

Church Planting & Revitalisation Programme

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich





Principles

- It's collaborative learning – no experts from the front - we all adopt the role of teacher/learner
- The process is designed to create an environment in which we work together well
- Be prepared to have honest conversations
 - Trust – ability to be vulnerable
 - Safety - assume positive intent – feedback as a gift
 - Confidentiality – Chatham House Rules

You are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.
- Believe that things can improve
- Be fully present
- Be curious
- Deepen and share knowledge
- Commit to actions – hold each other to account for these



Historic Trends

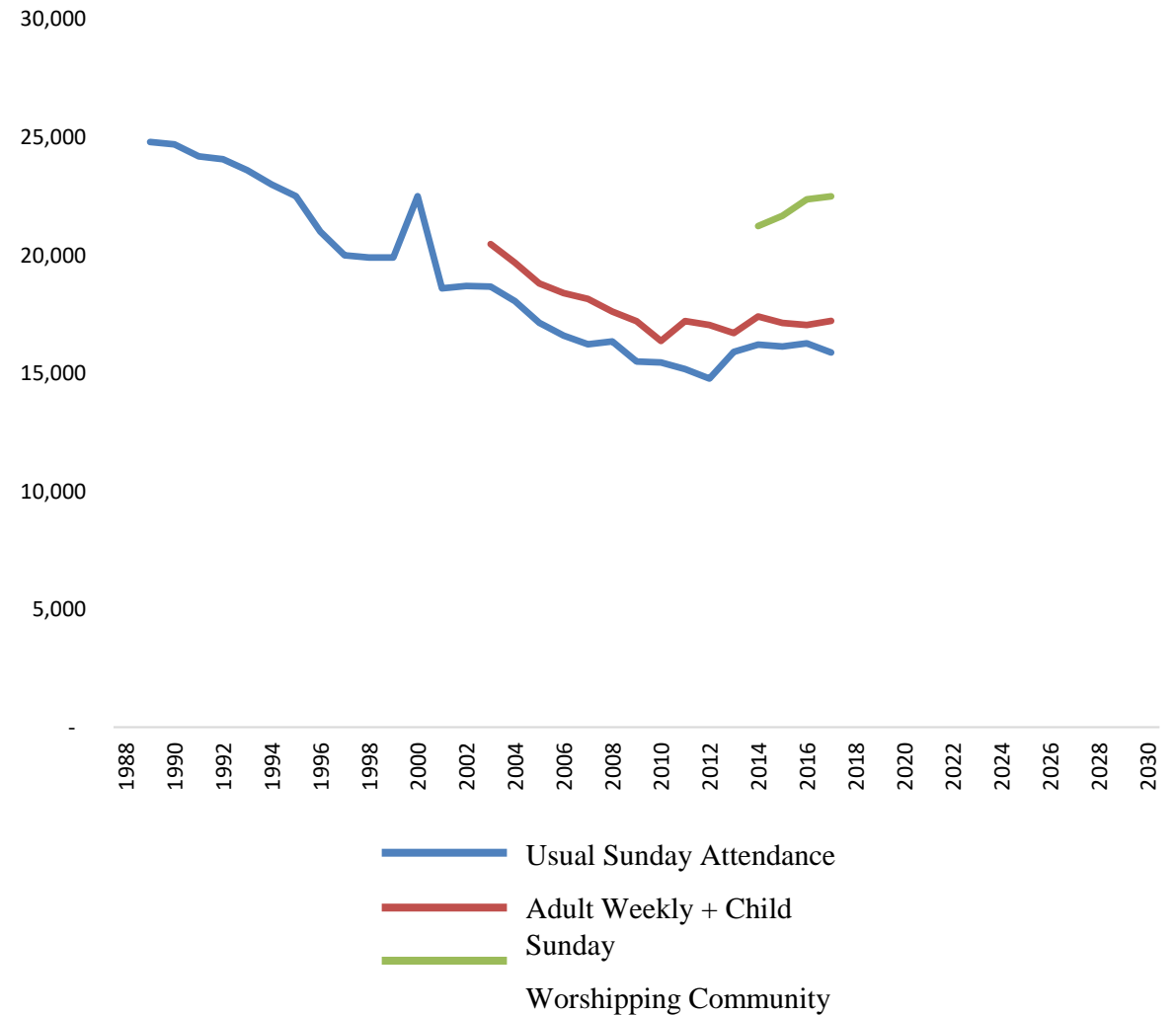
Sunday attendance in 2017 was:

