

# STATE *of* MINISTRY TO WOMEN

CHURCHGOERS REPORT



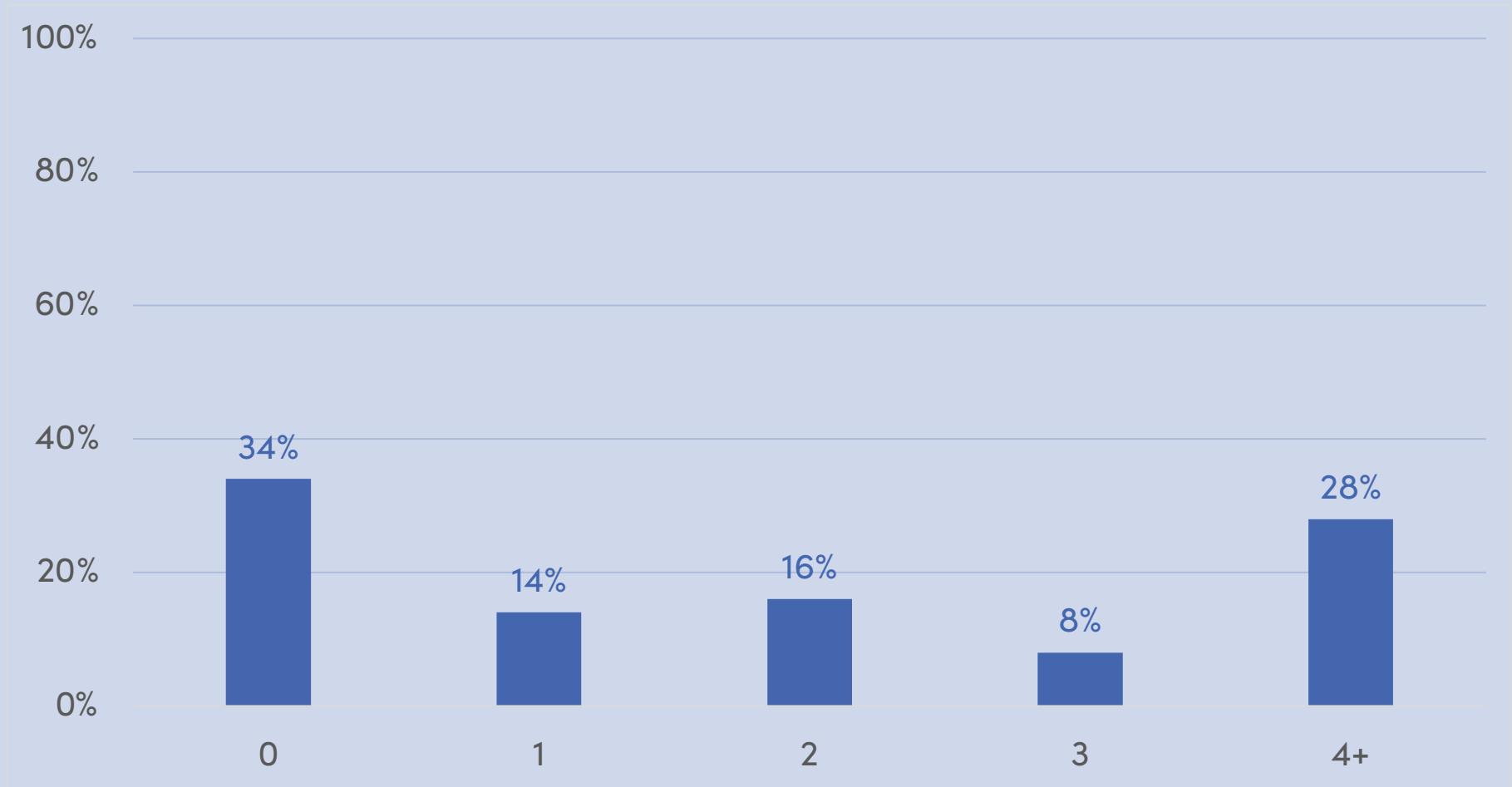
A survey of 1,001 American Evangelical and Black Protestant  
female churchgoers

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# METHODOLOGY

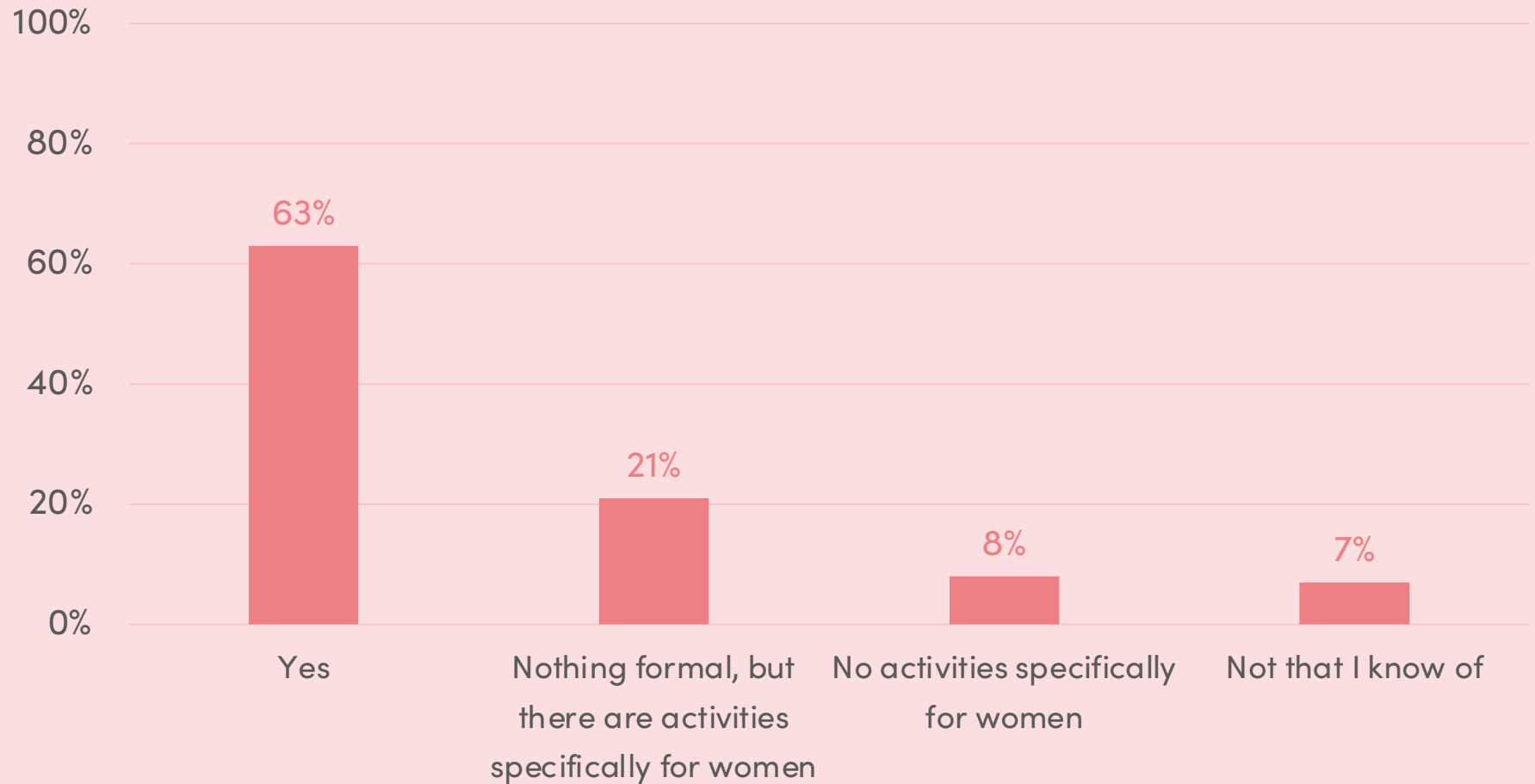
- The online survey of 1,001 American Evangelical and Black Protestant female churchgoers was conducted March 13-17, 2023, using a national pre-recruited panel
- Respondents were screened to include those whose faith group preference is an Evangelical or Black Protestant group, and attend religious services at a church in a typical a month
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance age, region, ethnicity, education, religious service attendance, and religious tradition to more accurately reflect the population
- The completed sample is 1,001 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed  $\pm 3.2\%$ ; this margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

