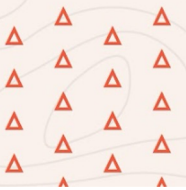


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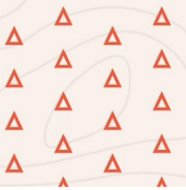
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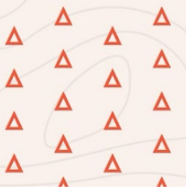
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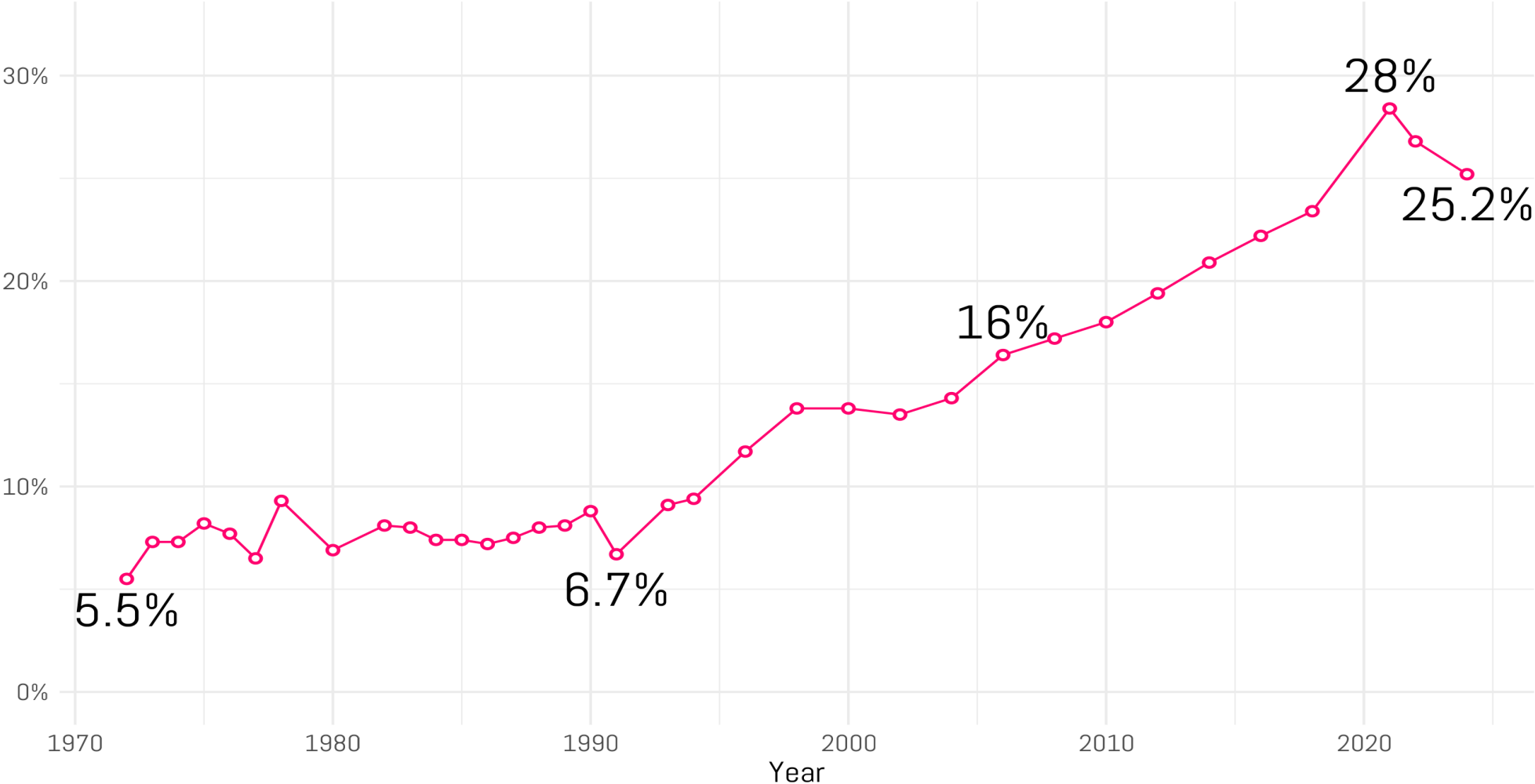


