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The Art of Lasting

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Six Practical Goals

I want you to...

1. Be honest
2. Broaden your vision of worship
3. Stop believing you must win the world alone
4. Save some of you, for you down the road
5. Tell yourself the truth about your physical health, financial status, and personal relationships
6. Inspire you not to celebrate just growth in numbers but growth in people.

How Do We Last in the Future?

Answer:

- Face what we have come through
- Face the way people live and do church after Covid



How Are Pastors Viewed

1. Nurses (79%)
2. Medical doctors (62%)
3. Pharmacists (58%)
4. High school teachers (53%)
5. Police officers (50%)
6. Accountants (41%)
7. Judges (39%)
8. Clergy (34%)
9. Bankers (26%)
10. Real estate agents (24%)
11. Journalists (23%)
12. Lawyers (22%)
13. Advertising practitioners (17%)
14. Business executives (16%)
15. Car salespeople (12%)
16. Members of Congress (10%)
17. Telemarketers (8%)



How Are Pastors Viewed

Top reasons for negative sentiments toward pastors are:

- General negativity about the beliefs of Christianity
- Church sex abuse scandals
- Sexual moral failures of church leaders
- Negative presence of church leaders on social media
- Ethical failures of pastors dealing with financial issues
- Pastors who are consistently against something



What We Just Came Through

In 74 countries, religious groups faced force, blame related to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

Number of countries and territories in 2020 where authorities or private actors used force against religious groups or blamed them for the pandemic



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of external data. See Methodology for details.
"How COVID-19 Restrictions Affected Religious Groups Around the World in 2020"

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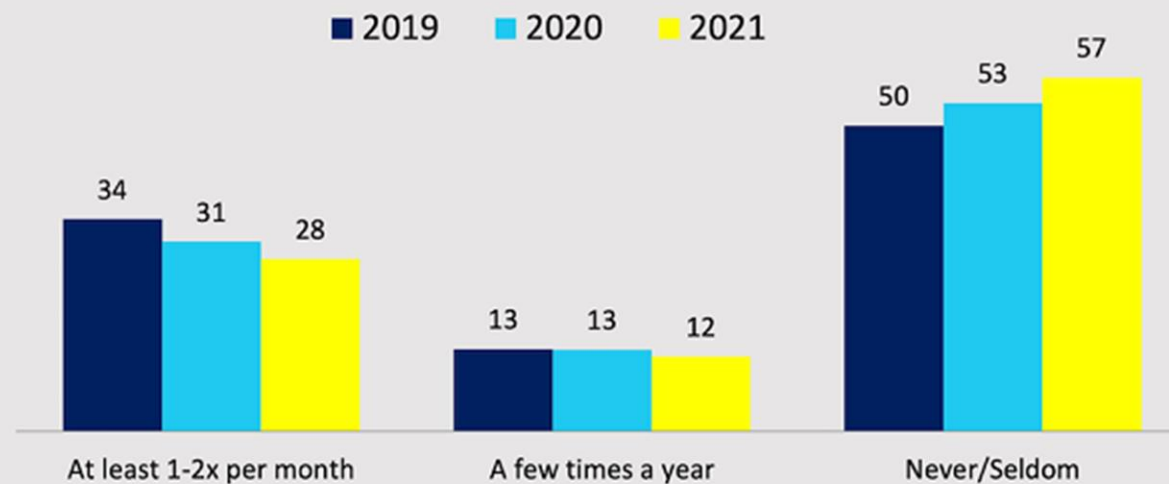
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HOW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AFFECTED RELIGIOUS GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD IN 2020

What We Just Came Through

Regular Church Attendance Has Declined During COVID-19

% who attend religious services ...



Notes: Based on adults ages 18+.