## 66% of women churchgoers attend small groups or classes for adults



Q19: "In a typical month, about how many times (if any) do you attend small classes or groups for adults from church such as Sunday School, Bible study, small groups, Adult Bible Fellowships, etc?" n=1,001

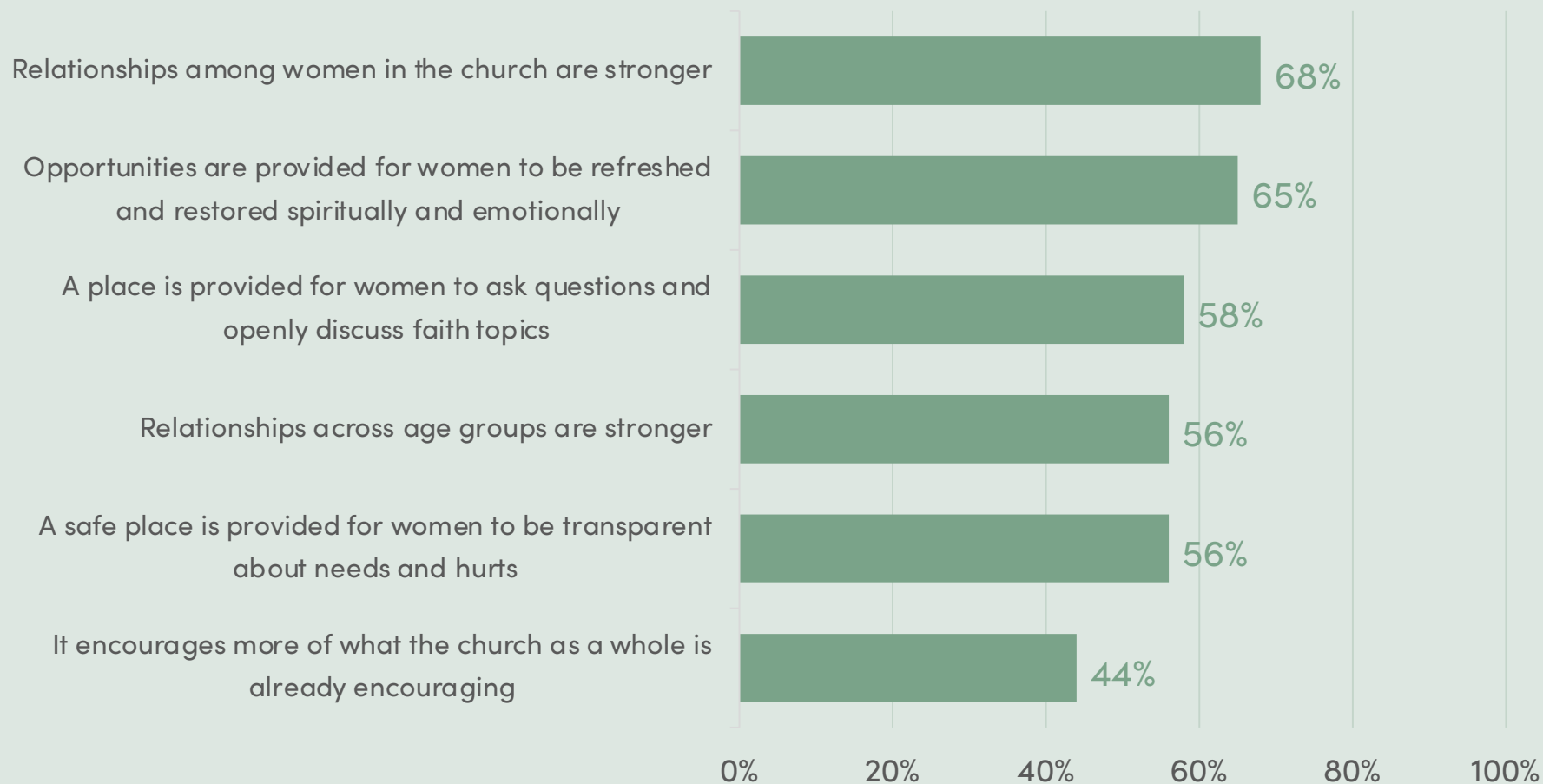
# 63% say their church has an organized women's ministry



Q20: "Does your church have an organized women's ministry of some kind? (Select one)" n= 1,001

# “What value does having a women’s ministry bring to your church that would not exist without it?”

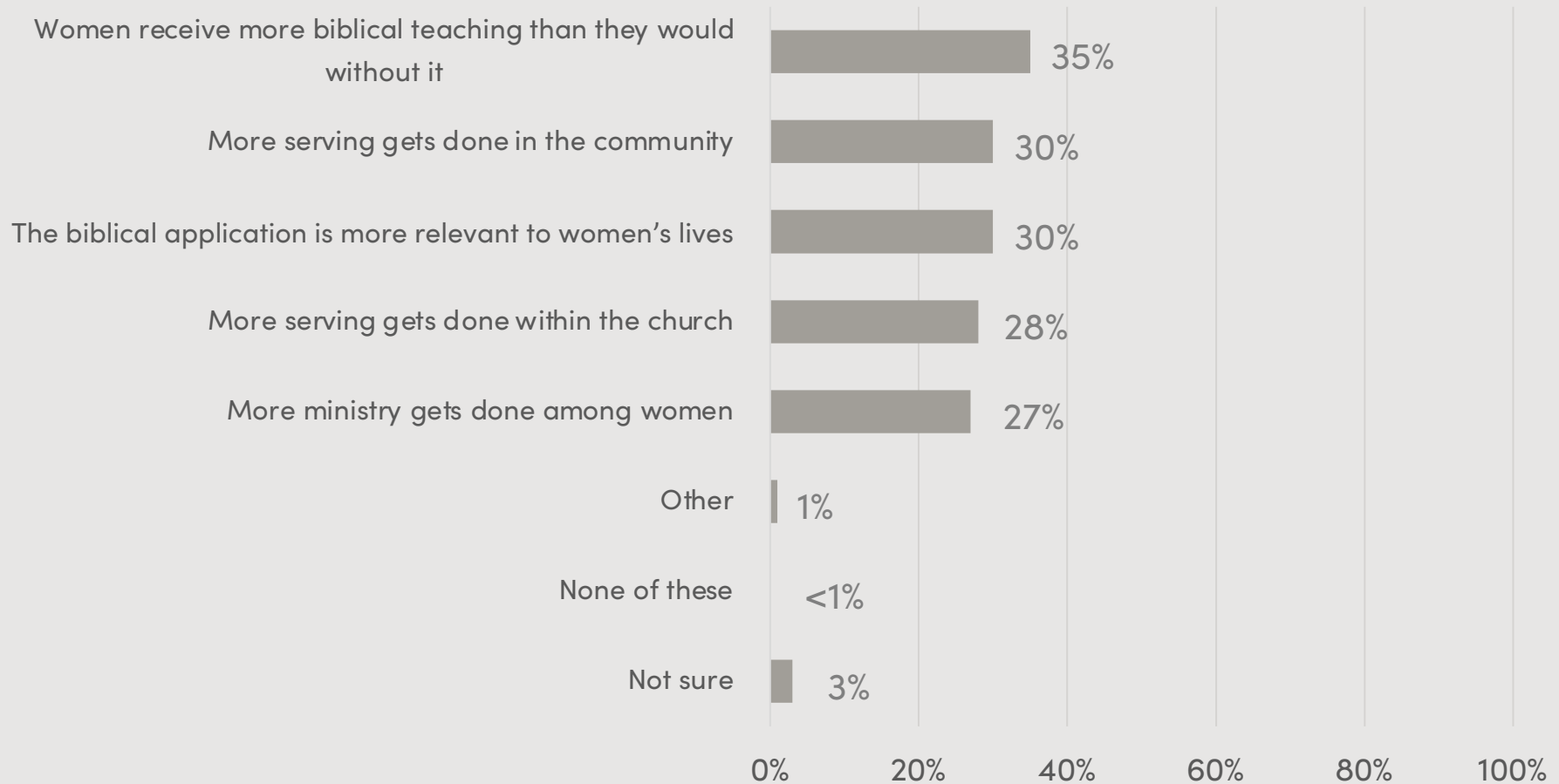
*Among women whose church has activities for women*



