

Some Conclusions on Gender Research

My conclusions from the research I have done on gender-segregated small groups are as follows:

Pros:

- 1.) Ministry leaders perceive gender segregation as helpful, especially in young adults.
- 2.) It provides opportunity for the cultivation of identity in terms of gender.
- 3.) It provides opportunity for role models and understanding mentors.
- 4.) Gender segregation is helpful in situations where participants are asked to be vulnerable.
- 5.) Removes the distraction of attraction.
- 6.) Boosts overall participation.

Cons:

- 1.) Lack of perspective, "hearing the other side of it."
- 2.) No opportunity to cultivate opposite-sex, Christ-centered relationships.
- 3.) Gender segregation is not always an efficient paradigm, e.g. community service-oriented groups.

Sources and Further Key Information

[Separating Genders in Youth Activities](#)

Joseph Yoo, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Pearland, Texas.

10 Things Millennials are looking for in small groups from [Vanderbloemen](#):

- 1.) Authenticity
- 2.) Consistency (and Flexibility)
- 3.) Make a Difference
- 4.) Connection
- 5.) The Right Environment
- 6.) Size
- 7.) Proper Leadership
- 8.) Respect Time
- 9.) Content
- 10.) Variety

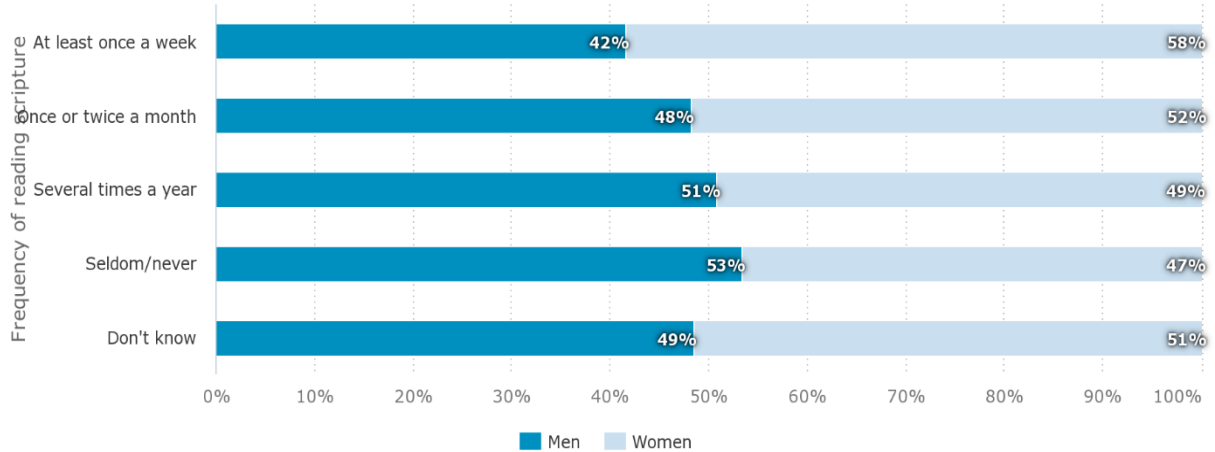
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA:

Although this is not directly related to Church small groups, I still believe their findings to be relevant.

[Female peers in small work groups enhance women's motivation, verbal participation, and career aspirations in engineering](#)

Gender composition by frequency of reading scripture

% of adults who are...



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WHY CHRISTIANS GO TO CHURCH & WHAT THEY SAY IS MISSING

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"WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN YOUR COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP?"



"WHAT DO YOU THINK IS MISSING FROM YOUR COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP?"



Respondents could select all that apply. For the chart on the right, respondents were not shown options they had selected for the first chart. Only the top 10 responses are shown here.

n=4,964 Christians ages 18 to 35 who attend church at least a few times every six months | December 4, 2018–February 15, 2019.

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Top Priorities of Gen Z and Millennials from Barna.

PRIORITIES RANKED AMONG GEN Z & MILLENNIALS

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	Gen Z	Rank	Millennials
Finish my education	66%	1	59% Become financially independent
Start a career	66%	2	52% Finish my education
Become financially independent	65%	3	51% Start a career
Follow my dreams	55%	4	40% Find out who you really are
Enjoy life before you have the responsibilities of being an adult	38%	5	31% Follow my dreams
Find out who you really are	31%	6	29% Become more mature spiritually
Travel to other countries	21%	7	28% Get married
Get married	20%	8	24% Enjoy life before you have the responsibilities of being an adult
Become more mature spiritually	16%	9	21% Become a parent
Become a parent	12%	10	20% Travel to other countries
Care for the poor and needy	9%	11	9% Care for the poor and needy
Try to become famous or influential	9%	12	5% Try to become famous or influential

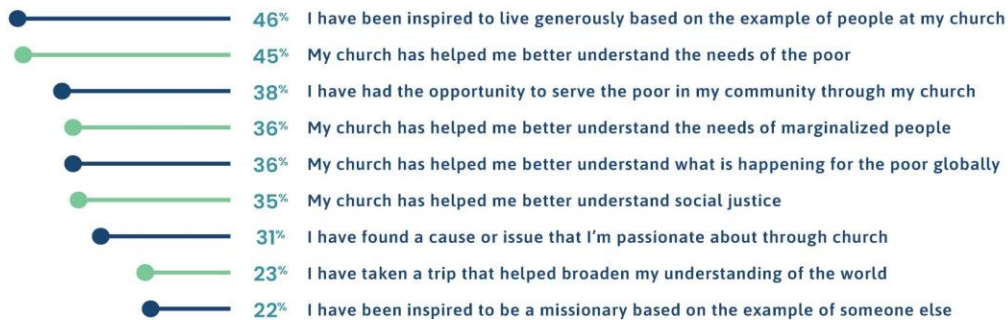
U.S. teens ages 13–18, n=1,490, Nov. 4–16, 2016. U.S. adults 18–29, n=1,000, June 25–July 1, 2013.