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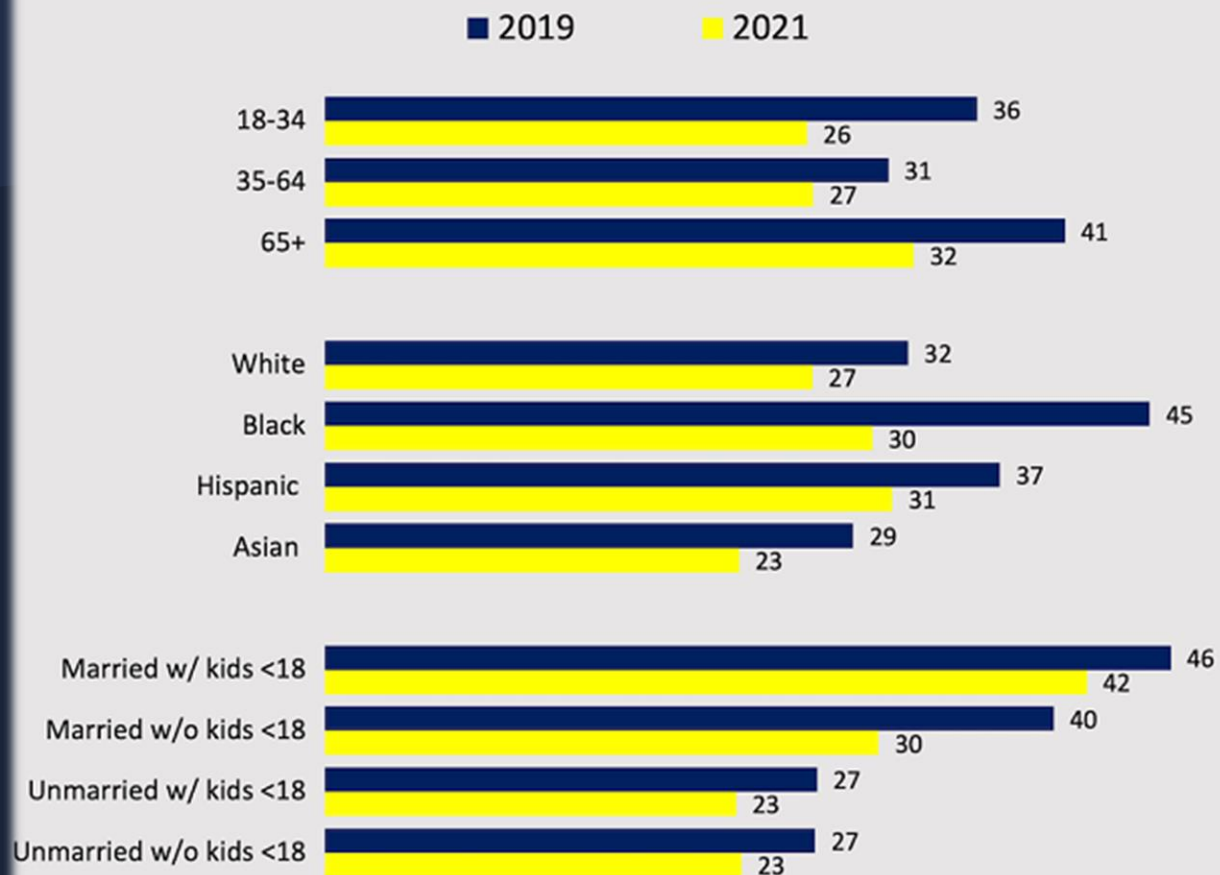
A few times a year