Q21: “What value does having a women’s ministry bring to your church that would not exist without it? (Select all that apply)” n=846

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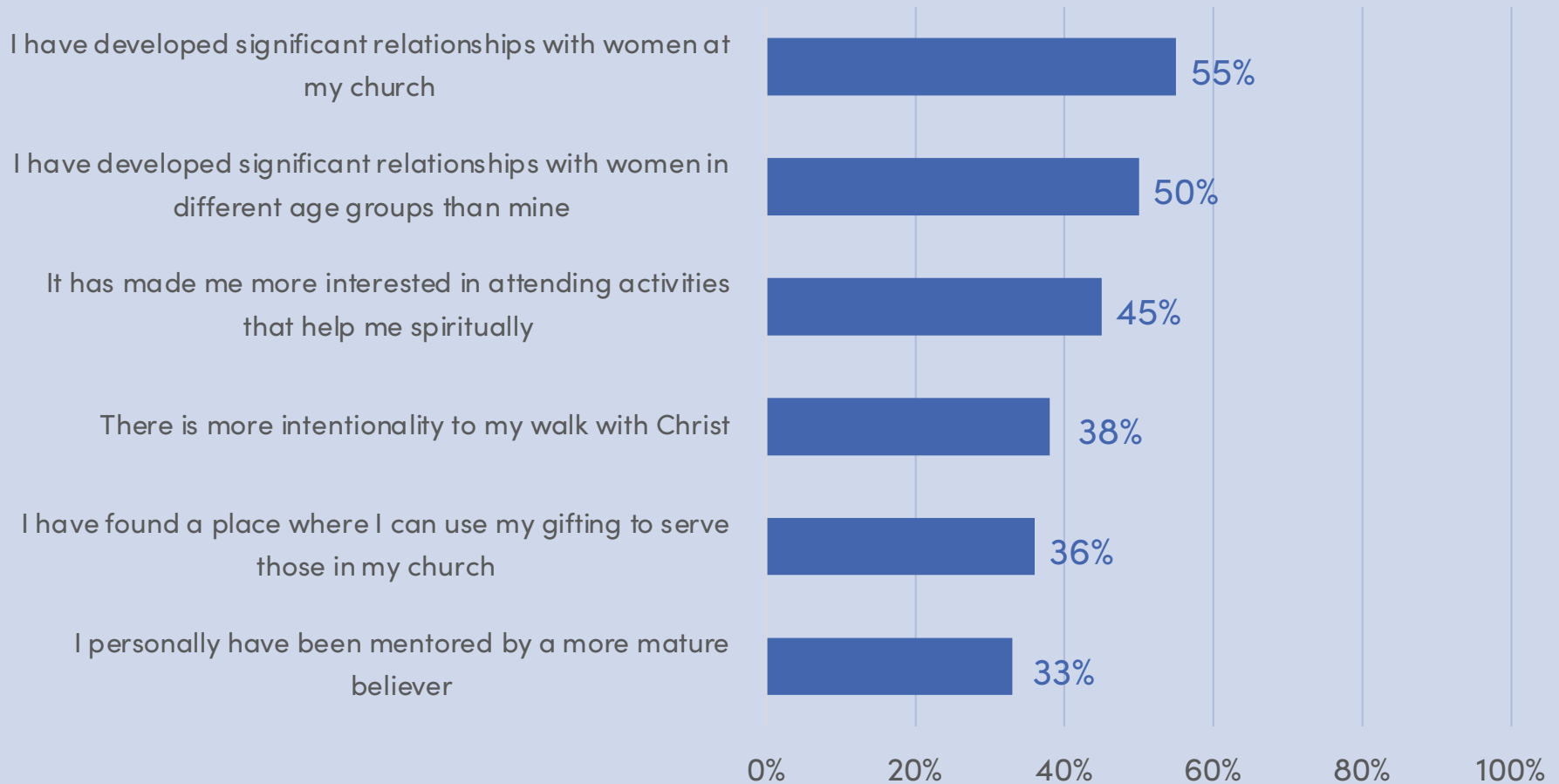
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Q21: “What value does having a women’s ministry bring to your church that would not exist without it? (Select all that apply)” n=846

# **“In what ways, if any, has your church’s women’s ministry provided you with help you would not have gotten without them?”**

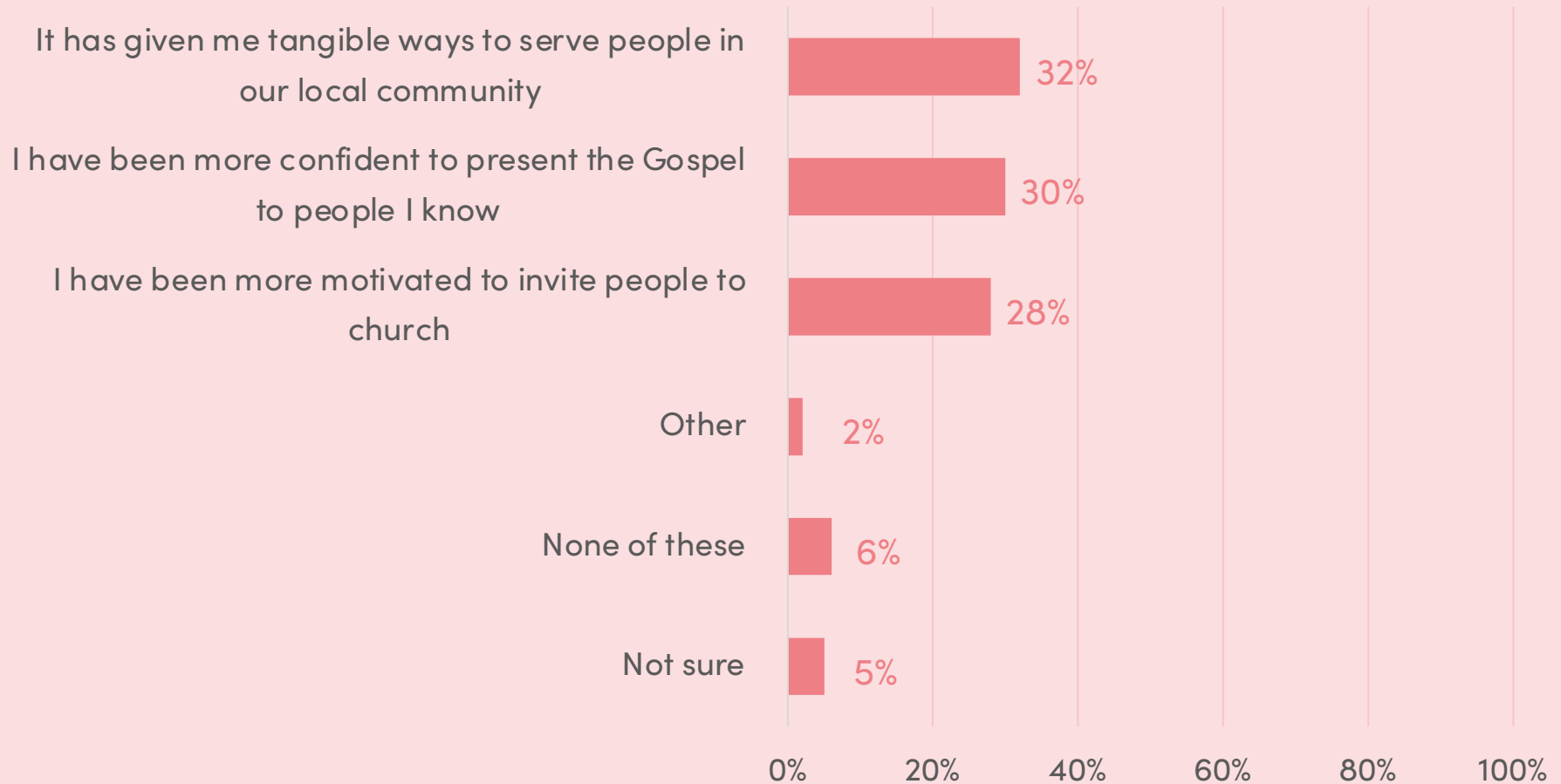
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Q22: “In what ways, if any, has your church’s women’s ministry provided you with help you would not have gotten without them? (Select all that apply)” n=846