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HOW THE CHURCH ENCOURAGES COMPASSION & ACTIVISM

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"Which of the following, if any, have you experienced in your church, parish or faith community?"

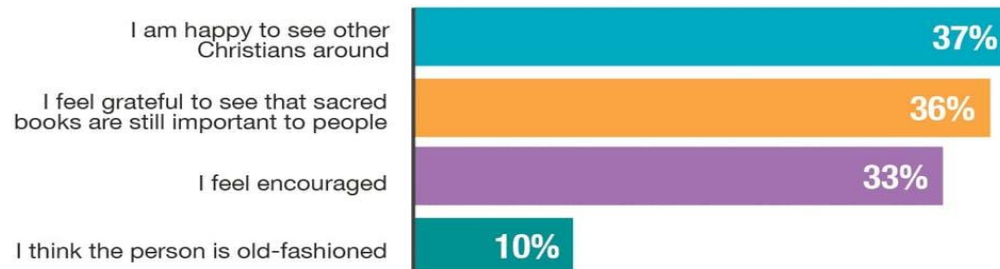


n = 2,896 practicing Christian adults ages 18 to 35 | December 4, 2018-February 15, 2019

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Perceptions of Those Who Read the Bible in Public

What do you think when you see someone else reading the Bible in a public place? (Multiple response)



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n=1,013 (U.S. Teens ages 13-17) | May, 2016

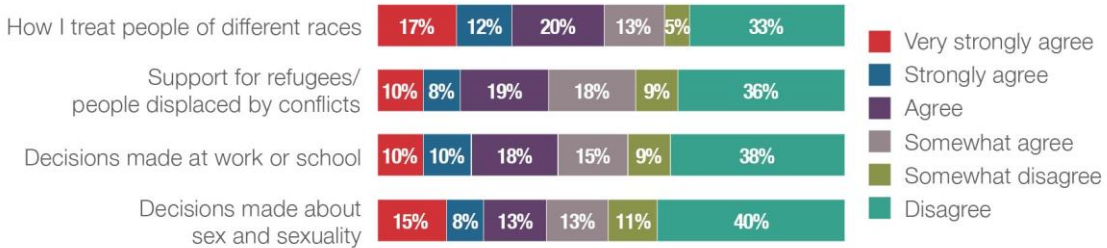
BIBLE'S IMPACT ON RELATIONSHIPS

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WITH GOD



WITH OTHERS



n=970 U.S. Adults (Bible users) | January 15 - February 7, 2019 | n=1,981 U.S. Adults | January 15 - February 7, 2019

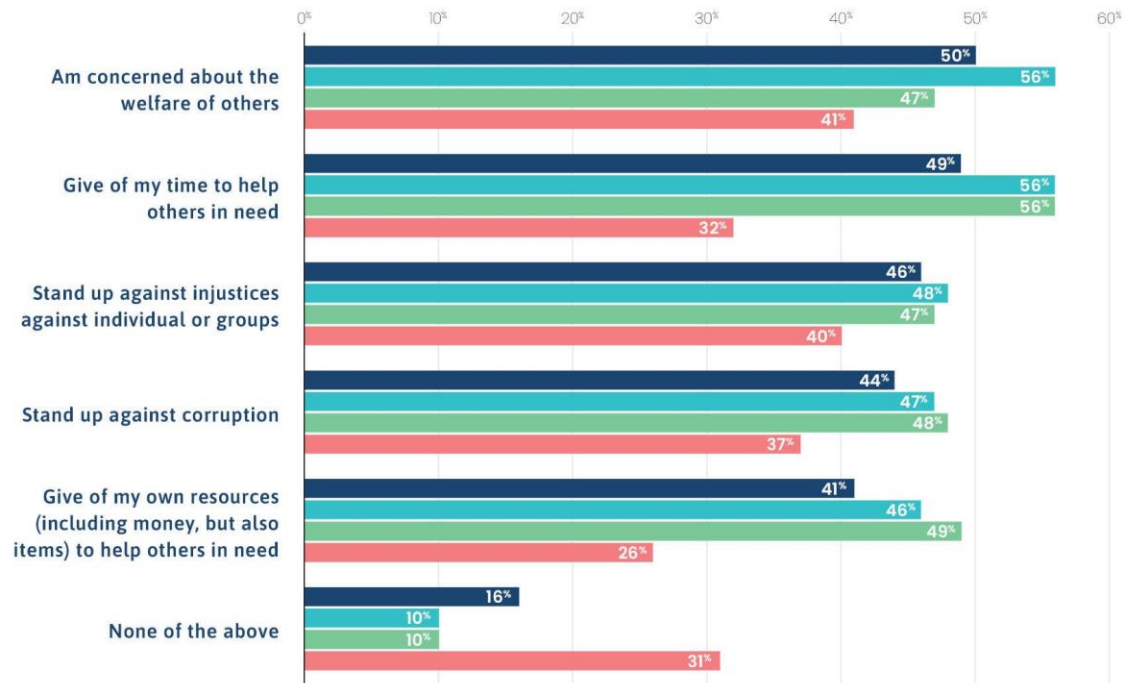
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RELIGION INSPIRES YOUNG ADULTS TO ACTION

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Because of my beliefs, it's important that I...

◆ All ◆ Christian ◆ Other Faith ◆ No Faith



n = 25,369 young adults ages 18 to 35 | December 14, 2018-February 15, 2019

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