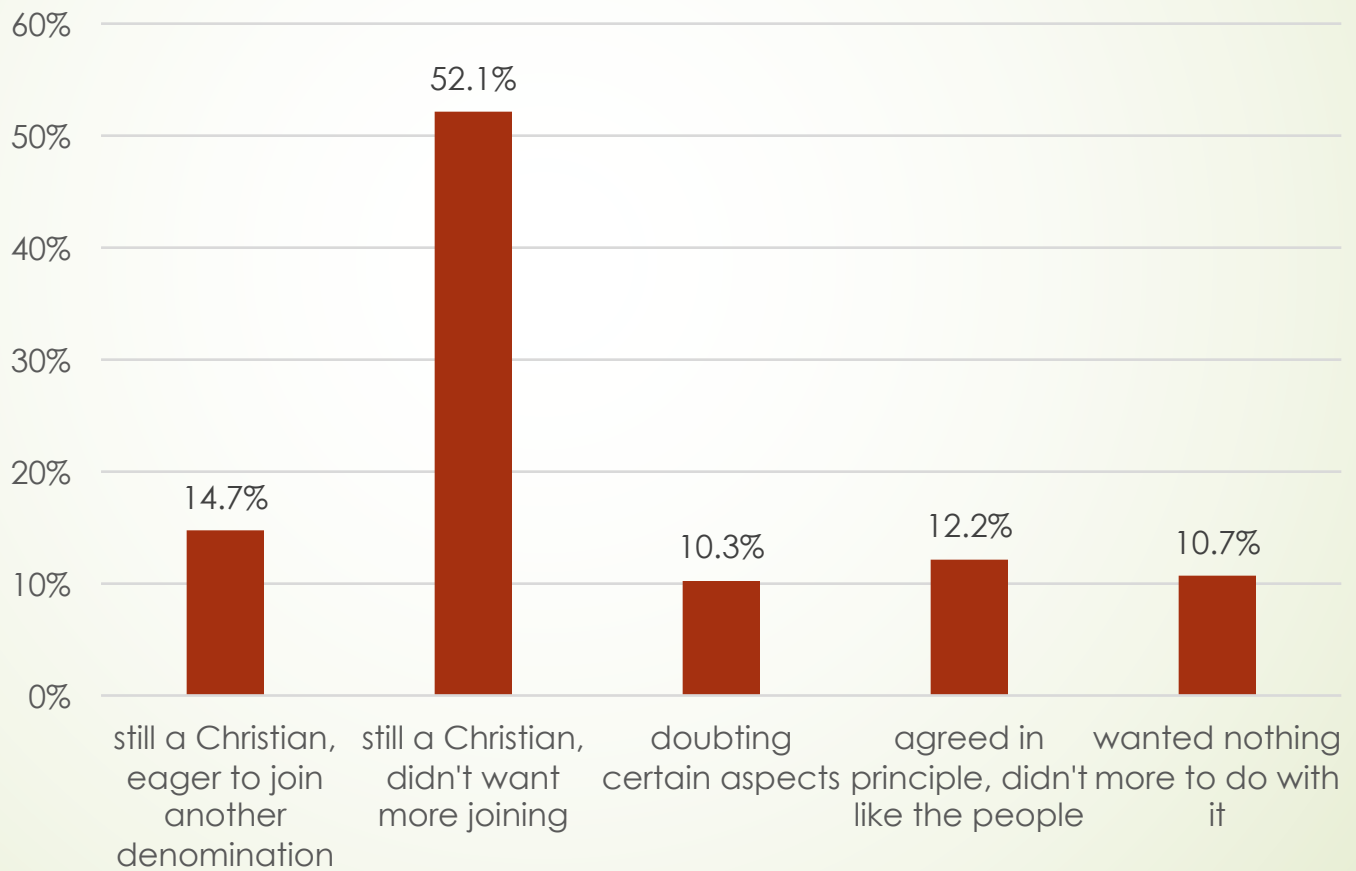
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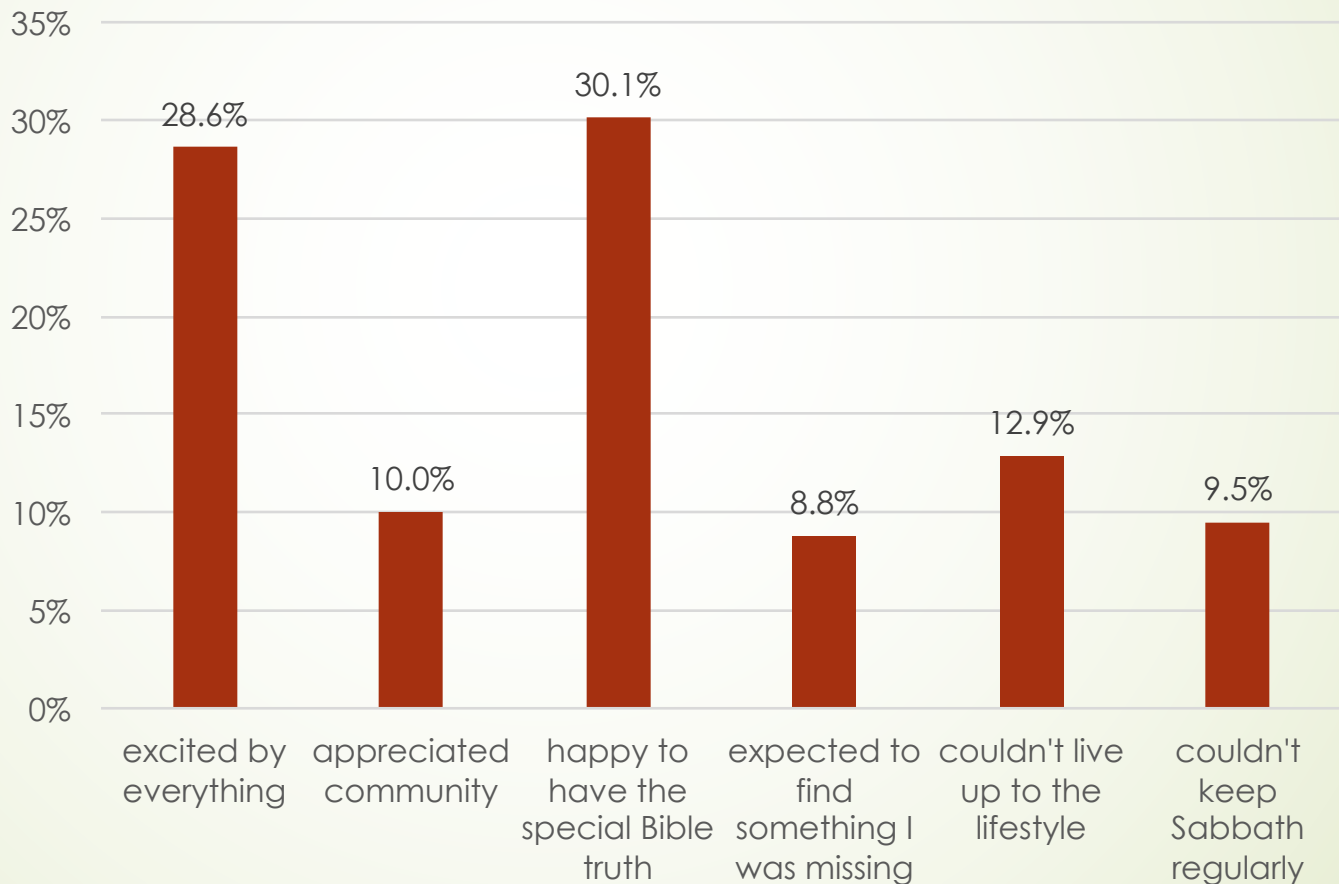
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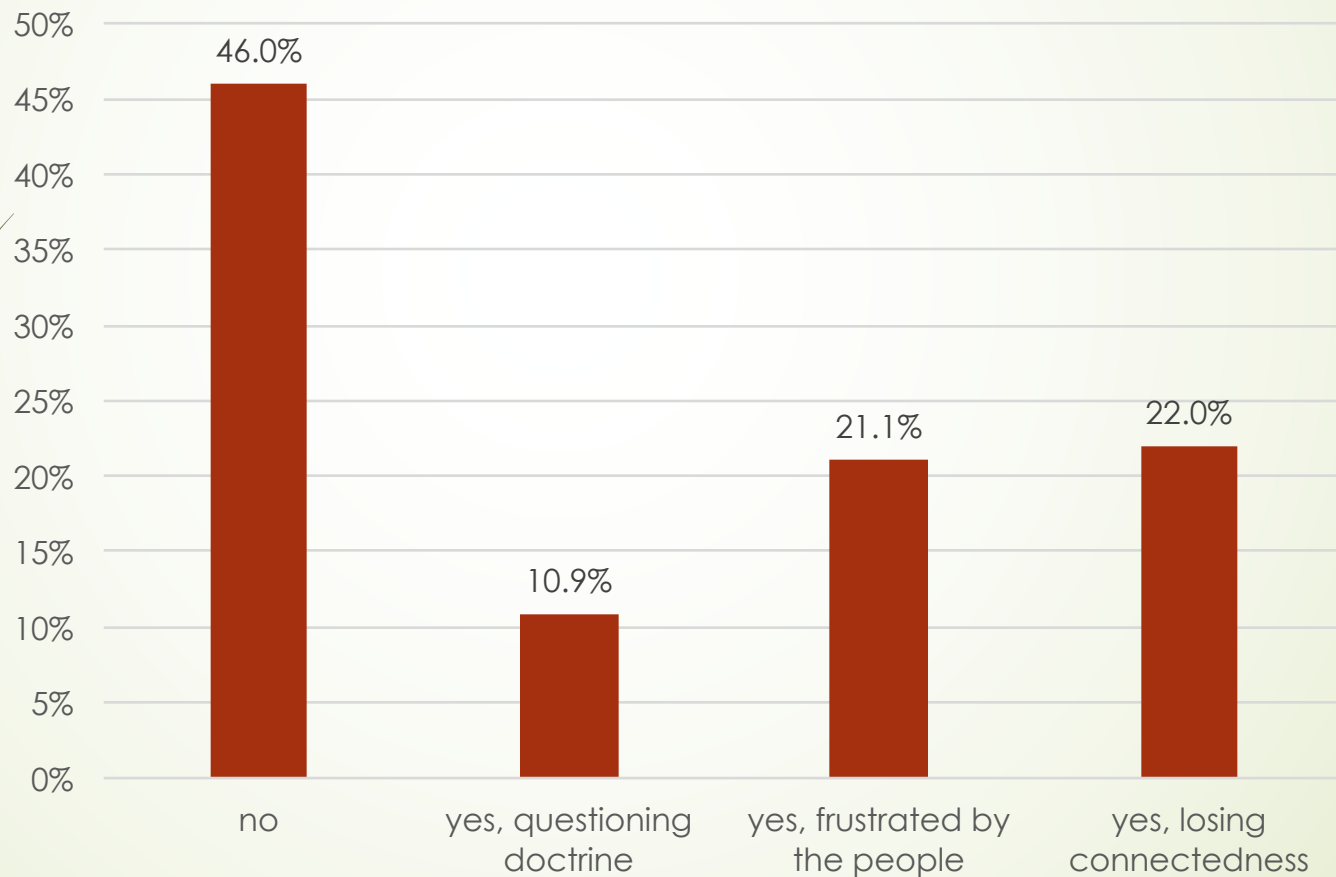