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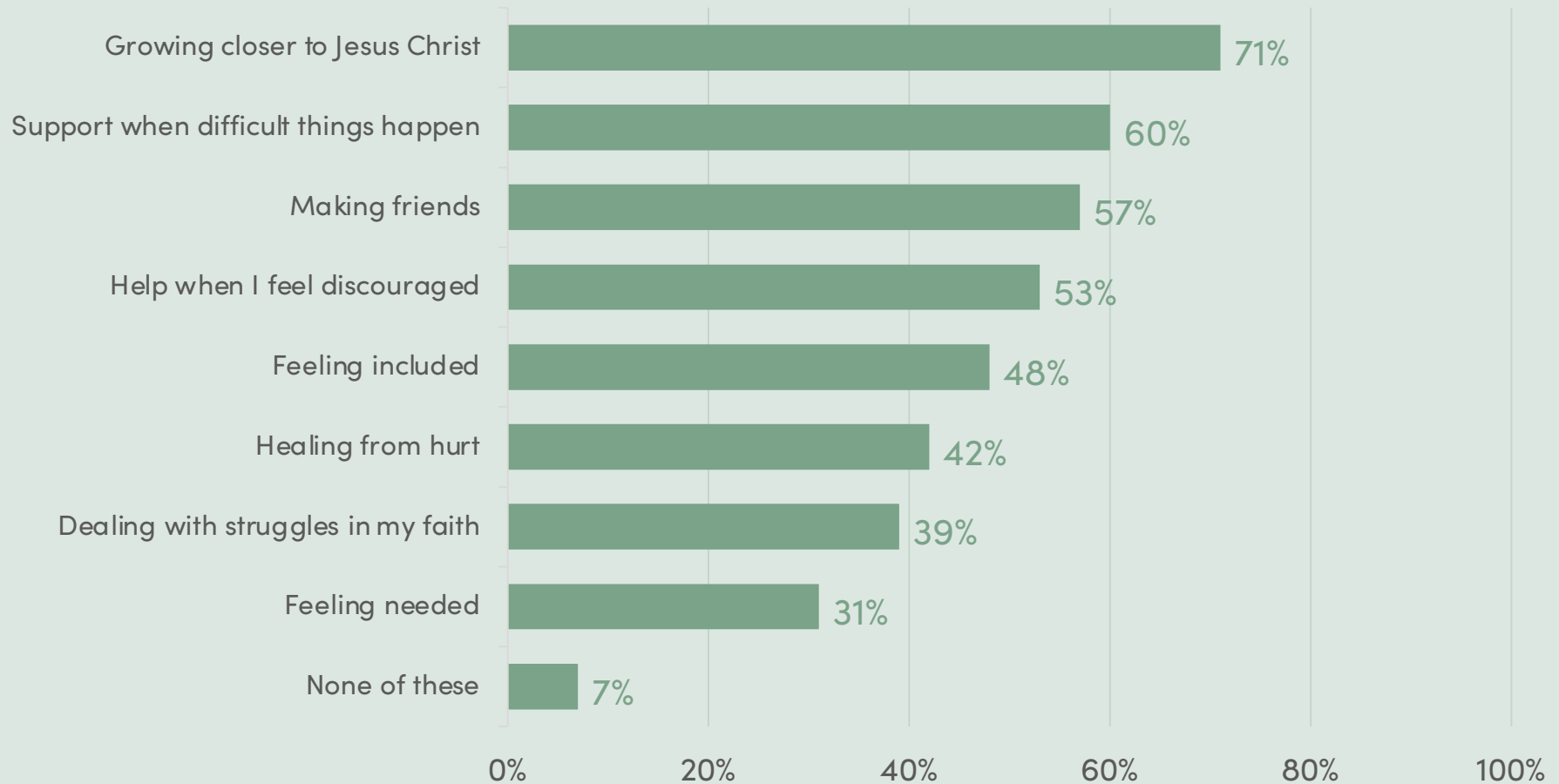
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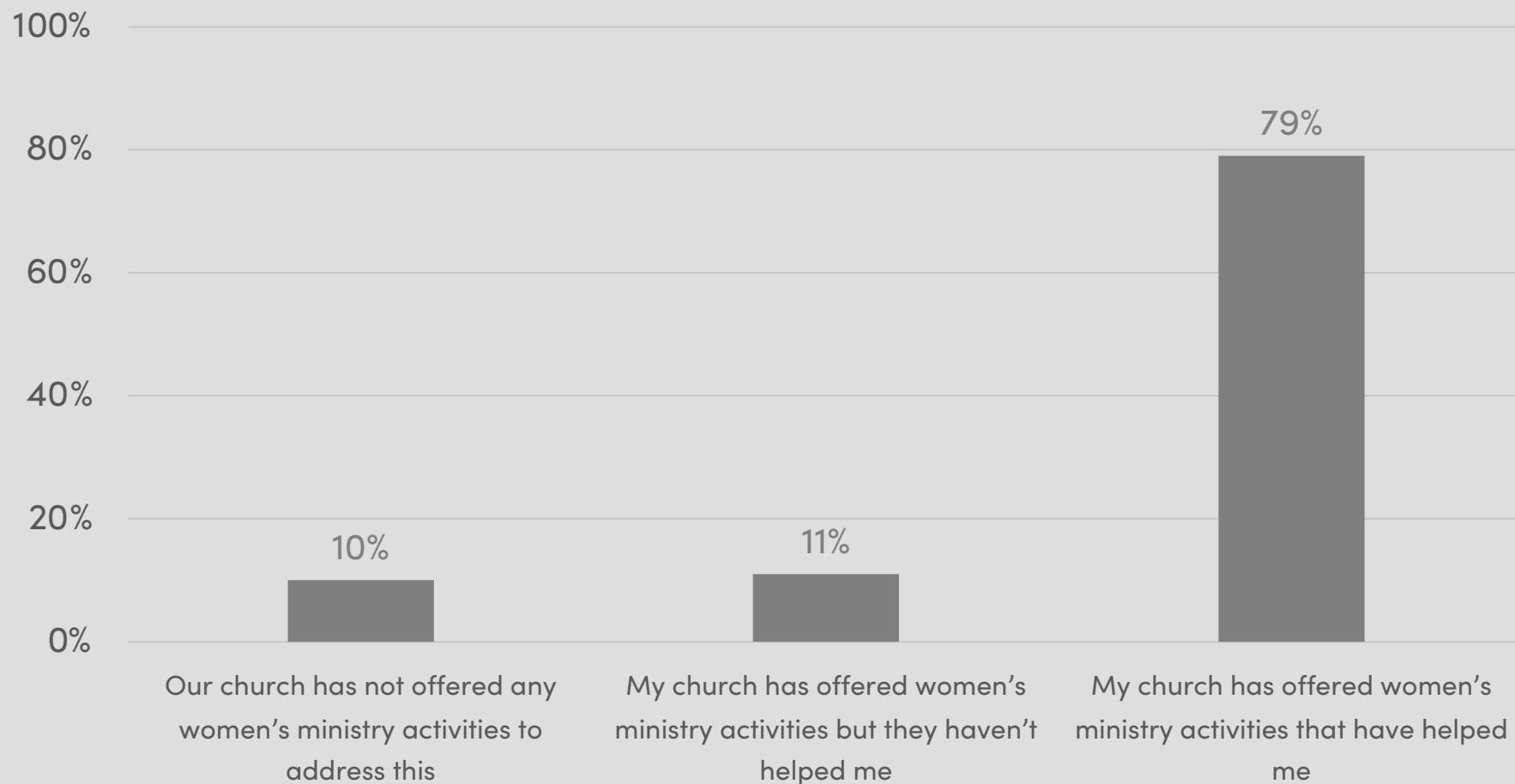
# “What needs have you been hoping women’s ministry activities in your church would help you with personally?”