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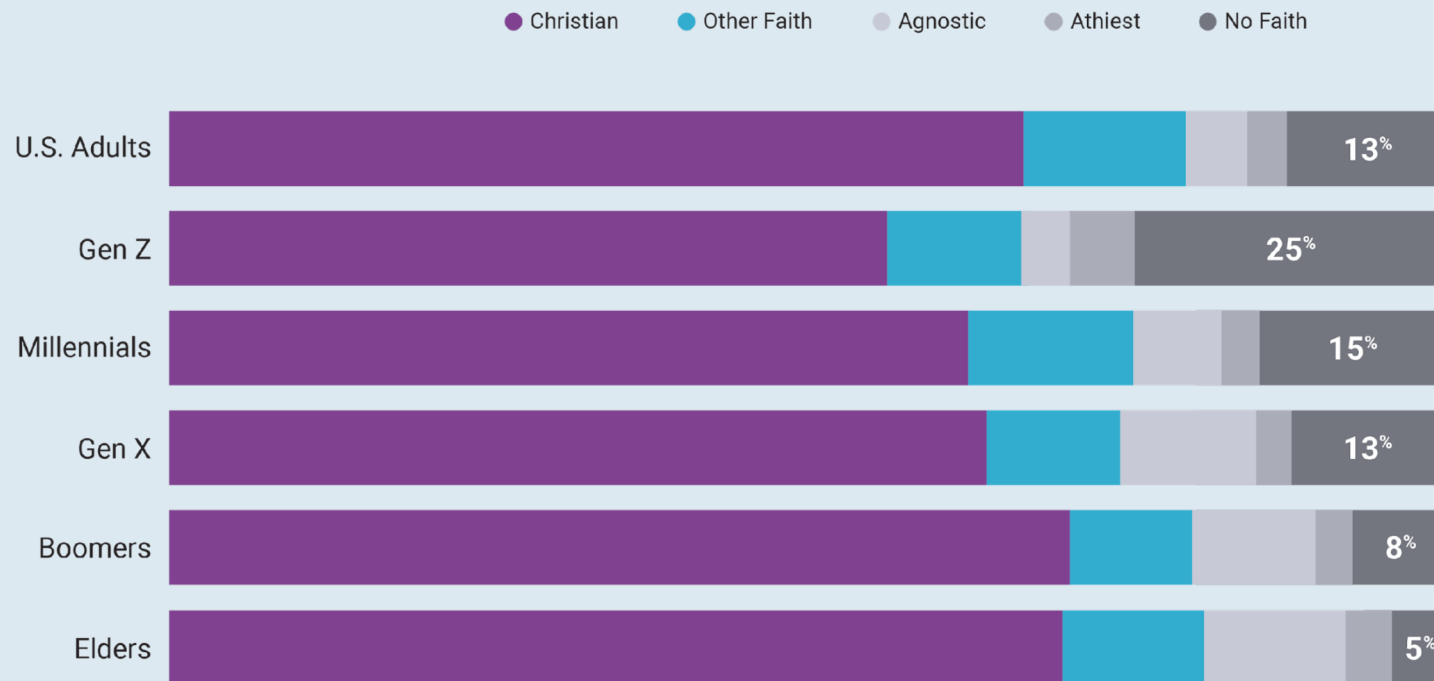