View of Christianity at Departure



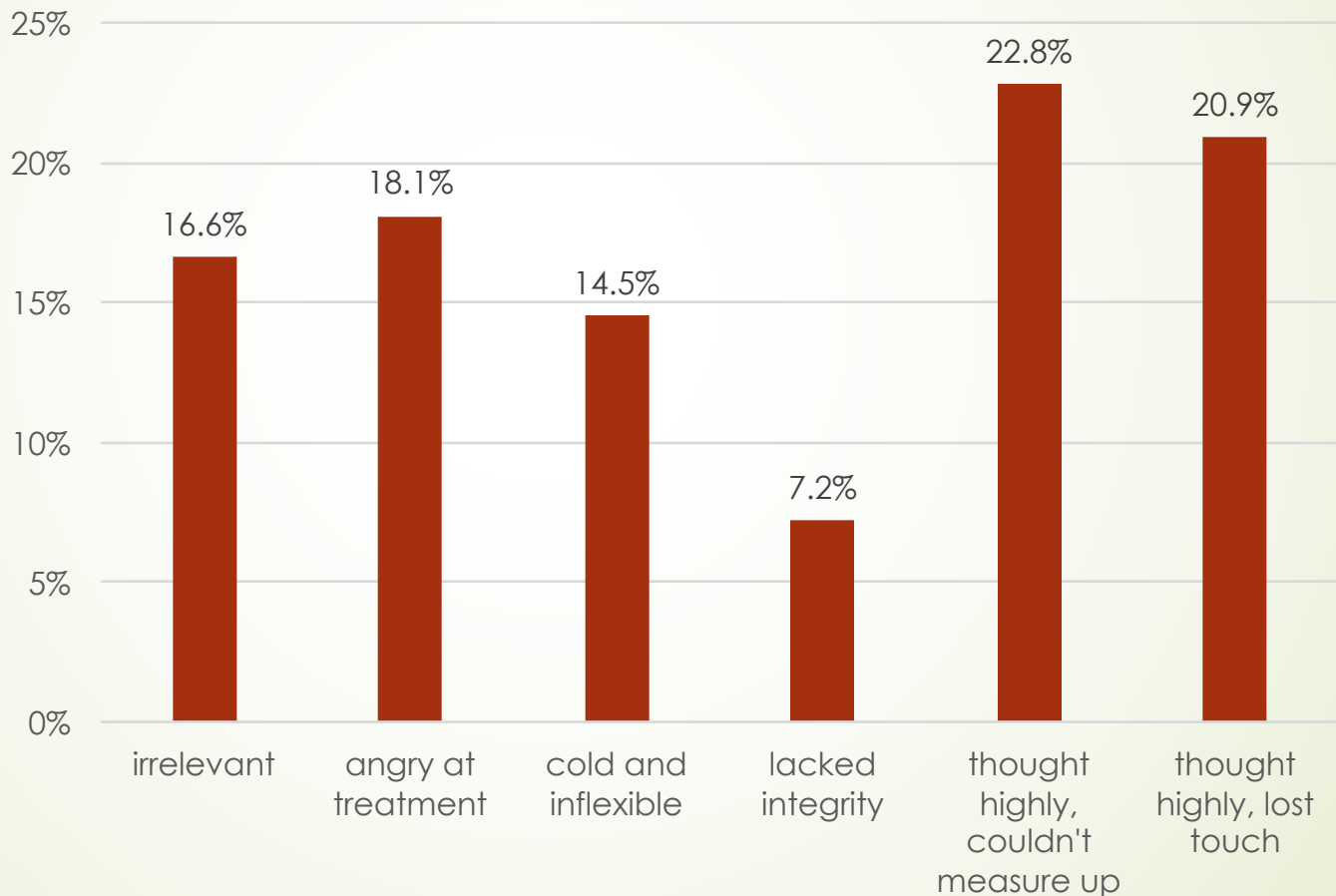
View of Adventist Church in 1st 5 Years after Baptism



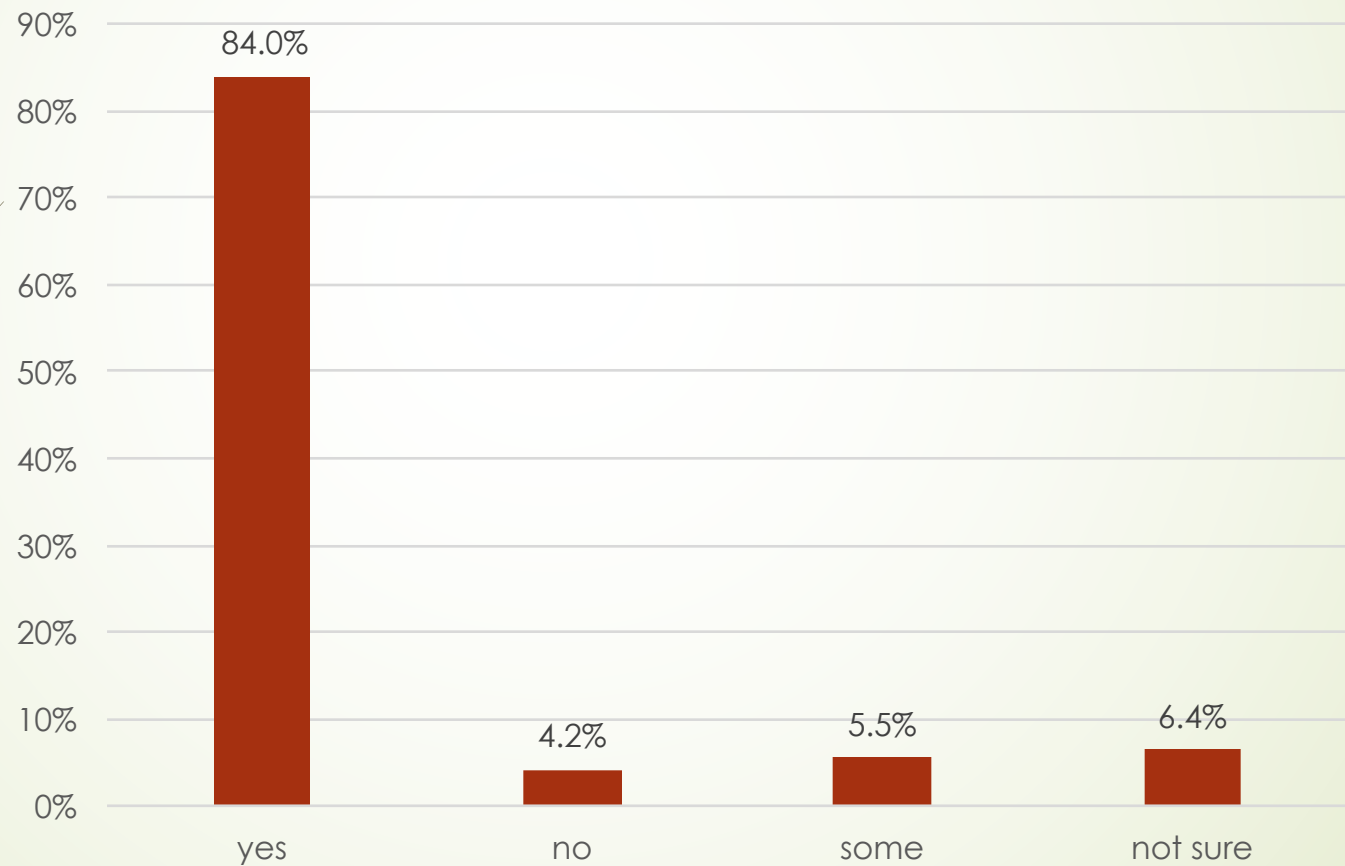