Q25: “What needs have you been hoping women’s ministry activities in your church would help you with personally? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

## Making friends

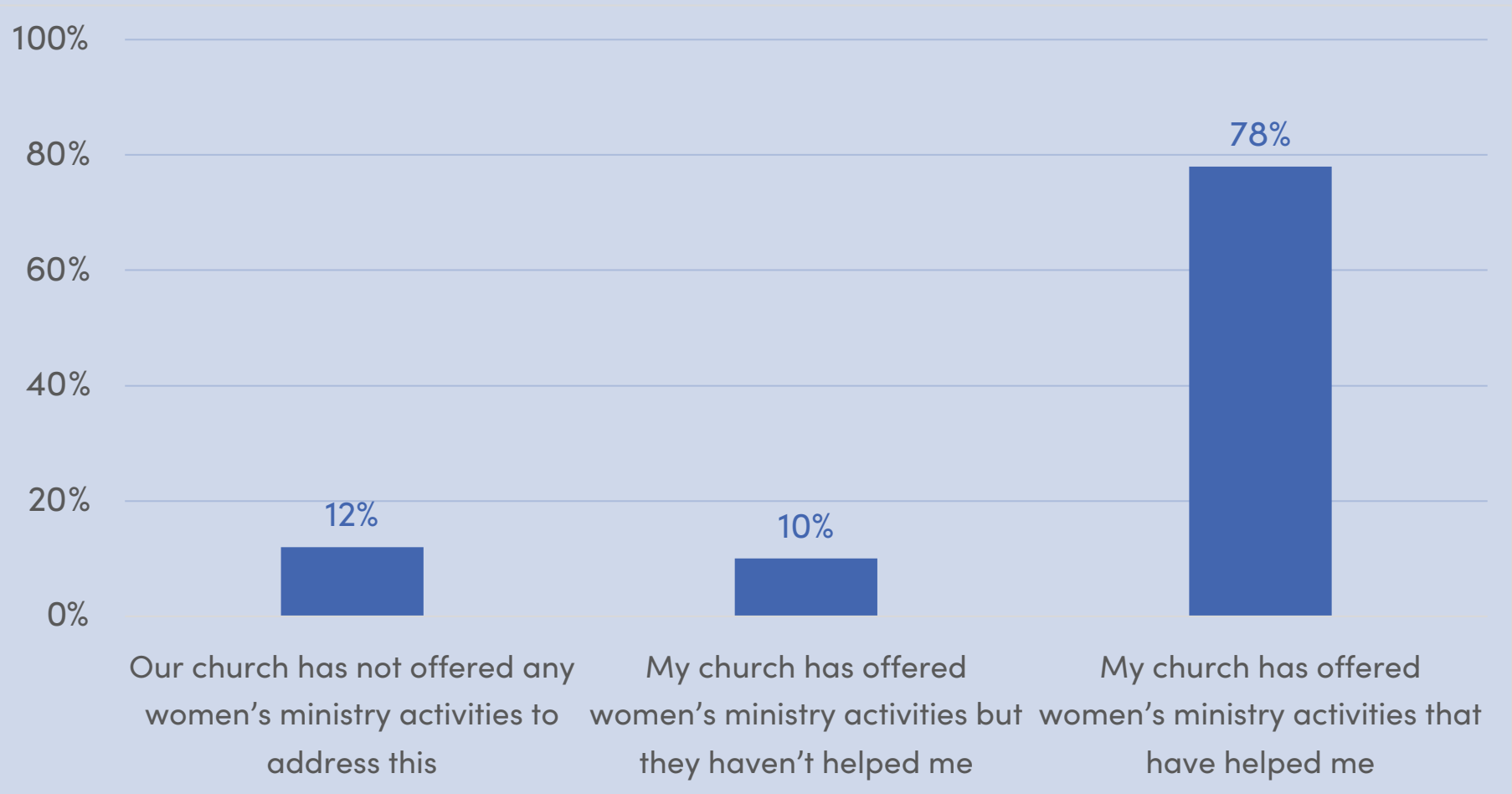
*Among women hoping women's ministry activities in their church would help them personally with making friends*



Q26\_1: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Making friends" n=584

## Help when I feel discouraged

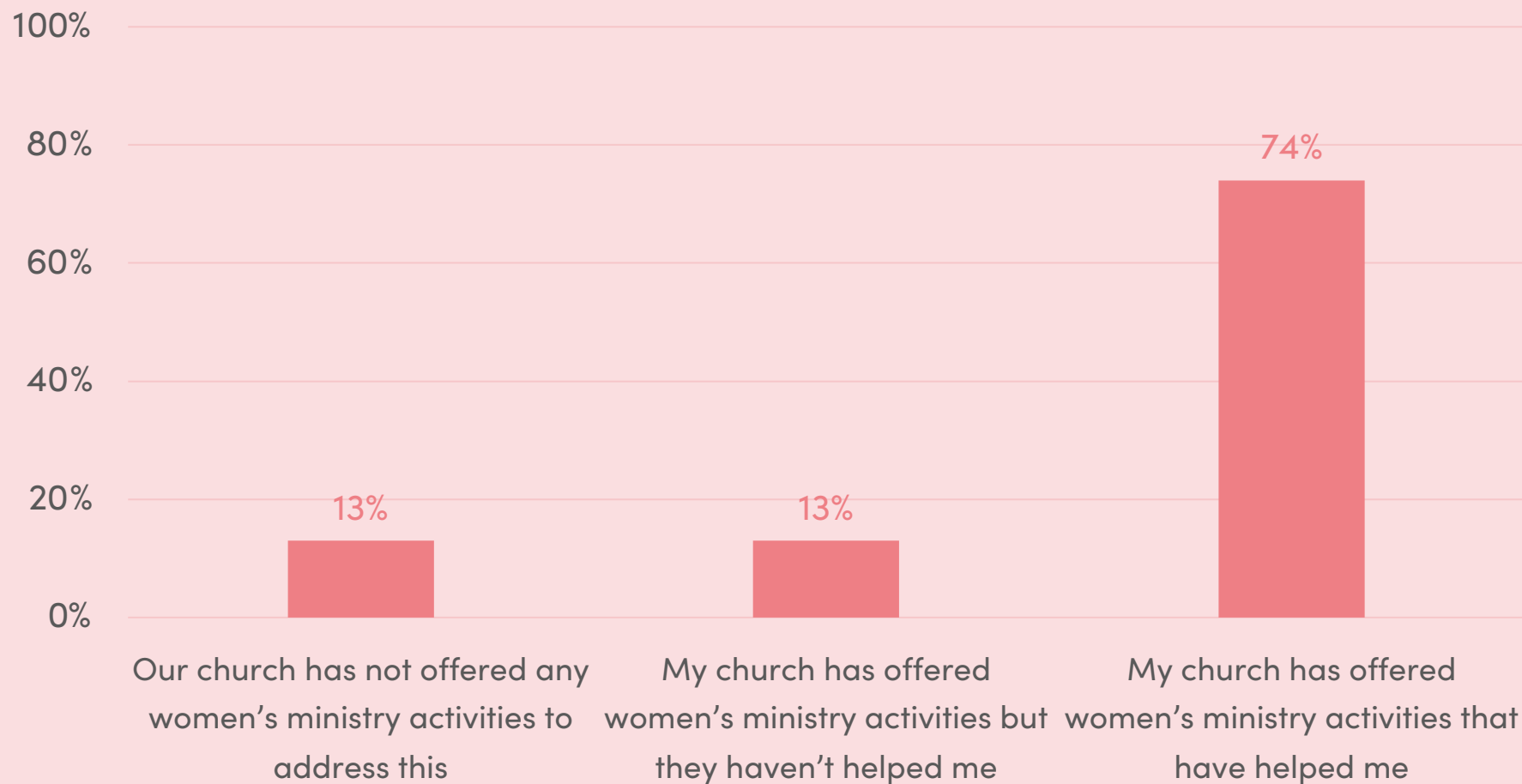
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Q26\_2: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Help when I feel discouraged" n=535