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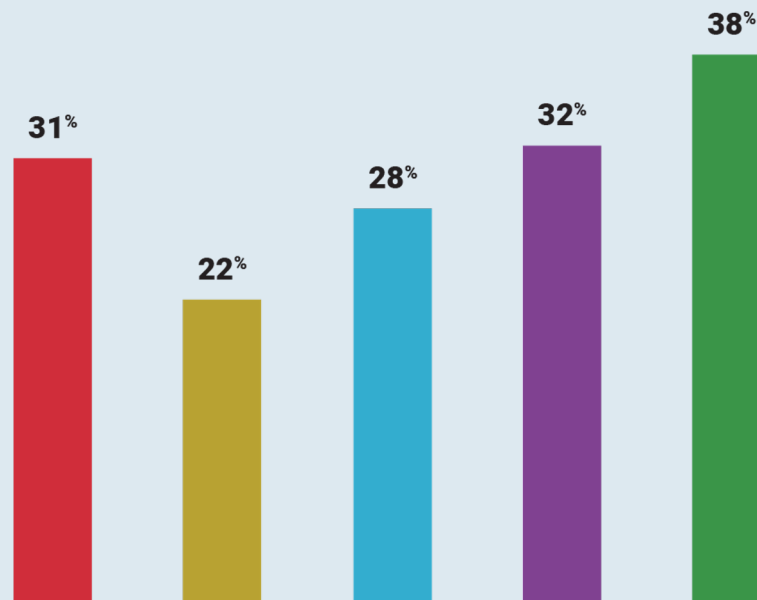
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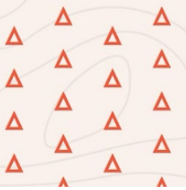
Female Young Adults Lead Among Gen Z “Nones”

% identify with no faith

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The Gravitational Pull of Our Secularized World



The Meteor Called “2020”



METEOR OF 2020

RISE OF NONES Every year, until just recently, 1% less Americans called themselves Christians.

FUTURE OF FAITH?

THE GRAVITY OF SECULARIZATION

All across the Western world, secularism's pull has lowered the percentage of self-identified Christians.

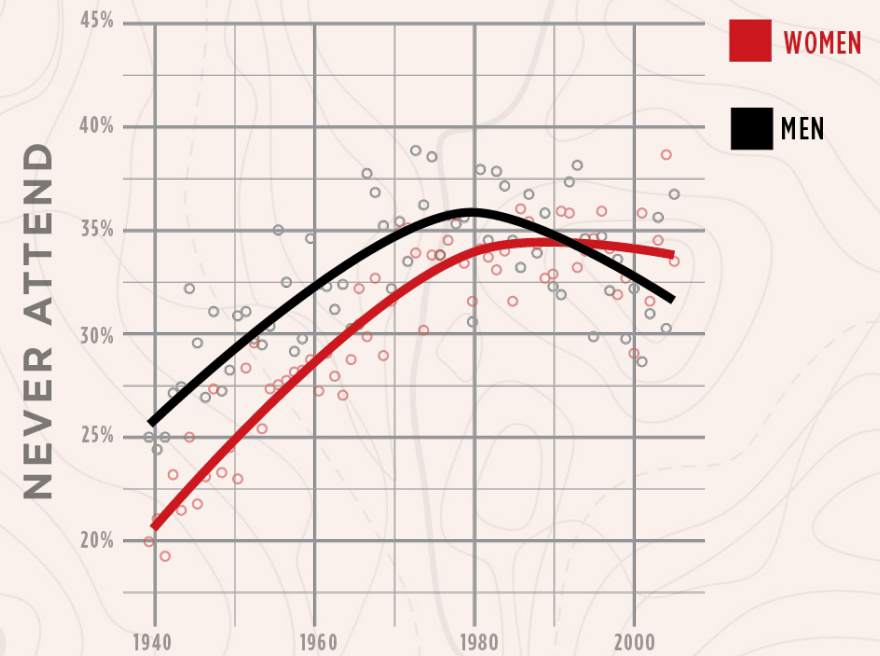
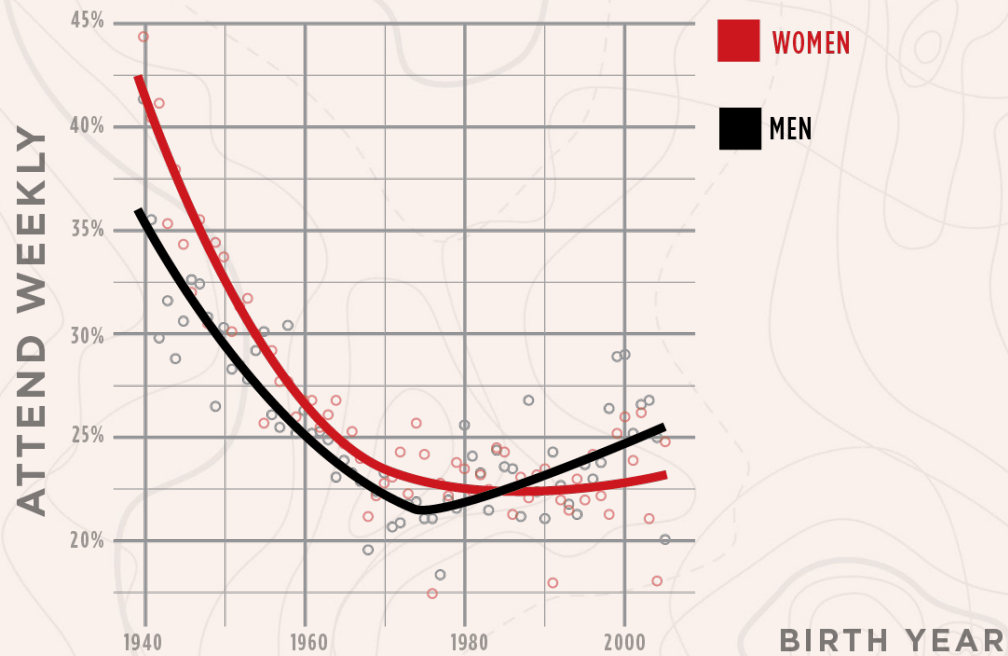
DECAYING ORBIT OF RELIGION