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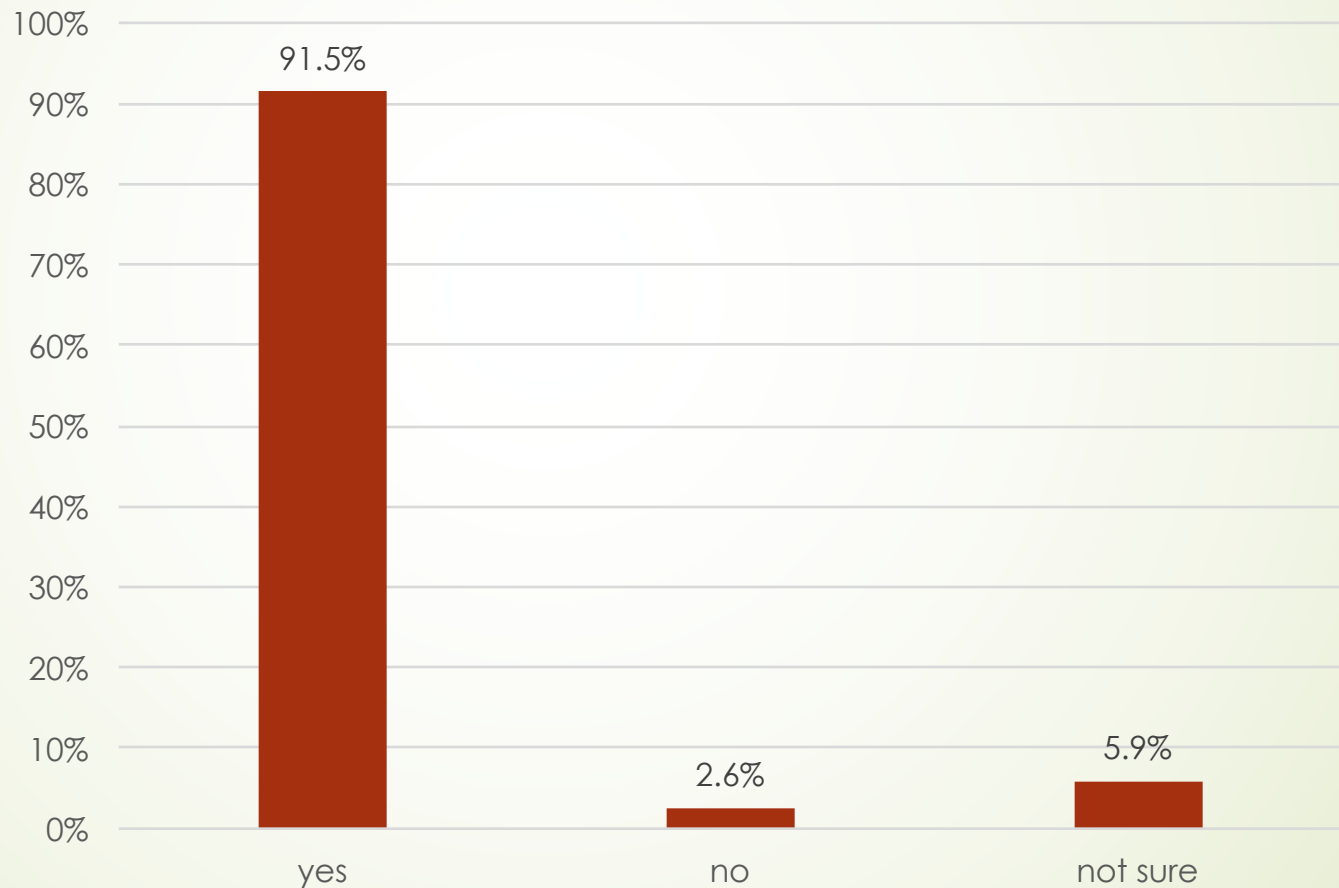
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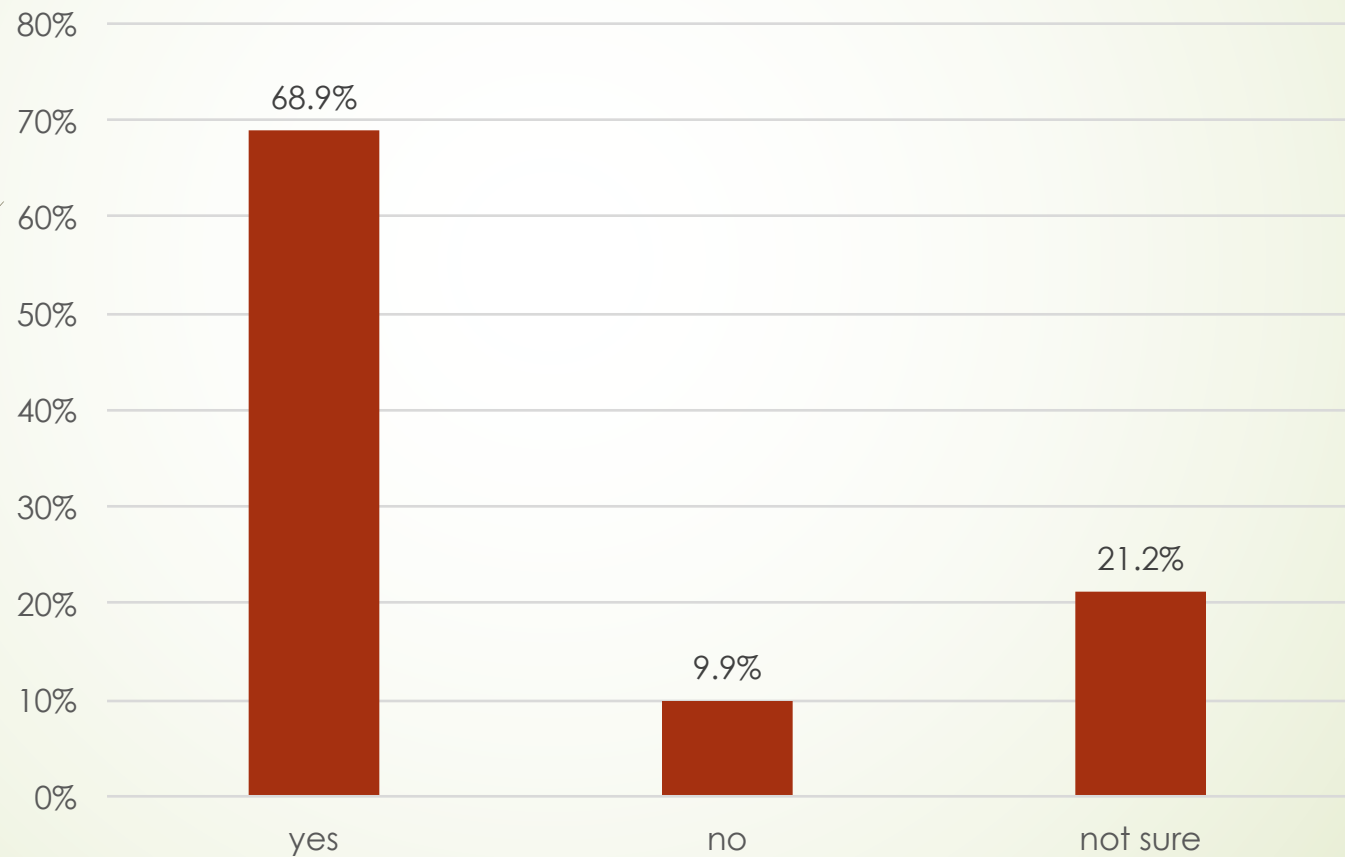
Still Believe: Authority of Scripture



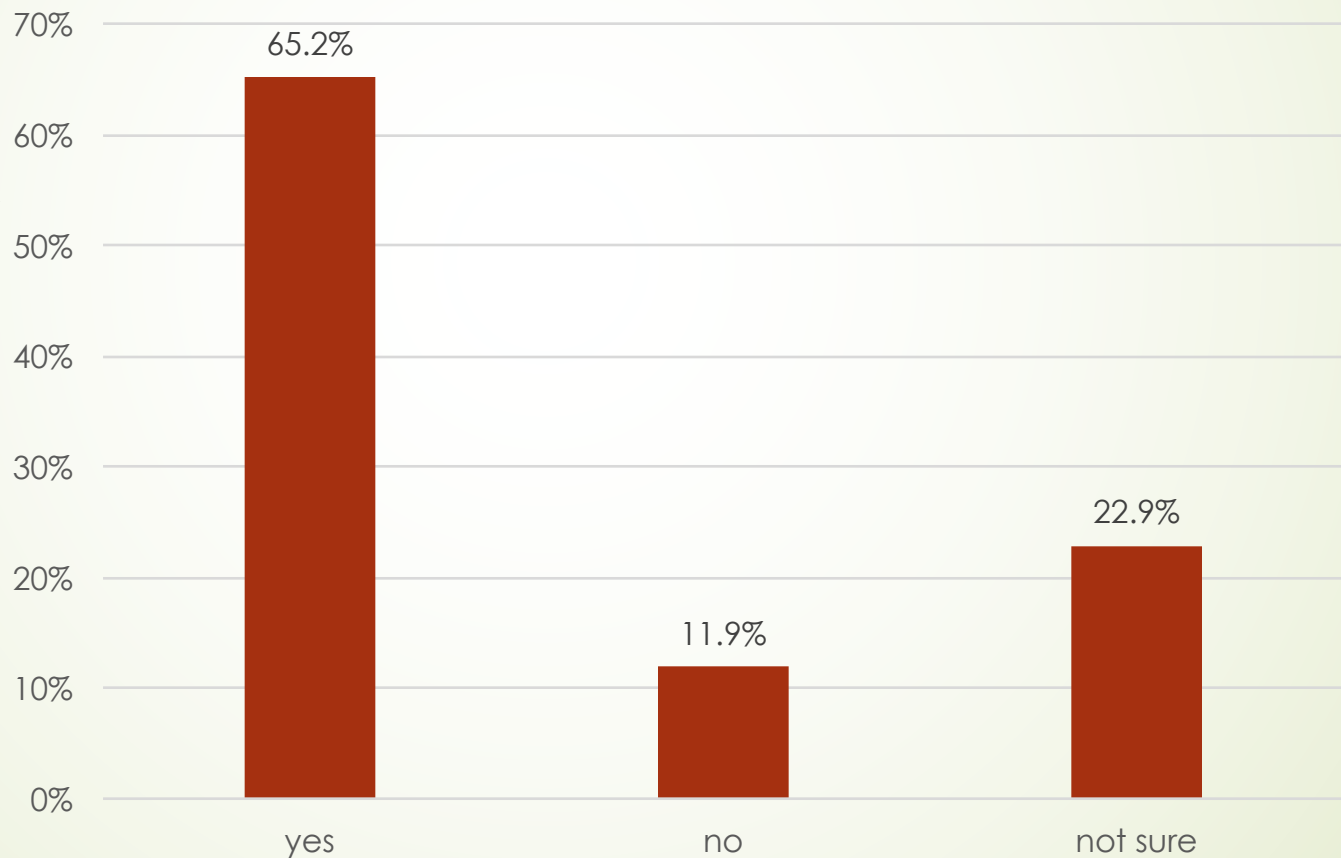