2% lower than in 2007

21% lower than in 1997

36% lower than in 1989

Norwich Diocese, Attendance Measures



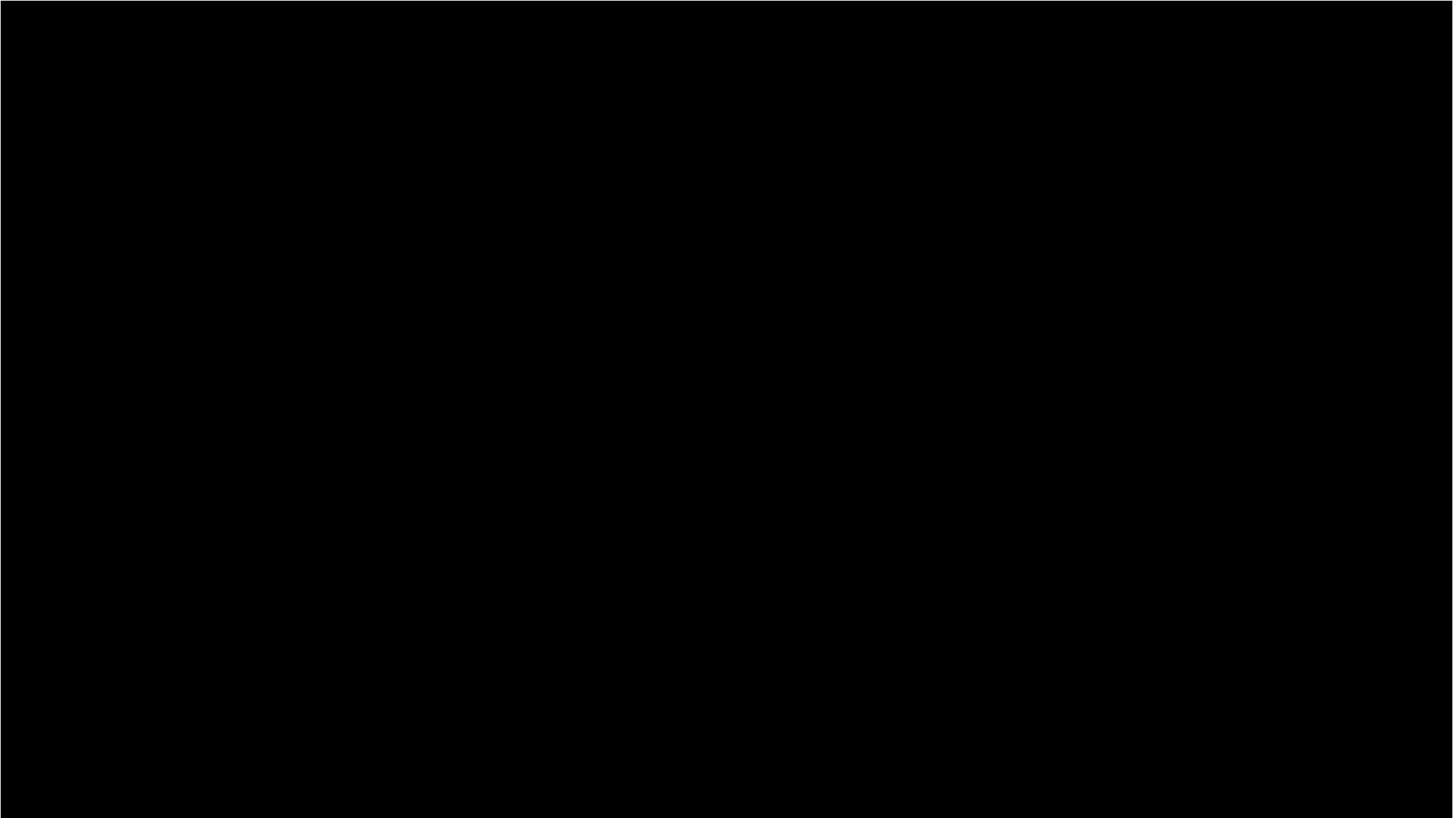


British Christianity isn't dying. It's sleeping. Evangelism can awaken it - Tim Stanley, Telegraph, May 2016