## Dealing with struggles in my faith

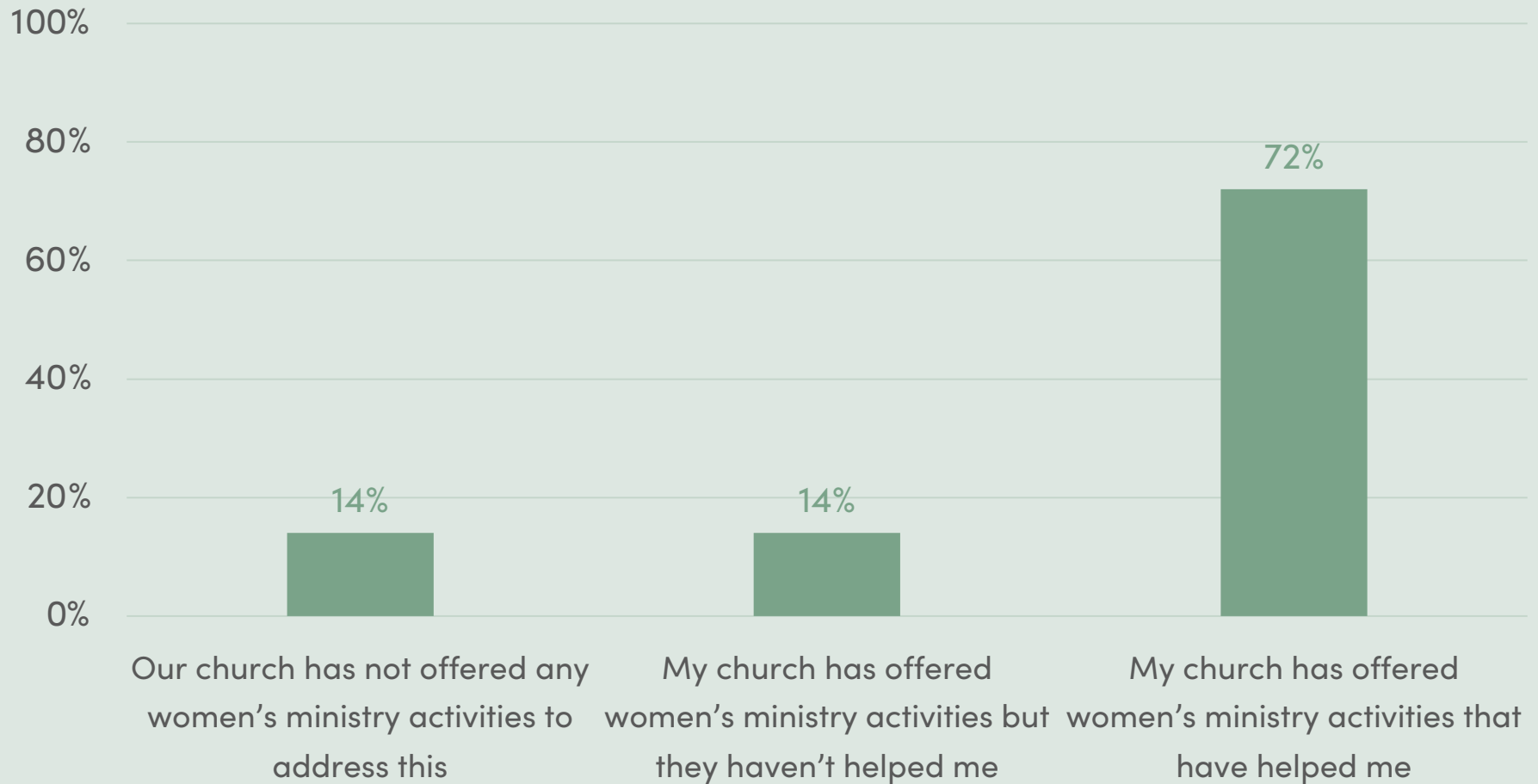
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Q26\_3: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Dealing with struggles in my faith" n=392

## Healing from hurt

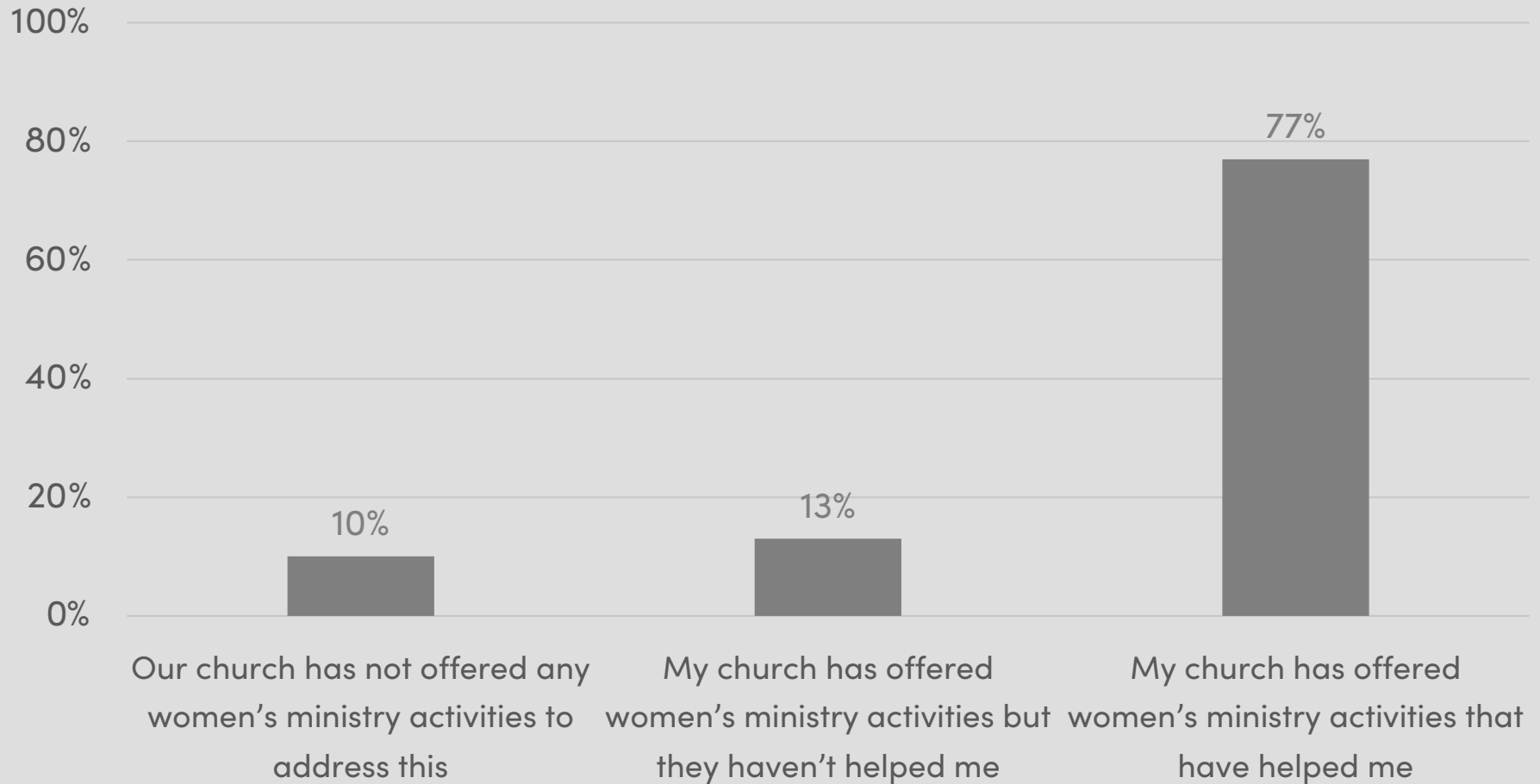
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Q26\_4: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Healing from hurt" n=416