Still Believe: Benefits to Bible Study



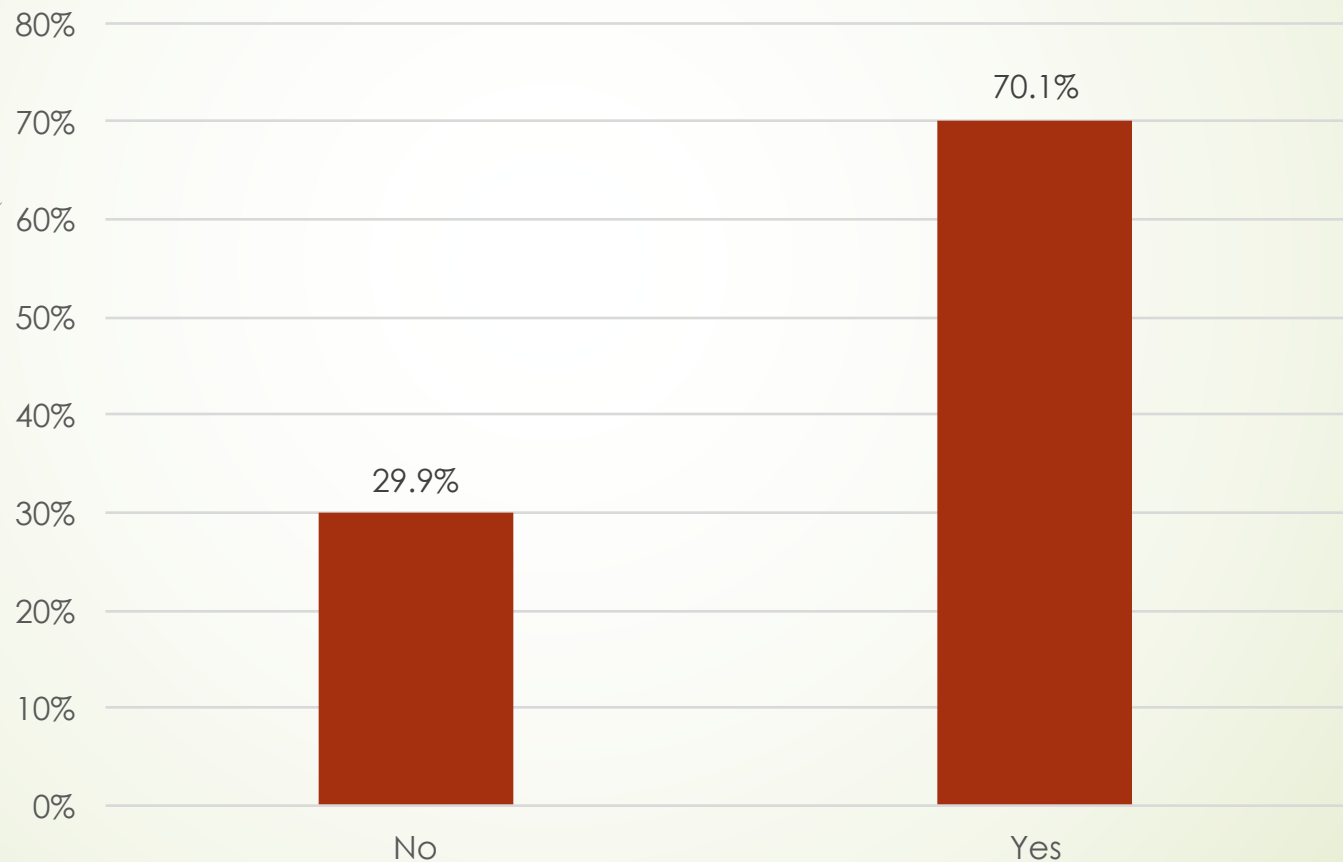
Still Believe: Gift of Prophecy (EGW)



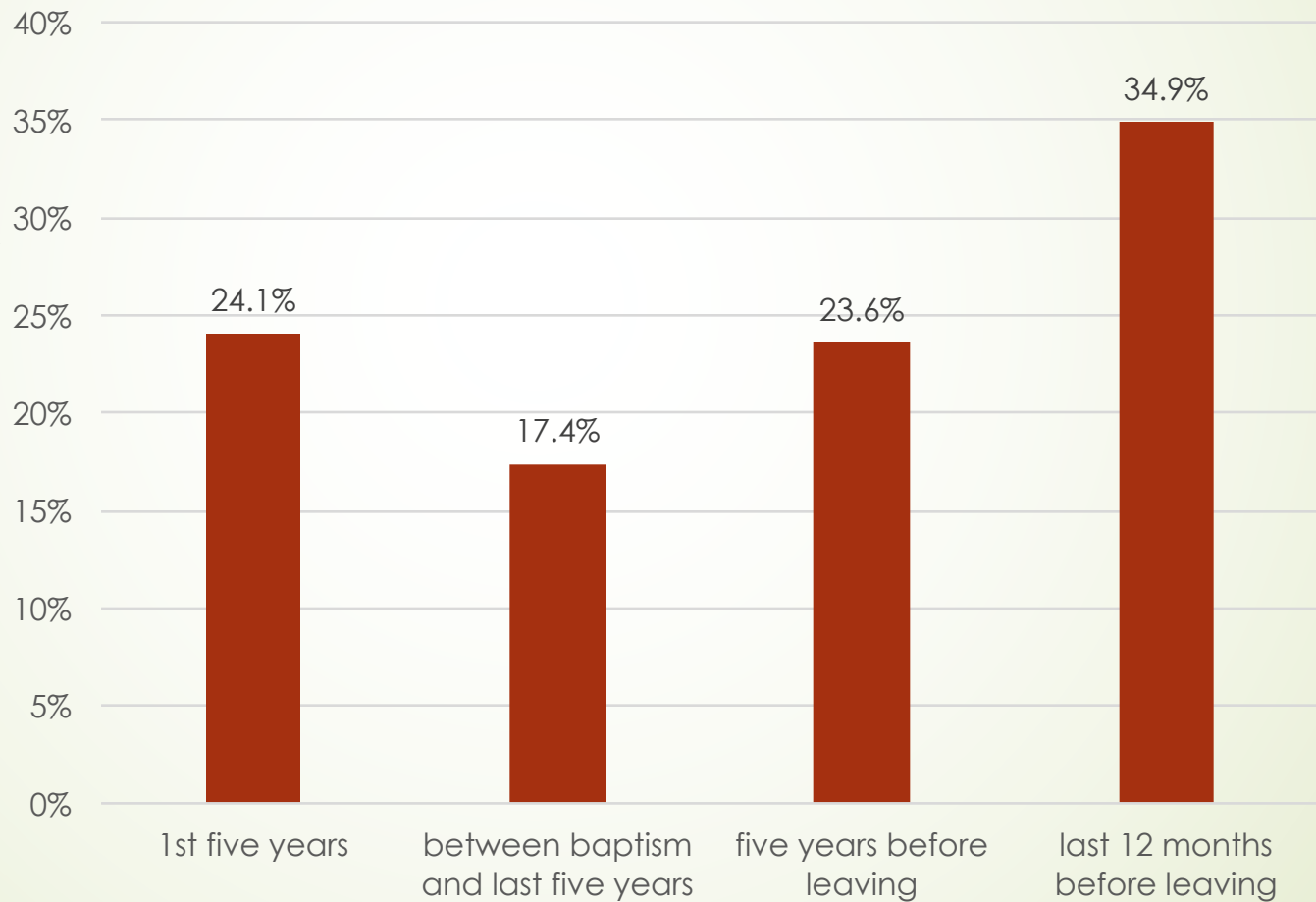
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