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2020'S METEOR Since 2020, religion measures are changing—some good and some bad trends are happening all at once.



RELIGIOUS ATTENDANCE BY GENDER AND BIRTH YEAR





Something is Going On.

A Personal Commitment to Follow Christ

% Of U.S. Adults Who Say
"I have made a personal commitment to follow Jesus that is still important in my life today"



n=126,450 interviews with U.S. adults between 2000 and February 2025 | 4



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Not just at Easter: Gen Z is returning to Christianity. Data proves it. | Opinion

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Chris Pratt, Joe Rogan join Americans flocking back to church. It's a welcome change. | Opinion

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Rising spiritual openness

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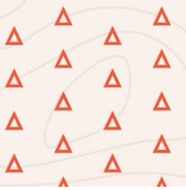
Rising Spiritual Hunger

I am more open to God today than I was before the pandemic...



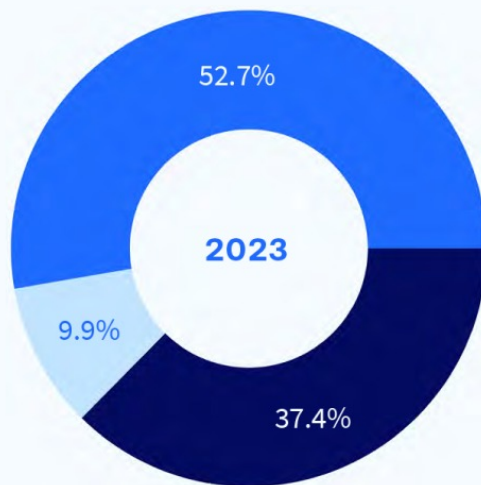
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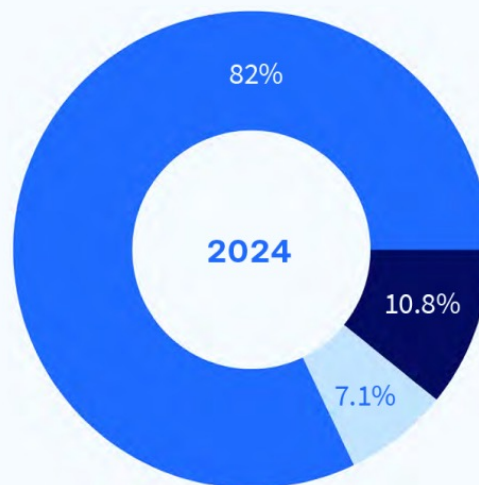


