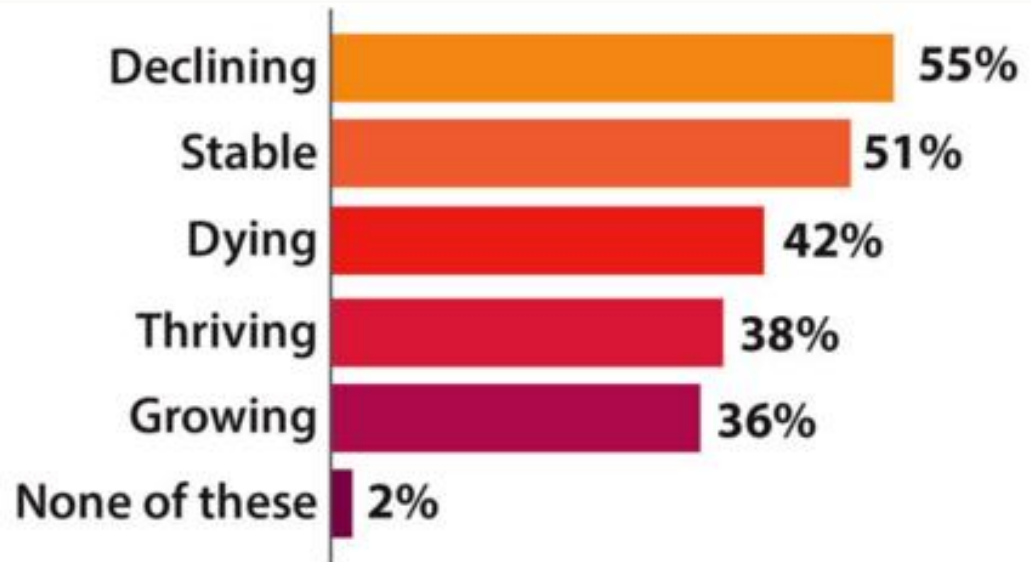


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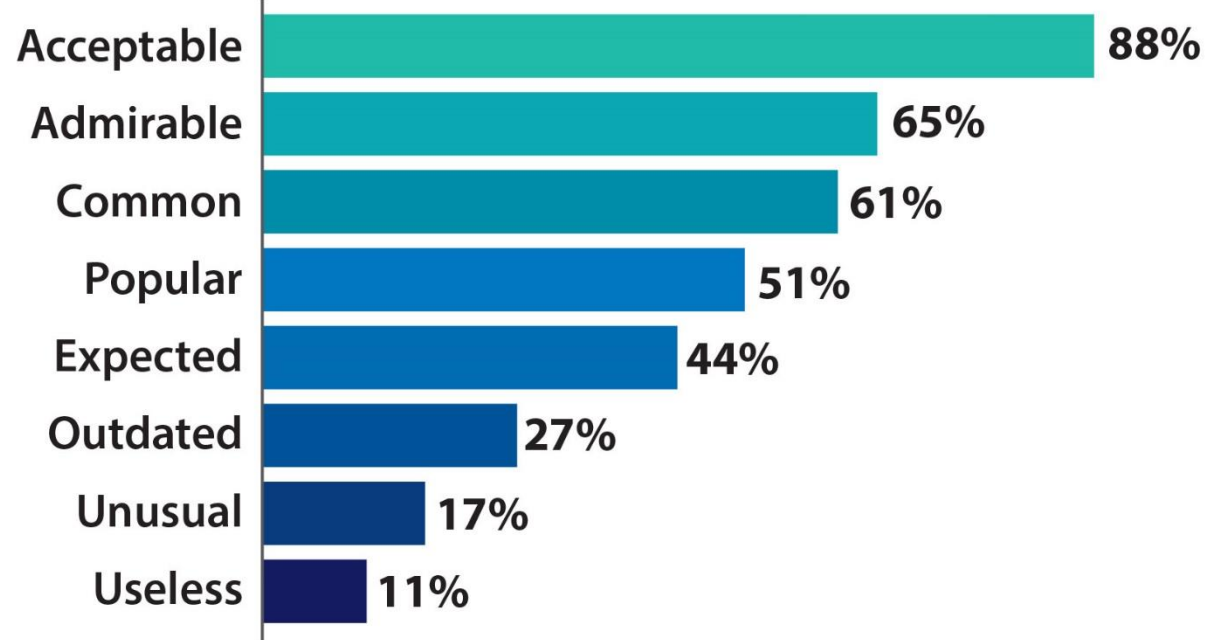
Among Americans:

“In America, the church is...”