Know Your Why





- Prayer and obedience to the Holy Spirit in light of the Word of God take priority over systems and structures. (LUKE 6:12-16; ACTS 16:6-10)
- Church planting is both the impulse and the result of multiplying disciples who hear and obey God. (JOHN 10:27; ROMANS 15:18)
- Every believer is a disciple-maker with a holy calling and vocation. (JOHN 4:29; 1 PETER 2:9)
- Planting contextually-appropriate churches will require much innovation and risk-taking, and much of this new learning will come from the Church from around the world. (2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12; ROMANS 1:8-15)
- Planting churches that bear witness to the redemptive presence of the Kingdom of God in the world requires a holistic engagement of the community with the whole gospel. (LUKE 24:19; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:20)



SEND Institute

<https://www.sendinstitute.org/manifesto>



the Gregory

**centre for
church
multiplication**

<https://www.ccx.org.uk>



- Gregory the Great was a reluctant leader of the Church of Rome in the late 6th century. Plucked from the business world, he embraced the call of God to become pope amidst the collapsing Roman Empire. Part of his legacy was the vision for a nation: to see England transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- He sent Saint Augustine, in 597 AD, with a team to evangelise England, by planting churches and raising up indigenous leaders in each city, town and village



multiply

2020 CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE

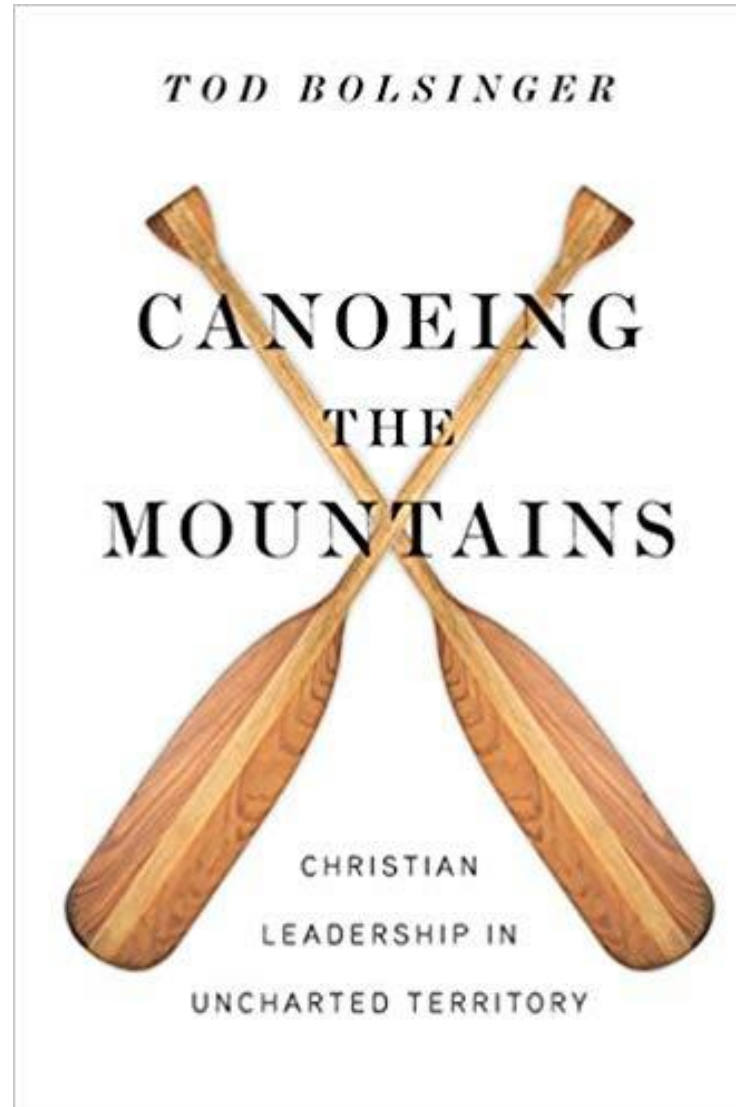
LONDON | 23 JUNE LEEDS | 24 JUNE BRISTOL | 25 JUNE



- Speak well of one another - Ephesians 4:3-6
- Speak well of the church - Ephesians 5:22-33
- Build wells not fences - Romans 12:9-18