Never/Seldom

What We Just Came Through

Decline in Church Attendance by Demographics, 2019 and 2021

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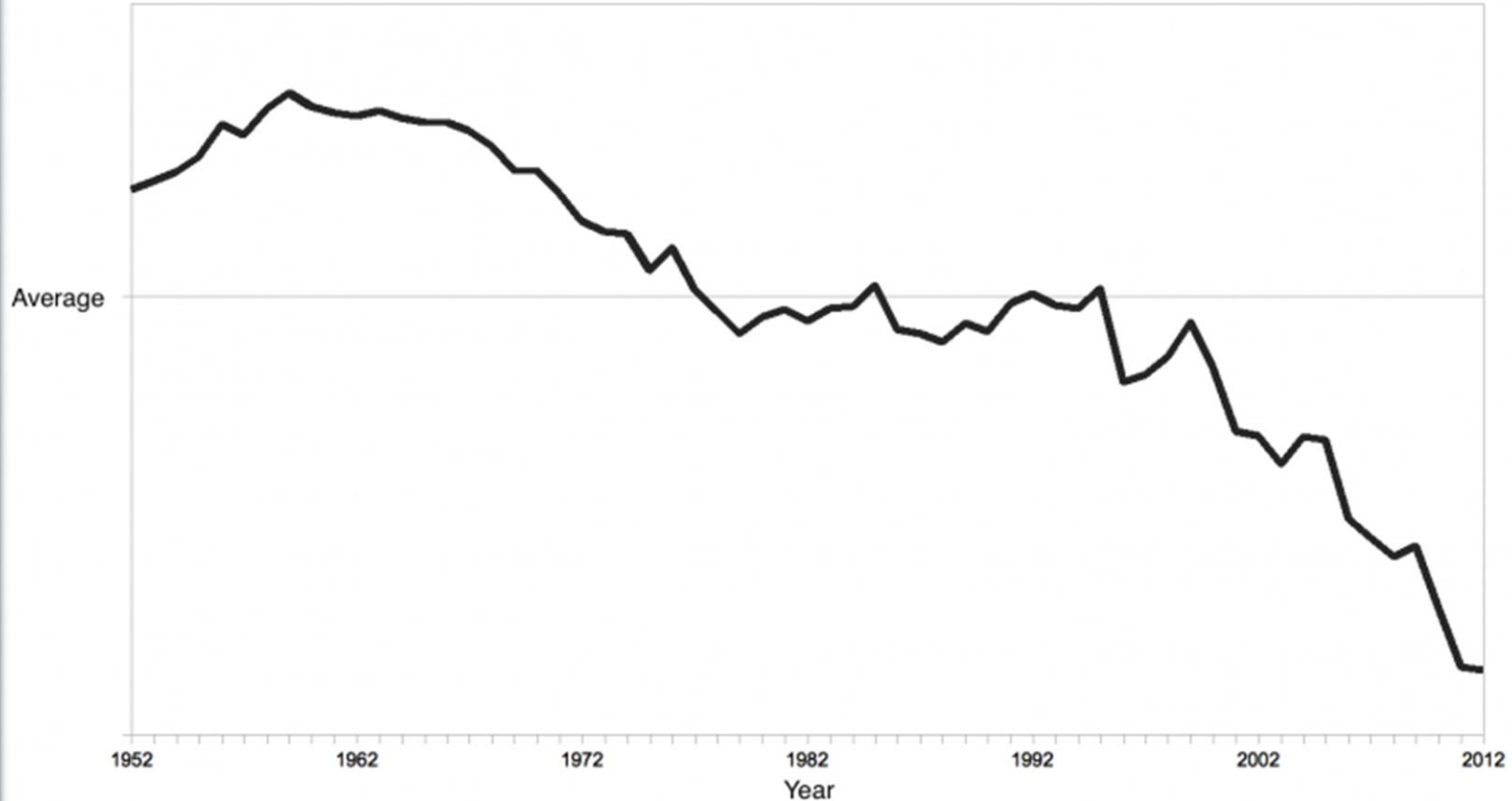
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What We Just Came Through