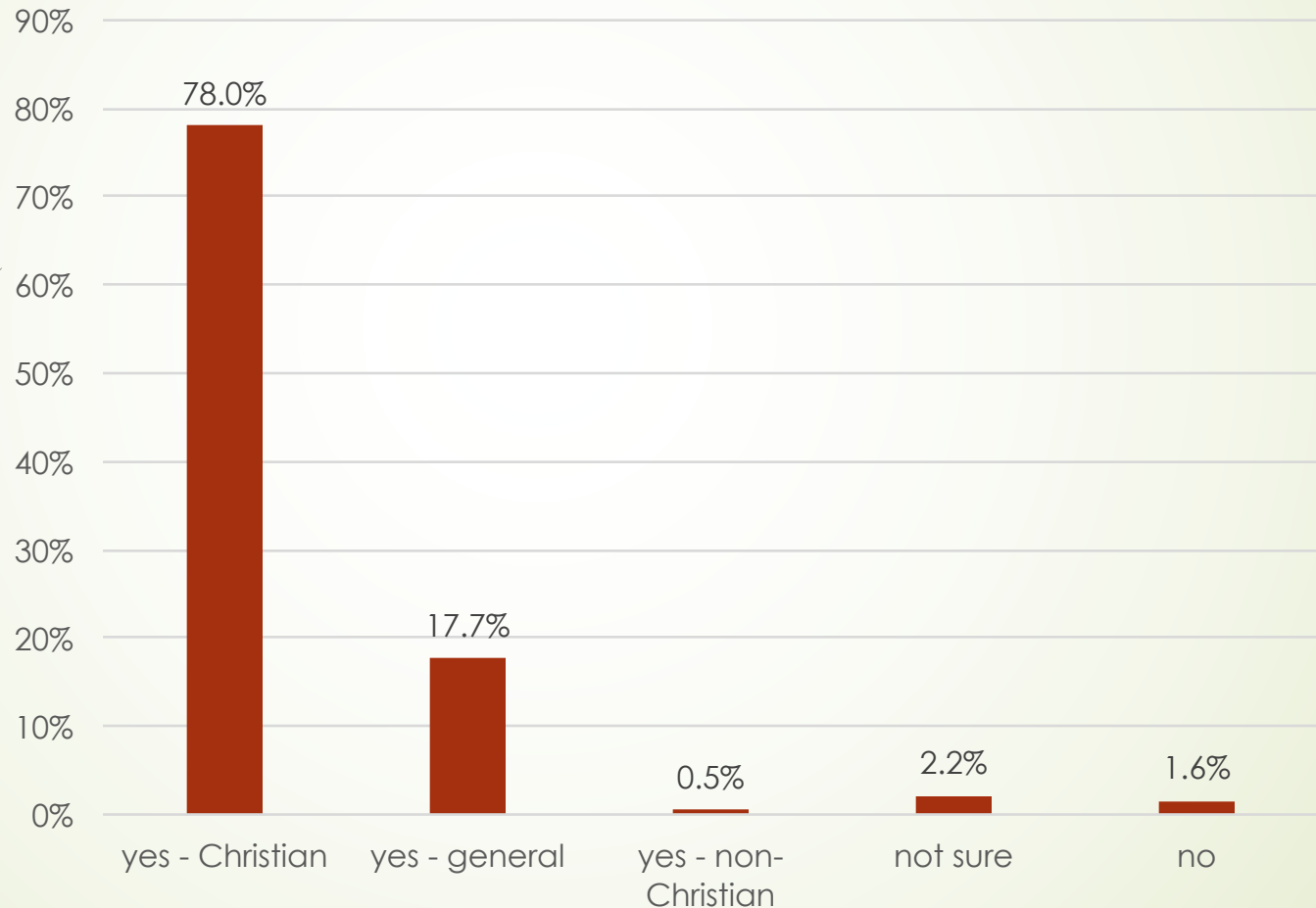
Change in Attitude Toward Adventist Doctrine



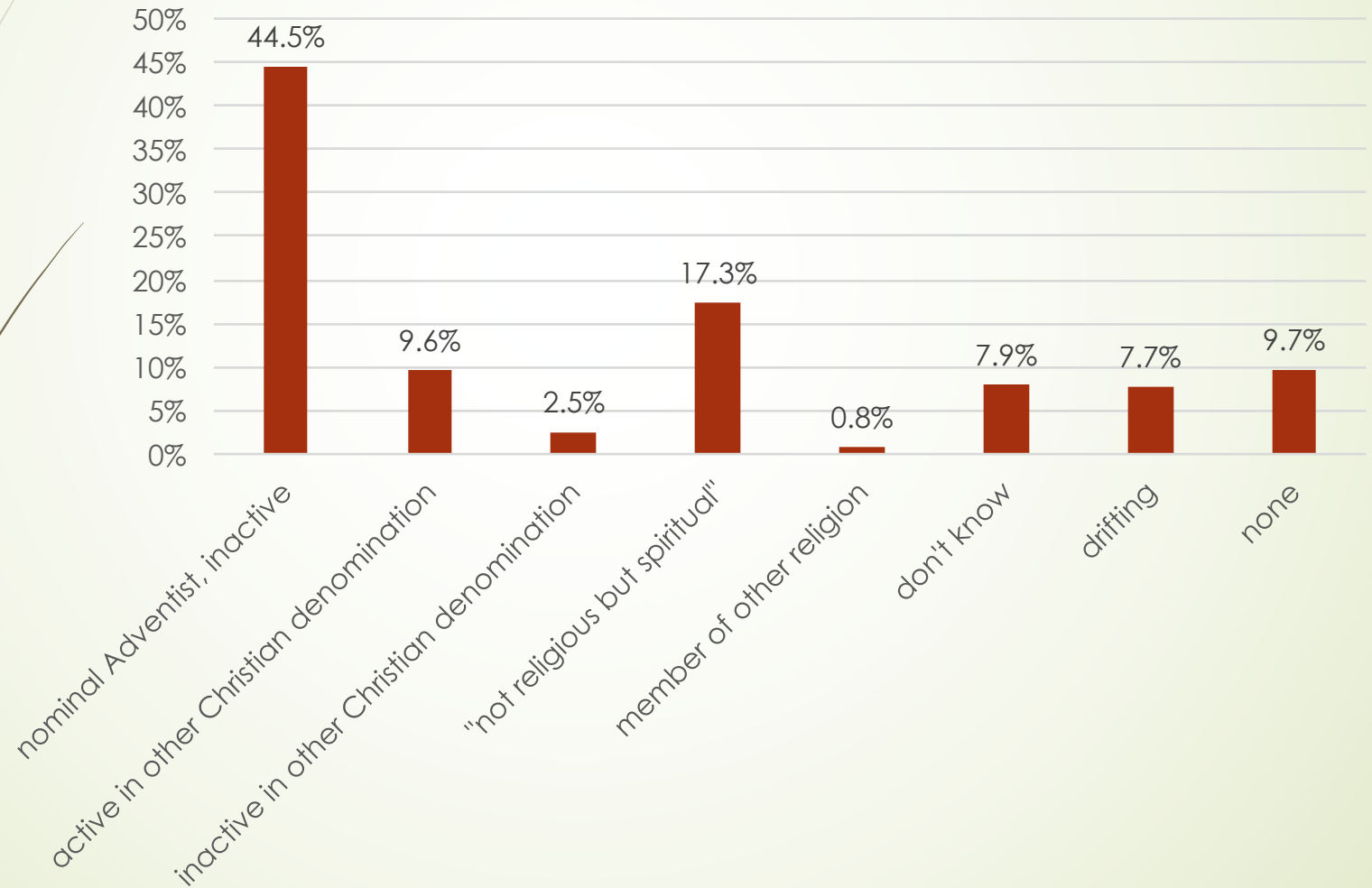
Timing of Change in Attitude Toward Doctrine



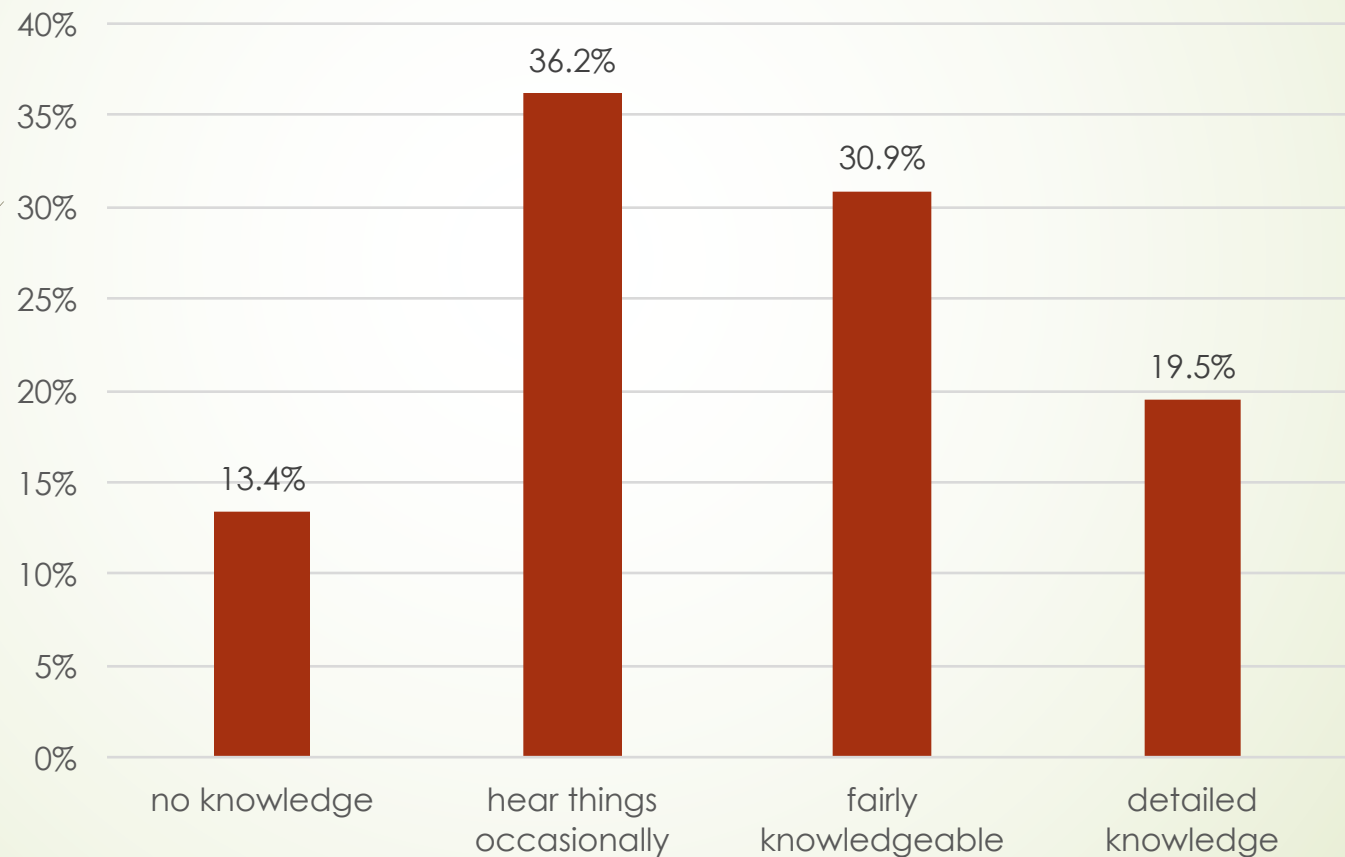