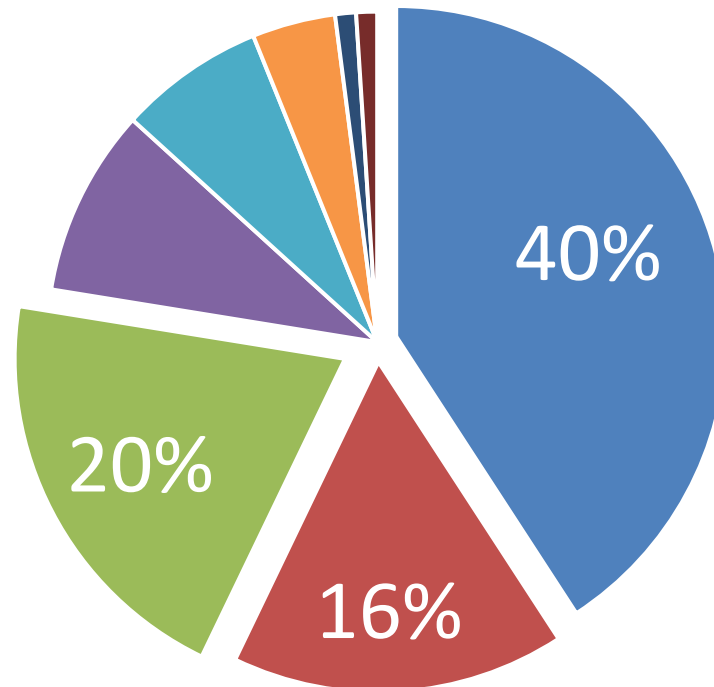
We may end up where we don't expect





Mapping Christians

Age at coming to faith



- 0-4 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-18 years
- 19-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55
- Don't know



Talking Jesus / GenZ

13% of all 11-18 year olds
are practicing Christians with **21%**
of all 11-18 year olds self identifying as
active followers of Jesus

Almost unbelievable!

However the

Gen Z 'rethinking Culture' research

19% found similar results with
of young people considering
themselves a follower of Jesus



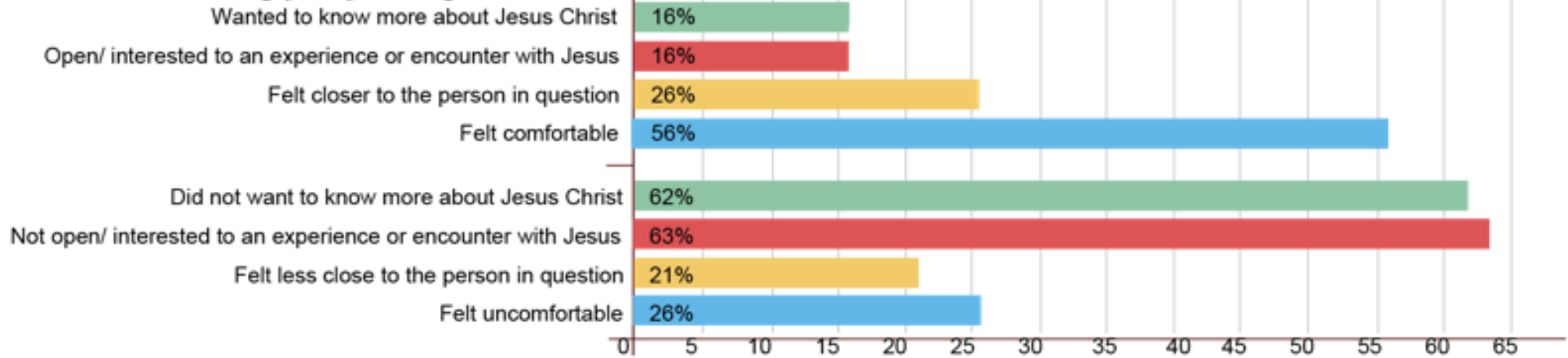
Faith in Families

- 95% of parents recognised their responsibility to teach their children about the Christian faith **BUT**
- 92% felt they should be doing more
- 36% of parents felt very confident in nurturing their children's faith **BUT**
- 26% felt less confident
- Fewer than 75% said they ever shared Bible stories with their children
- Things that hinder include:
 - lack of time
 - lack of confidence
 - being unsure of what to do
 - delegating responsibility