The Great Decline: 60 years of religion in America



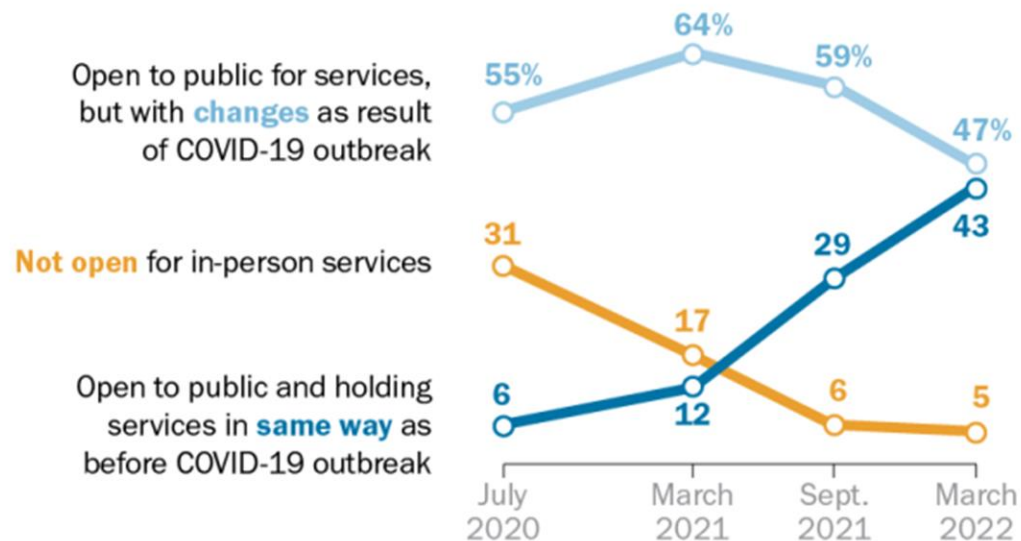
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What We Just Came Through

Share of churches and other houses of worship operating as they did pre-pandemic continues to rise

Among U.S. adults who typically attend religious services at least monthly or attended in person in the past month, % who say the house of worship they attend most often is currently ...



Note: Those who said "not sure" or declined to answer the question are not shown.
Source: Survey conducted March 7-13, 2022, among U.S. adults.

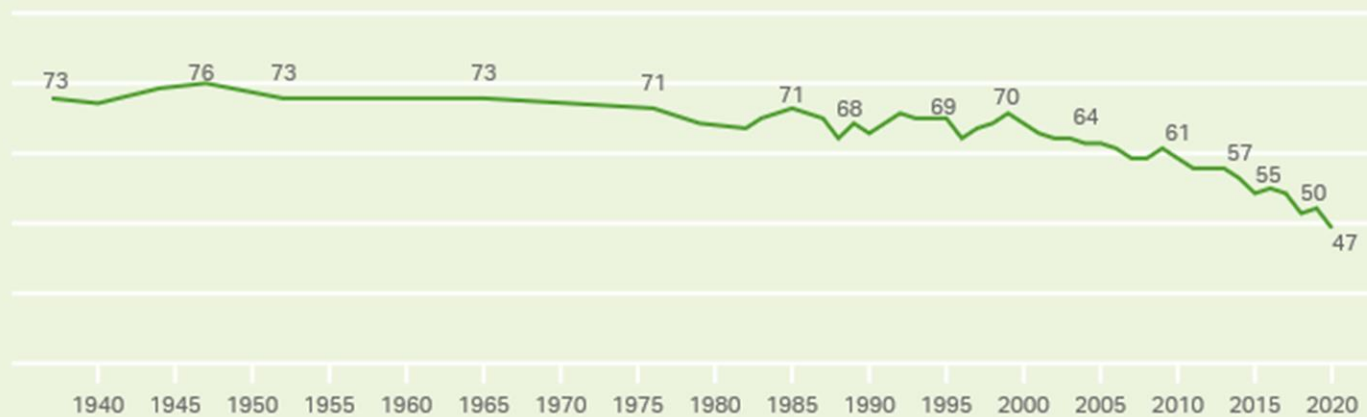
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What We Just Came Through

Church Membership Among U.S. Adults Now Below 50%

Do you happen to be a member of a church, synagogue or mosque?