Continued Belief in God After Departure



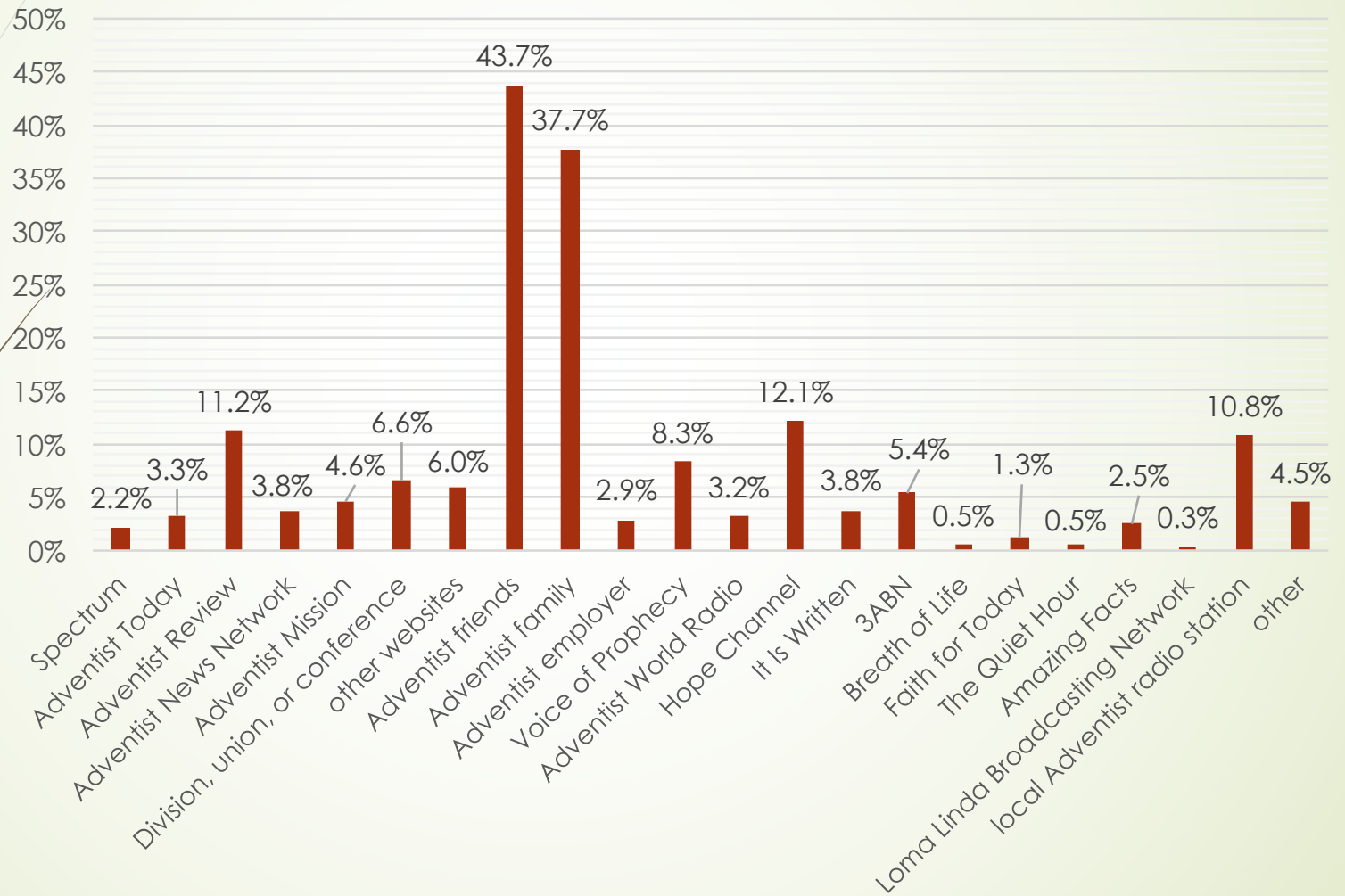
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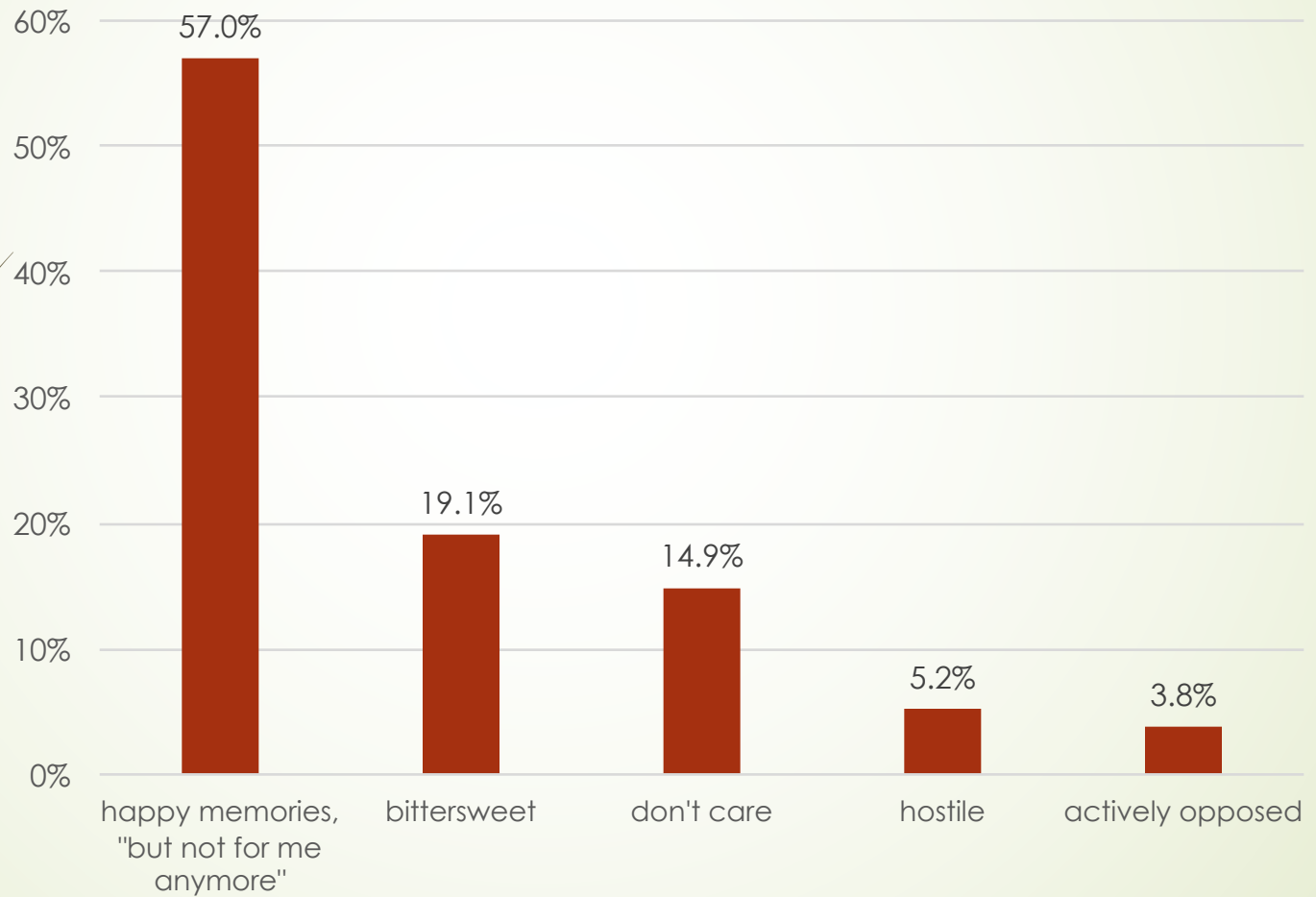