## Feeling needed

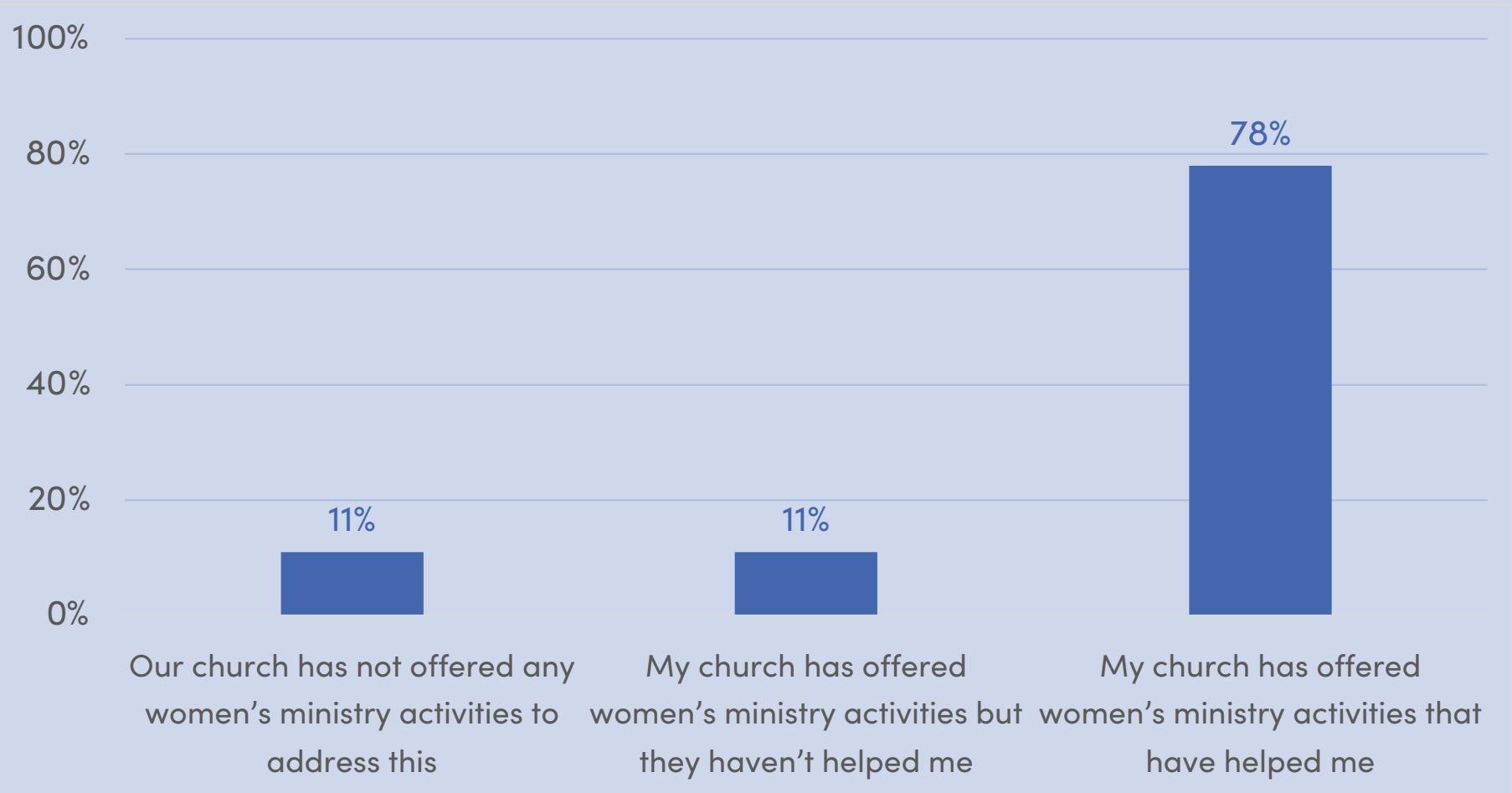
***Among women hoping women's ministry activities in their church would help them personally with feeling needed***



Q26\_5: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Feeling needed" n=311

## Feeling included

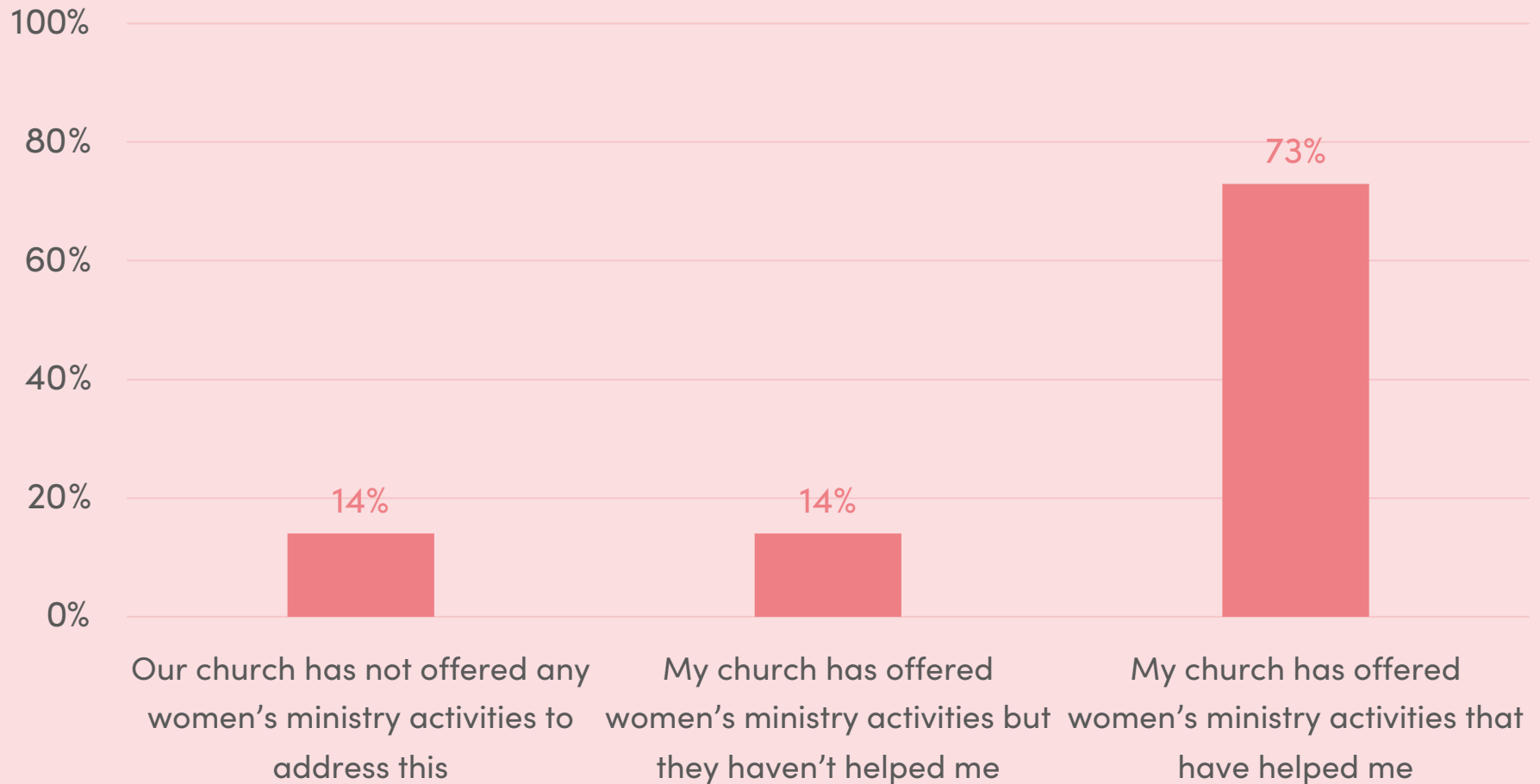
*Among women hoping women's ministry activities in their church would help them personally with feeling included*



Q26\_6: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Feeling included" n=493

## Support when difficult things happen

*Among women hoping women's ministry activities in their church would personally support them when difficult things happen*



Q26\_7: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Support when difficult things happen" n=604