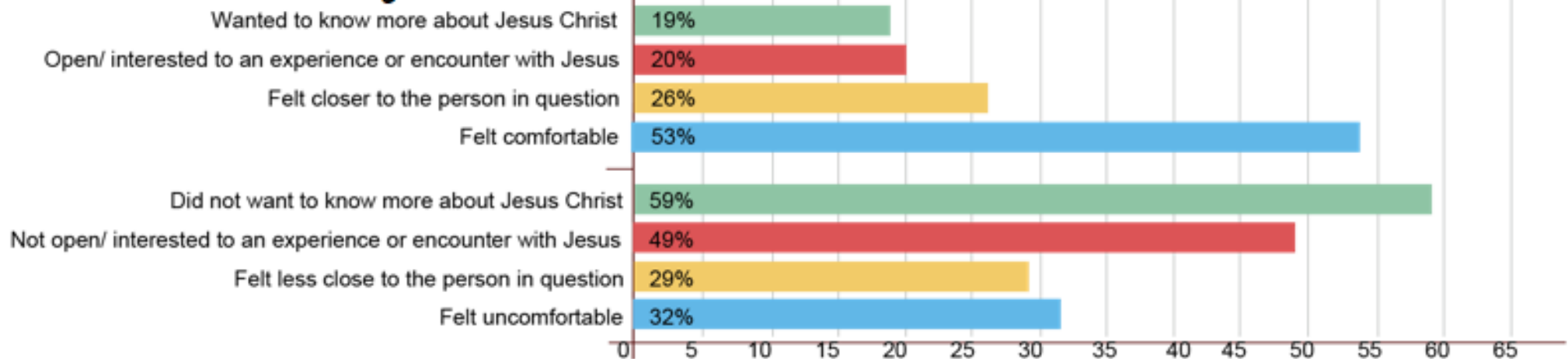


Talking Jesus

Young people aged 11-18

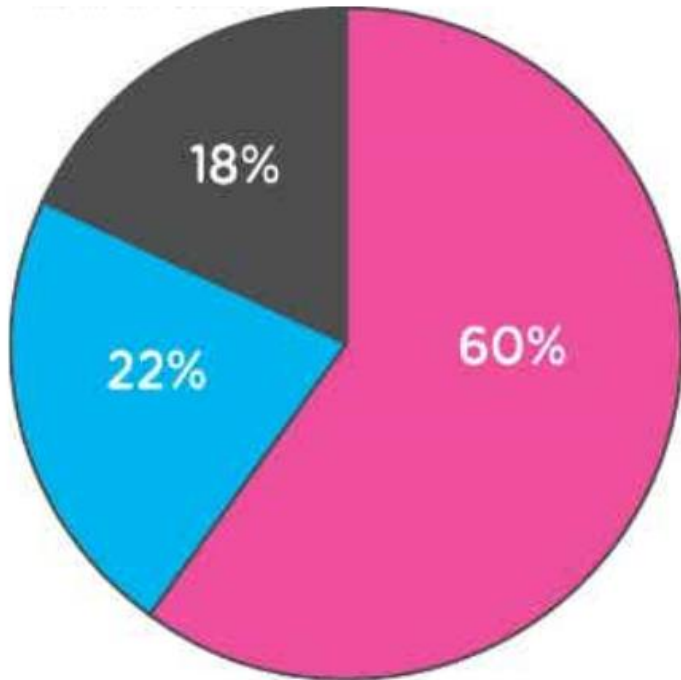


English adults





Talking Jesus



HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE JESUS (ADULTS)

A real person who actually lived

A mythical or fictional character

Don't know



Mapping Christians

- 0 – 4's REALLY matter. How we parent, how we do church...
- School age children are choosing faith or not.
- Experience matters at a young age, it's not just knowledge.
- 76% of practising Christians come to faith by age 18.
- Churches other than the CofE are better at reaching people.
- Young people leave us from the age of 11 – 18.
- Young adults leave us up to age 24



About the project

- Working in 10 focus areas (going narrow and deep)
- Using sport to engage the wider community
- With a focus on young people (but not exclusively)
- Centered around high school catchment areas
- Training the church in a culture of planting
- Working with resource churches to support planting
- £3m project

What is your why?



Background sources

- The Toddler Project (2016)
- Faith in Families (2017)
- Rooted in the church (2016)
- GenZ Rethinking Culture (2017)
- Talking Jesus (2016)
- Mapping Practicing Christians (2017)