Awareness of Developments in Adventism



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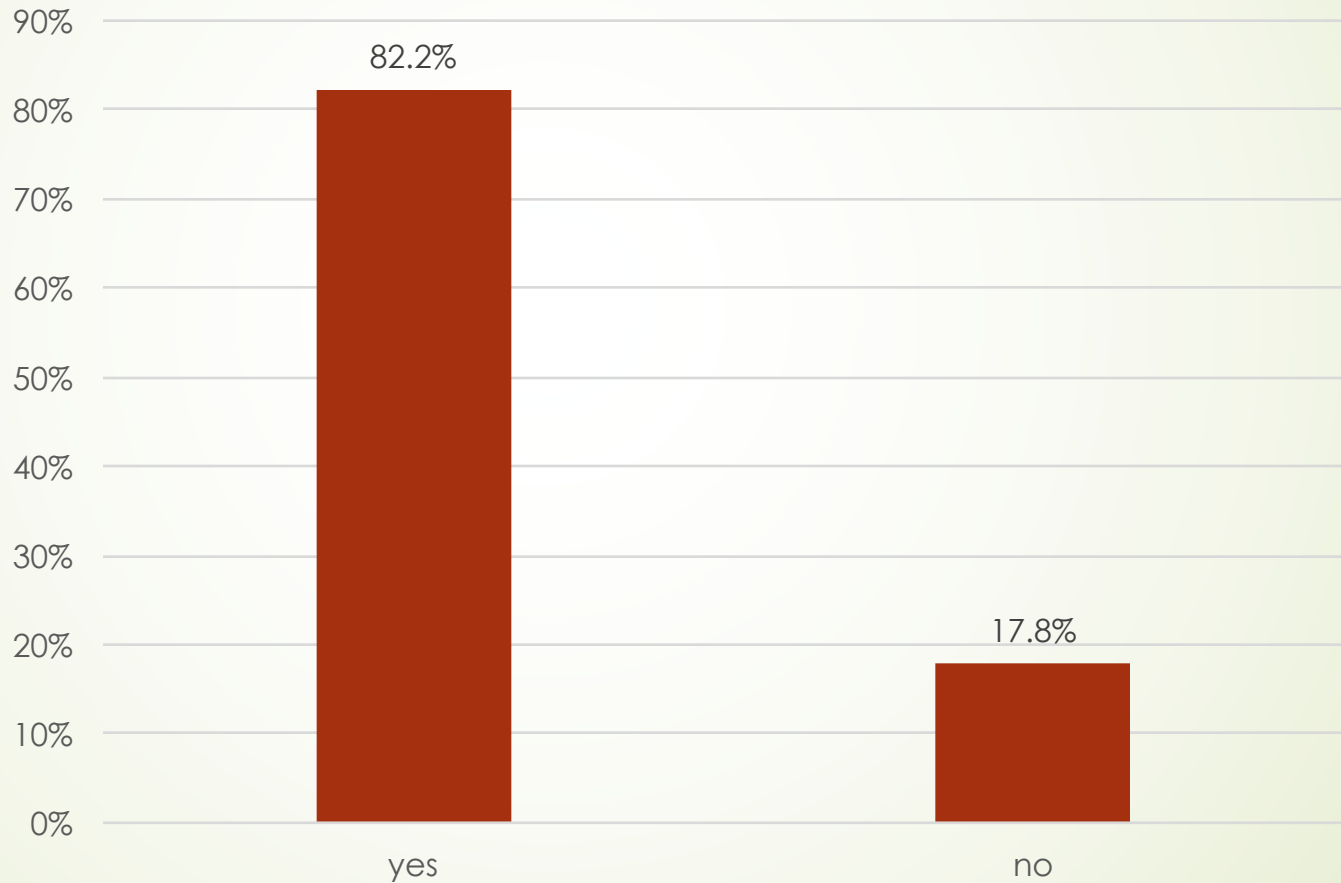


Feeling Toward Adventism after Departure

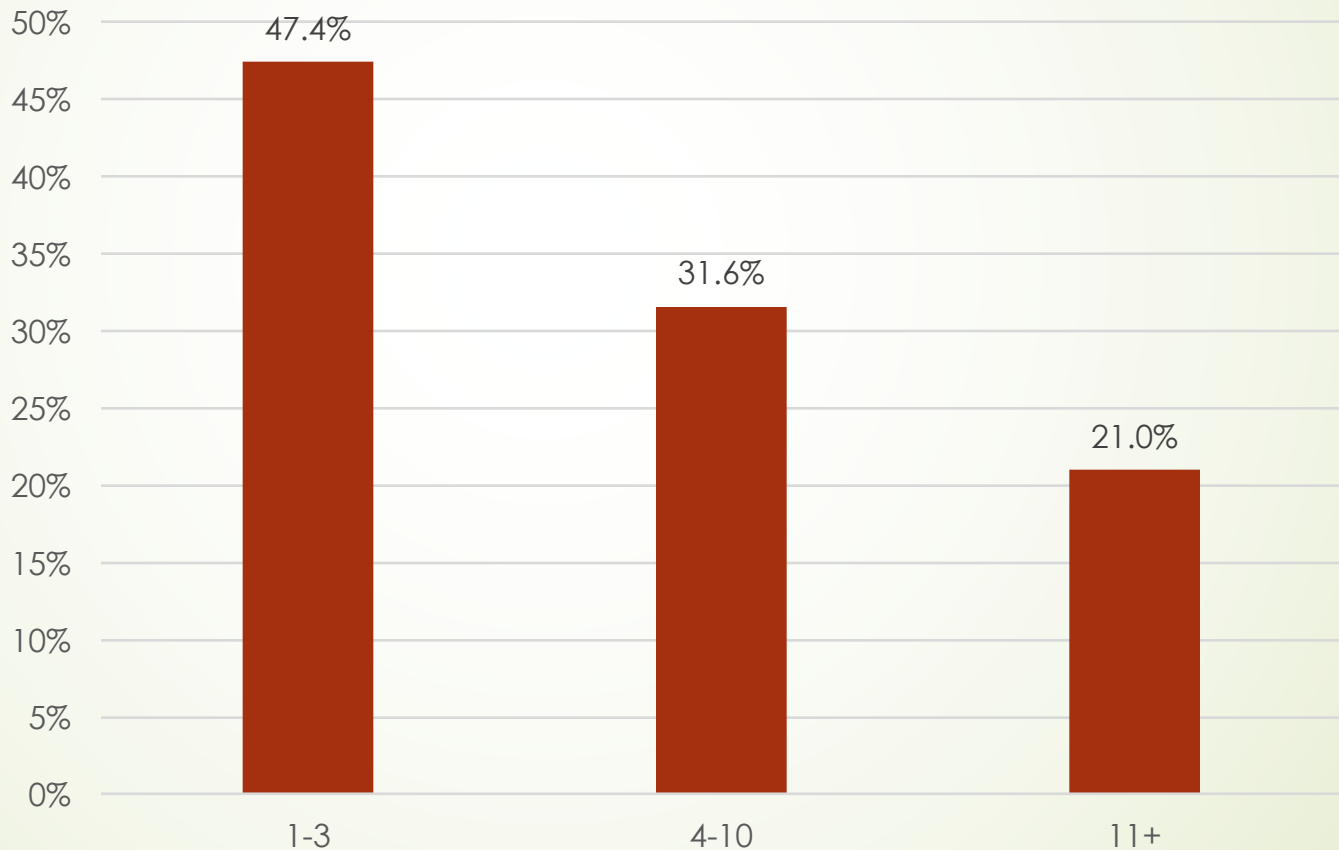