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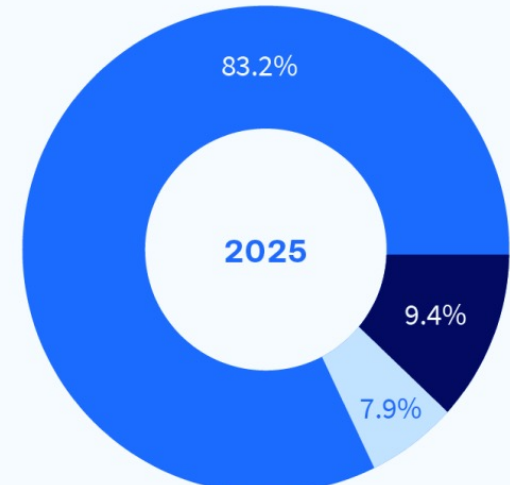
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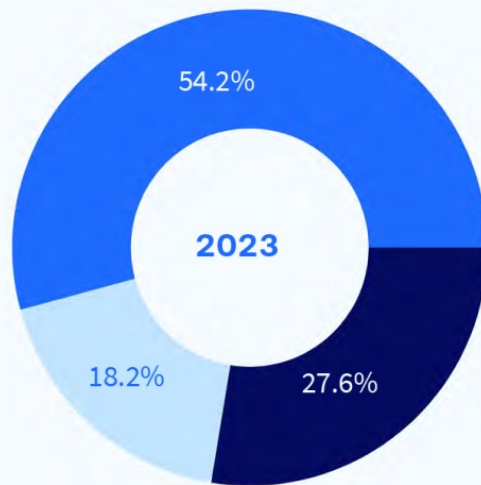


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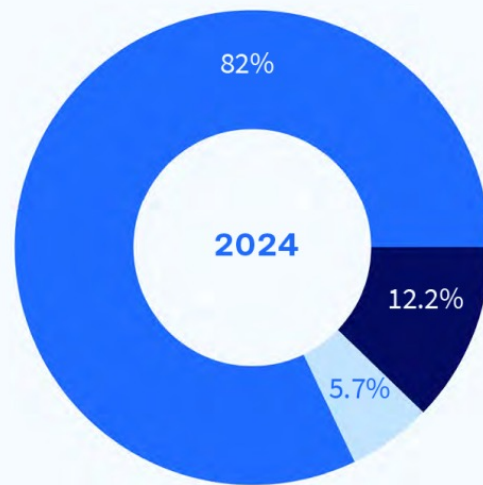
How do you use Bible study resources (commentaries, textbooks, books, etc.)?

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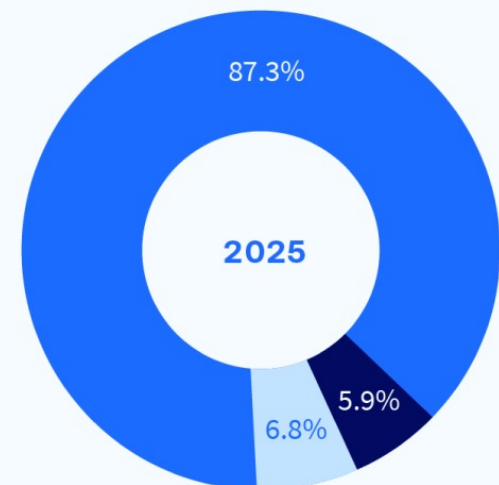
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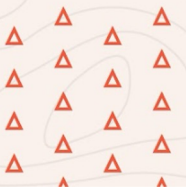
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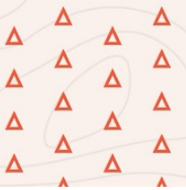
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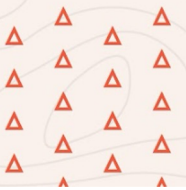
Higher Ed Opportunities

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