— % Yes, member



Based on annual aggregated data, usually based on two surveys

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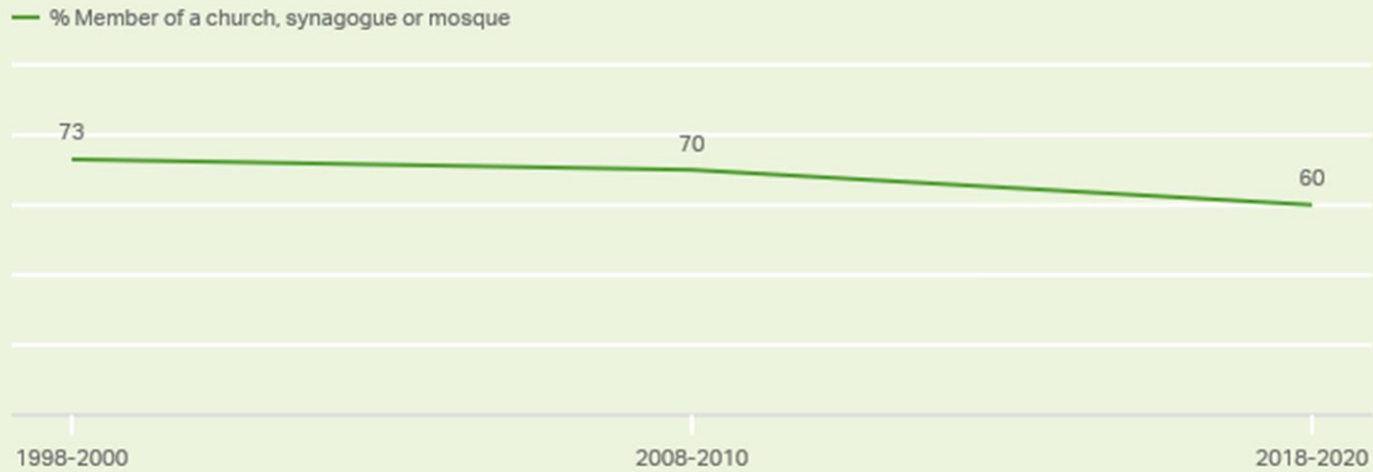
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1940 1942 1950 1952 1960 1962 1970 1972 1980 1982 1990 1992 2000 2002 2010 2012 2020

What We Just Came Through

Changes in Church Membership Among Americans Who Have a Religious Affiliation



Data are based on U.S. adults who expressed a religious preference or affiliation, including any Christian or non-Christian religion. The percentage of U.S. adults with a religious affiliation was 90% in 1998-2000, 84% in 2008-2010 and 76% in 2018-2020.

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What We Just Came Through

Changes in Church Membership by Generation, Over Time

| | 1998-2000 | 2008-2010 | 2018-2020 | Change since 1998-2000 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| | % | % | % | pct. pts. |
| Traditionalists (born before 1946) | 77 | 73 | 66 | -11 |
| Baby boomers (born 1946-1964) | 67 | 63 | 58 | -9 |
| Generation X (born 1965-1980) | 62 | 57 | 50 | -12 |
| Millennials (born 1981-1996) | n/a | 51 | 36 | n/a |

Note: Given that Gallup's polls are based on the 18+ U.S. adult population, the 1980-2000 period would have included only a small proportion of the millennial generation, and the 2018-2020 period includes only a small proportion of Generation Z (born after 1996).