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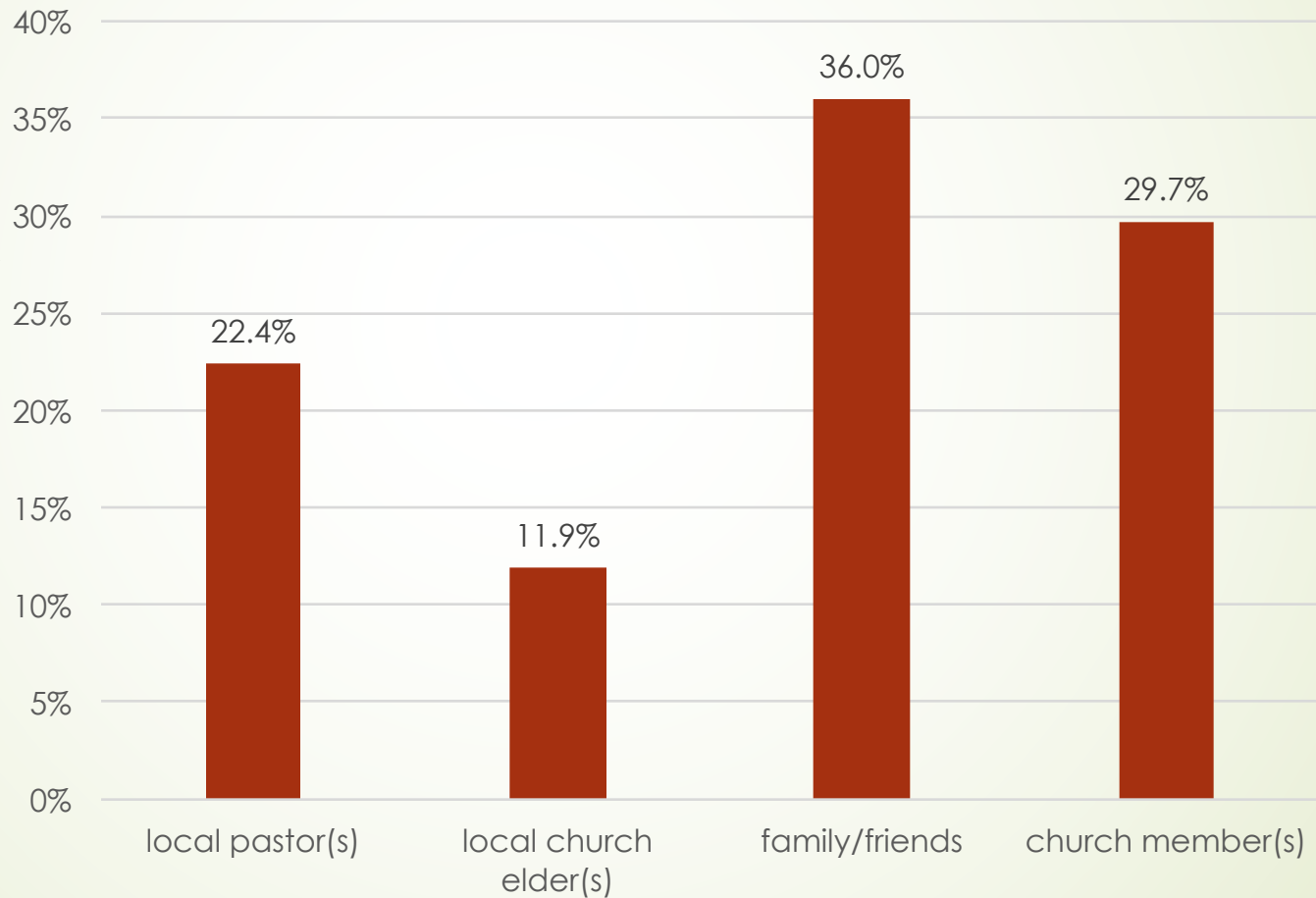
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Number of Attempts to Reconnect



Who Attempted to Reconnect



Openness to Reconnect