Among Americans:

“Church attendance is...”



Do you go to
CHURCH?

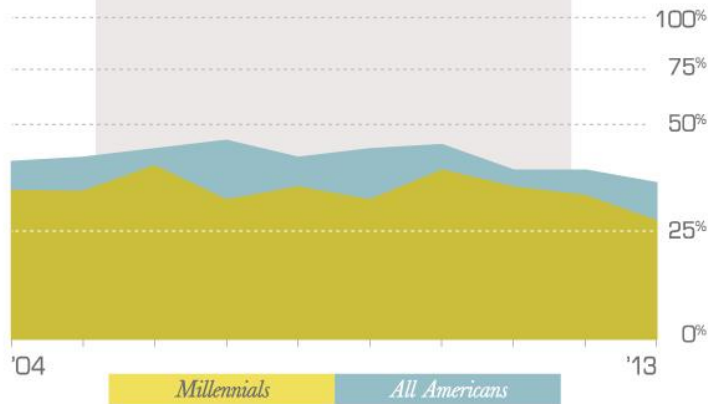


59% of Millennials who grew up in the church have dropped out at some point



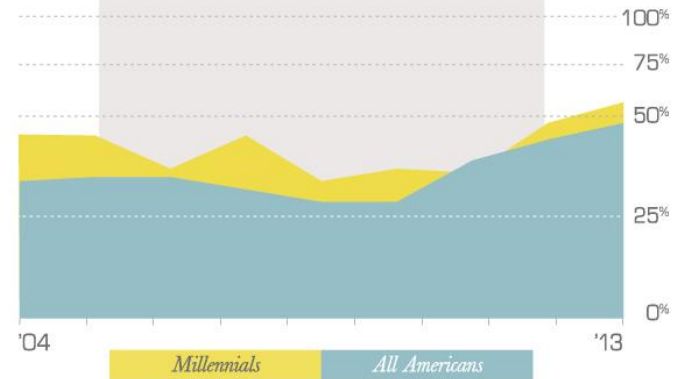
Have attended church in the past week

When asked if they went to church in the past week, about four in 10 Americans say “yes.” While that number hasn’t changed dramatically in the past decade, it has trended downward slightly.



Have not attended in the past six months

The number of people who say they have not attended a church function at all in the past six months has increased considerably in the past 10 years. This is true particularly among younger Americans; more than half of Millennials haven’t been to church in at least six months.



Poll: Americans stretch the truth on attending church

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The [result](#): “Actual church attendance was about half the rate indicated by national public opinion polls.”



Self-directed spirituality

"I don't need to go to church
to worship God."

"I can be spiritual without
the church."



Americans Divided on the Importance of Church

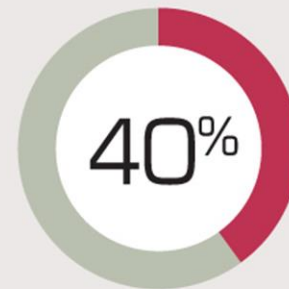
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Although church involvement was once a cornerstone of American life, U.S. adults today are evenly divided on the importance of attending church. While half (49%) say it is "somewhat" or "very" important, the other 51% say it is "not too" or "not at all" important. The divide between the religiously active and those resistant to churchgoing impacts American culture, morality, politics and religion.

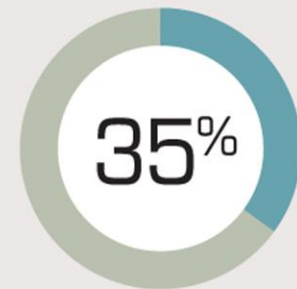


Why don't you
ATTEND CHURCH?