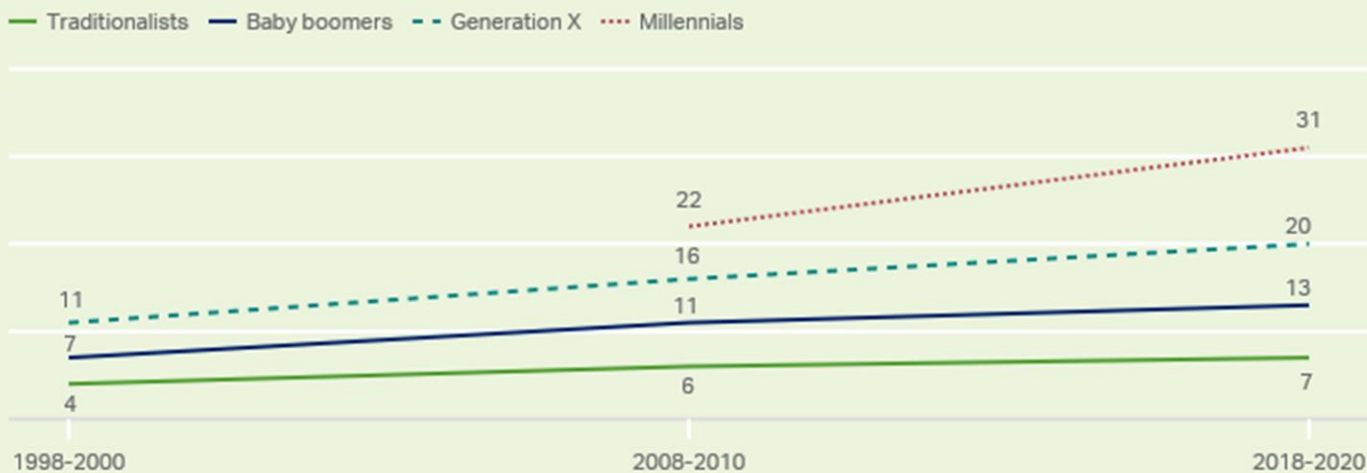
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What We Just Came Through

Change in Percentage of U.S. Adults With No Religious Affiliation, by Generation



Birth years by generation: traditionalists (1945 and before); baby boomers (1946-1964); Generation X (1965-1980), millennials (1981-1996). Note: 33% of Generation Z adults (born 1997-2002) between 2018 and 2020 had no religious preference.

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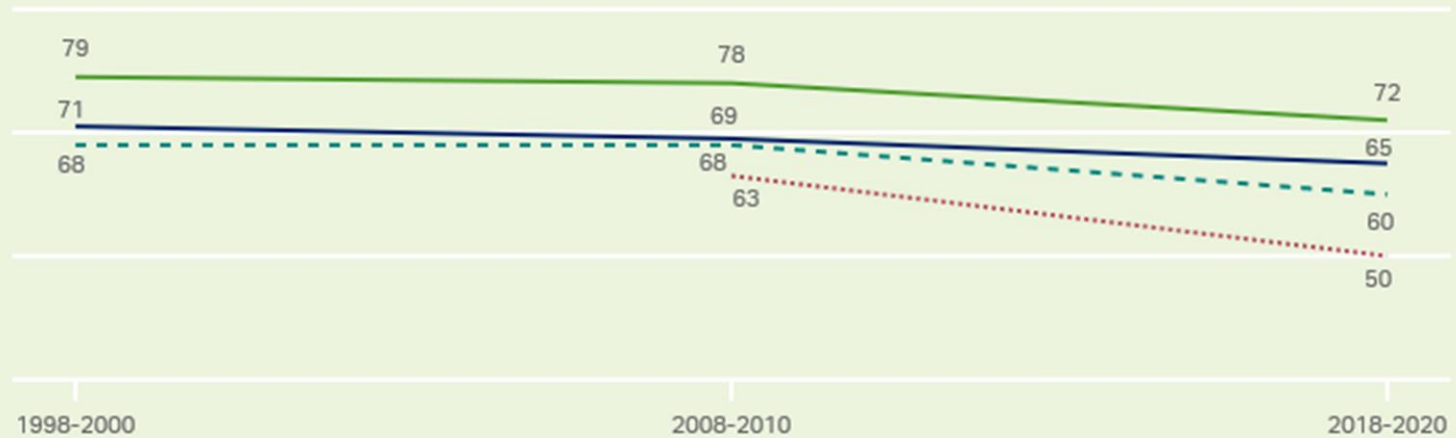
2008-2010

2018-2020

What We Just Came Through

Change in Church Membership Among Those With a Religious Affiliation, by Generation