Across age and denomination, the top two reasons unchurched Americans said they didn't think attending church was important were always the same:



"I find God elsewhere"



"Church is not relevant to me personally"



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*Realizing the importance of Jesus,
results in one equally valuing the
importance of His church.*





JESUS: *the summation of all things*

Ephesians 1:8-10

“In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the **summing up of all things in Christ**, things in the heavens and things on the earth”



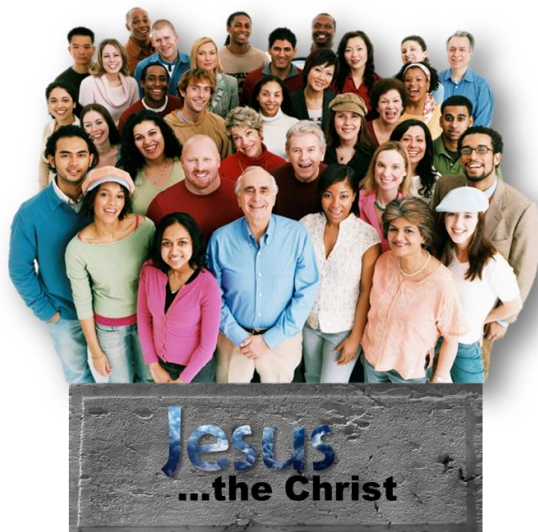
History: *‘His-story’*

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JESUS!



JESUS: *the summation of all things*



Ephesians 1:22, 23

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, [23](#) which is His body, the **fullness of Him** who fills all in all

Matthew 16:18 *“Upon this rock I will build My church”*

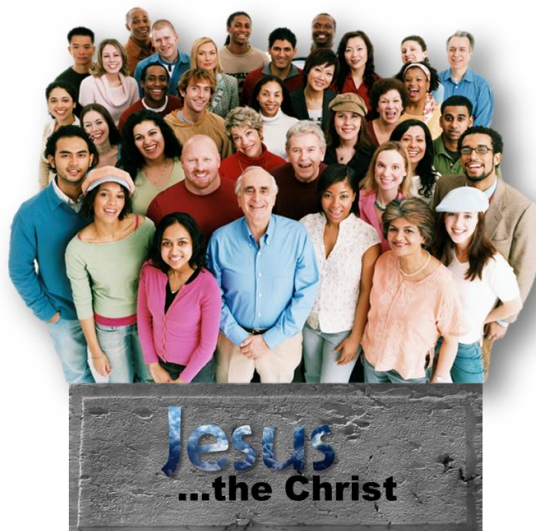
Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

His CHURCH: *the fullness of Him*



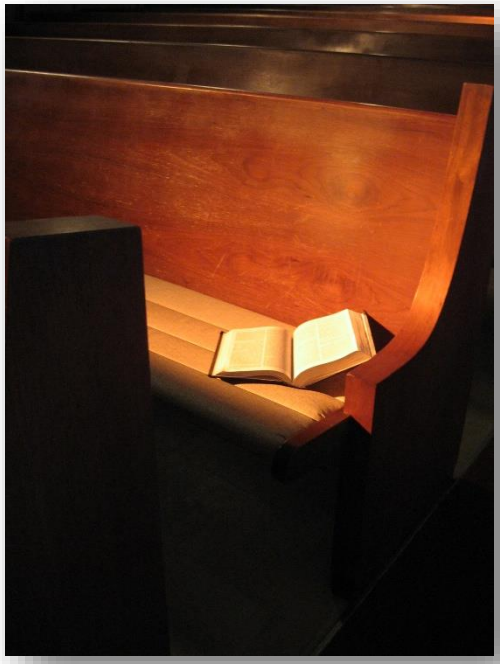
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Ephesians 3:10, 11

...so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

His CHURCH: *the fullness of Him*



Ephesians 3:20, 21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

21 to Him be the **glory in the church** and **in Christ Jesus** to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

GOD: *only worshiped in Christ
and in His church!*

Empty Pews