— Traditionalists — Baby boomers - - - Generation X ···· Millennials



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1998-2000

2008-2010

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What We Just Came Through

Changes in Church Membership, by Demographic Subgroup

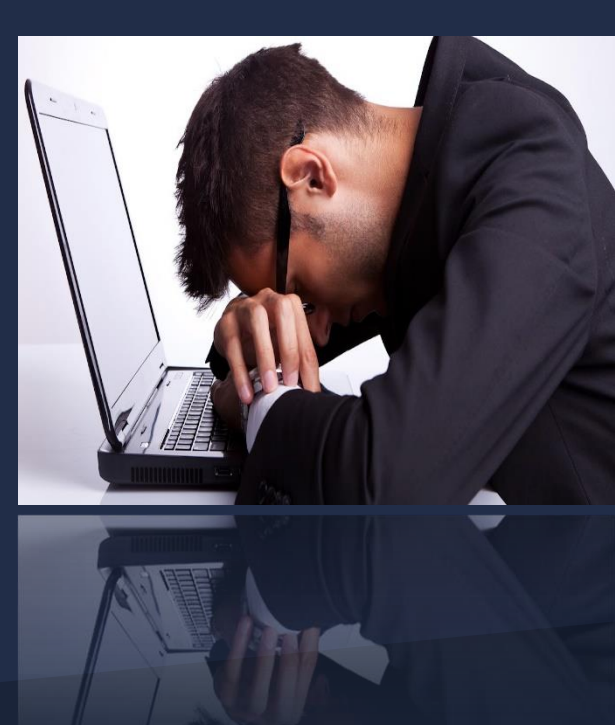
| | 1998-2000 | 2008-2010 | 2018-2020 | Change, 1998-2000 to 2018-2020 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| | % | % | % | pct. pts. |
| Men | 64 | 58 | 46 | -18 |
| Women | 73 | 65 | 53 | -20 |
| Non-Hispanic White adults | 68 | 62 | 52 | -16 |
| Non-Hispanic Black adults | 78 | 70 | 59 | -19 |
| College graduate | 68 | 65 | 54 | -14 |
| Not college graduate | 69 | 60 | 47 | -22 |
| Married | 71 | 68 | 58 | -13 |
| Not married | 64 | 55 | 42 | -22 |
| Republican | 77 | 75 | 65 | -12 |
| Independent | 59 | 51 | 41 | -18 |
| Democrat | 71 | 60 | 46 | -25 |
| Conservative | 78 | 73 | 64 | -14 |
| Moderate | 66 | 59 | 45 | -21 |
| Liberal | 56 | 46 | 35 | -21 |
| East | 69 | 58 | 44 | -25 |
| Midwest | 72 | 66 | 54 | -18 |
| South | 74 | 70 | 58 | -16 |
| West | 57 | 51 | 38 | -19 |
| Protestant | 73 | 72 | 64 | -9 |
| Catholic | 76 | 73 | 58 | -18 |

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Four Things I Want Talk About

A man with a beard and short dark hair is shown in profile, looking out a window. He is wearing a light-colored, textured sweater over a green shirt. The background is a bright, slightly blurred window view. The text is overlaid on the image, with a yellow horizontal bar above the list and a dark blue horizontal bar below it.

- 1. Organizational Change**
- 2. Definition of Successful Worship**
- 3. Theological Review of the Great Commission**
- 4. An Honest Assessment of Your Current Condition:
(Health, Wealth, Relationships)**



YOU'RE A
FAILURE

Three Traps That Will Stop You From Lasting

Exhaustion

Isolation

**Feeling of
Failure**

Defining Burnout

- **Chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed.**
 - **Feelings of energy depletion or exhaustion**
 - **Increased mental distance from one's job**
 - **Feelings of negativism or cynicism related to one's job, reduced professional efficacy (effectiveness)**

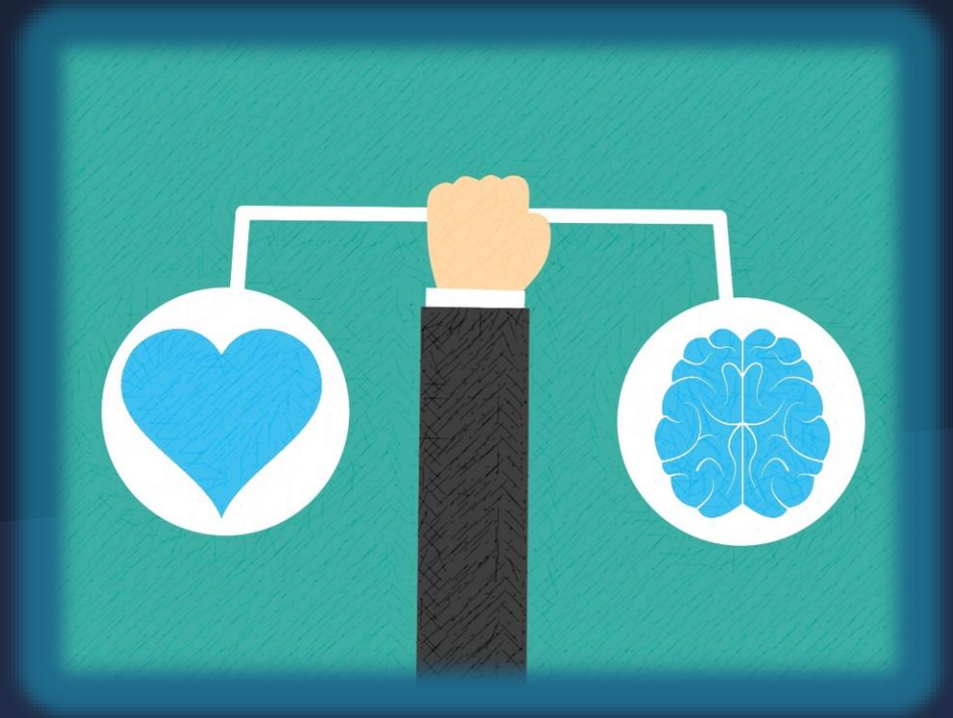
Six Main Causes of Burnout

1. Workload
2. Perceived lack of control
3. Lack of reward or recognition
4. Poor relationships
5. Lack of fairness
6. Values mismatch



Emotional Intelligence

The ability to monitor one's own and others' feelings and emotions, to discriminate among them and to use this information to guide one's thinking and actions.”





A Theological Look at Our Worship Definitions

- True Worship Defined
- True Worships Location (They met at the well)
- True Worships Boundaries (It crossed all ethnicities and genders)
- True Worship was Infectious (Other people started believing)

True Worship Defined & Described

John 4:23, NIV

- True worship is genuine (or true)
- True worship is spiritual (God sensitive)

Four Observations About True Worship

John 4:1-42, NIV

- 1. True Worship Is Noticed** (The growth of His influence was noticed)
- 2. True Worship Was Outside** (By an outside Well)
- 3. True Worship Reaches Across Boundaries** (Jews, Gentiles and Samaritans)
- 4. True Worship Is Infectious**

How Do You Broaden the Definition of Worship Beyond the Traditional View?

Answer:

- Let people **sample** another way to engage Christ in their cultural language
- **Teach** them what Jesus taught from His life choices
- Use Acts 2:46-47 and emphasize how often and where they worshipped

“46 **Every day** they continued to meet together **in the temple courts**. They broke bread **in their homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Resources

- [U.S. Church Membership Falls Below Majority for First Time](#)
- [Attendance Drops Most Among Adults Under 30](#)
- [In 74 countries, religious groups faced force, blame related to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020](#)
- [Number 2 in 2022: The Decline in Church Attendance in COVID America](#)
- [Share of churches and other houses of worship operating as they did pre-pandemic continues to rise](#)
- [The Great Decline: 60 years of religion in one graph](#)
- [More houses of worship are returning to normal operations, but in-person attendance is unchanged since fall](#)