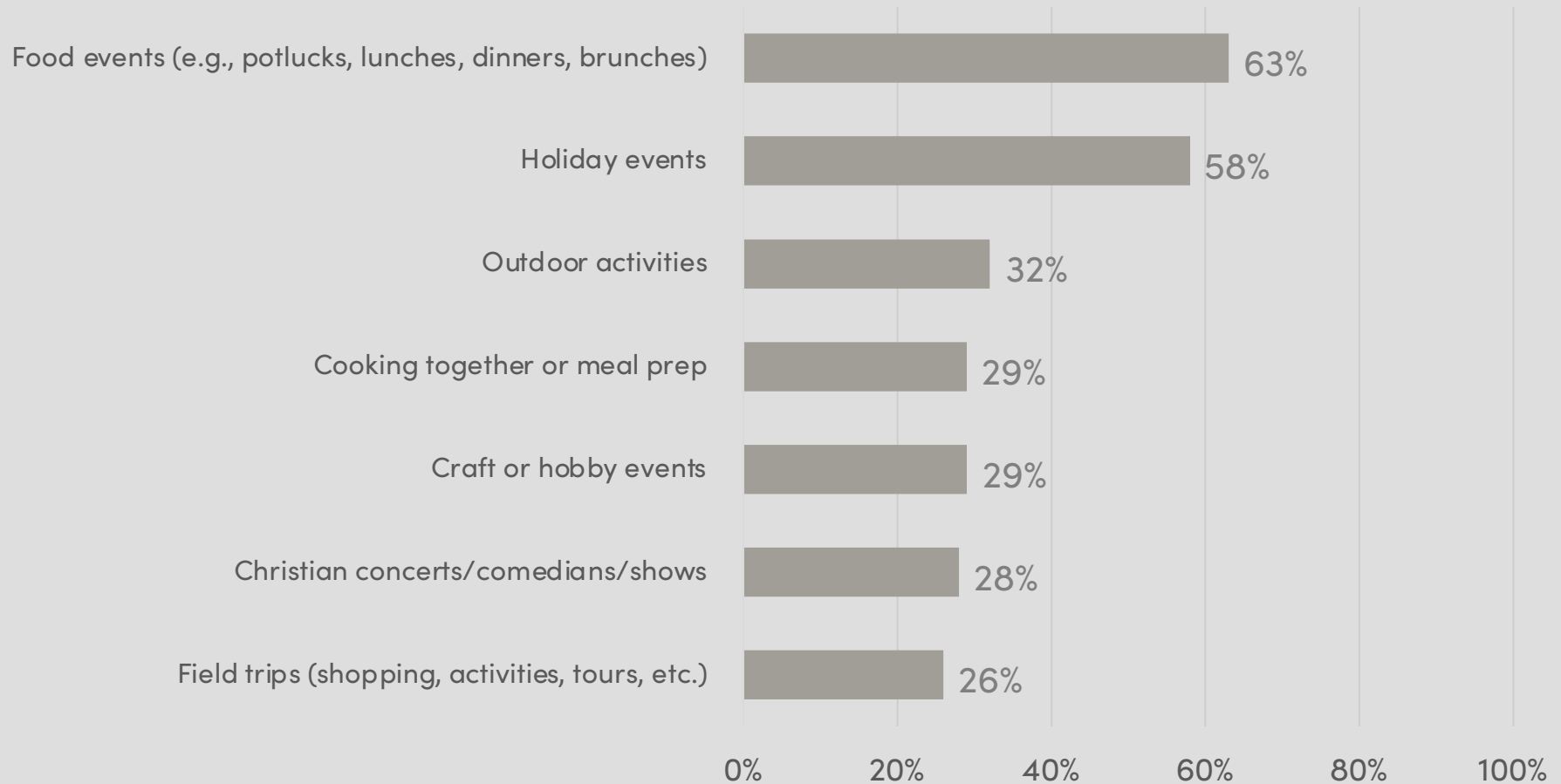
## Growing closer to Jesus Christ

*Among women hoping women's ministry activities in their church would help them personally grow closer to Jesus Christ*



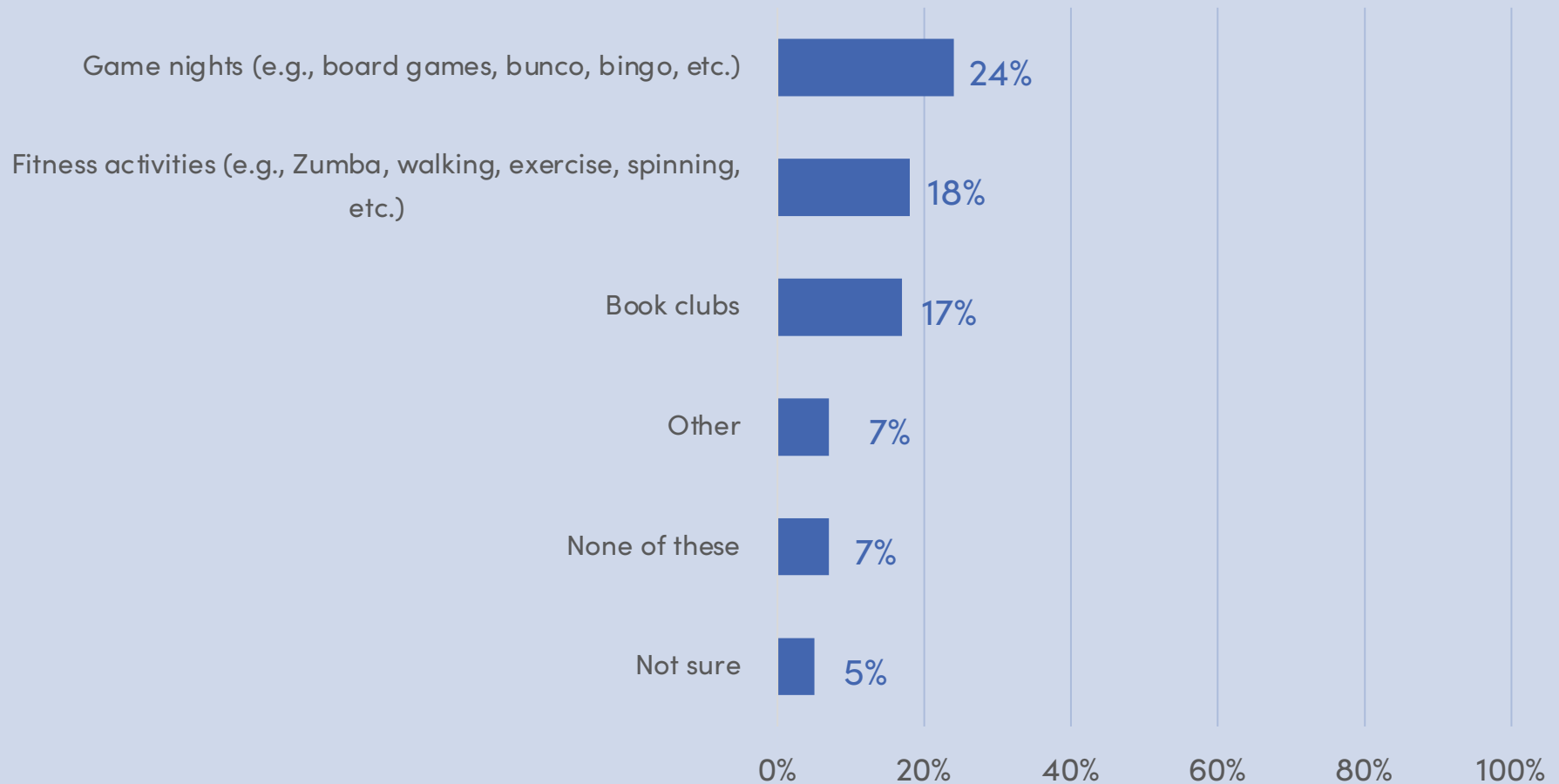
Q26\_8: "Has your church offered women's ministry activities that helped you with these needs? Growing closer to Jesus Christ" n=710

# Events your church conducted in the last year to develop community and fellowship among new and existing women in your church



Q27: "Which, if any, of the following events has your church conducted in the last year to develop community and fellowship among new and existing women in your church? (Select all that apply)" n= 1,001

# Events your church conducted in the last year to develop community and fellowship among new and existing women in your church *cont'd*



Q27: "Which, if any, of the following events has your church conducted in the last year to develop community and fellowship among new and existing women in your church? (Select all that apply)" n= 1,001

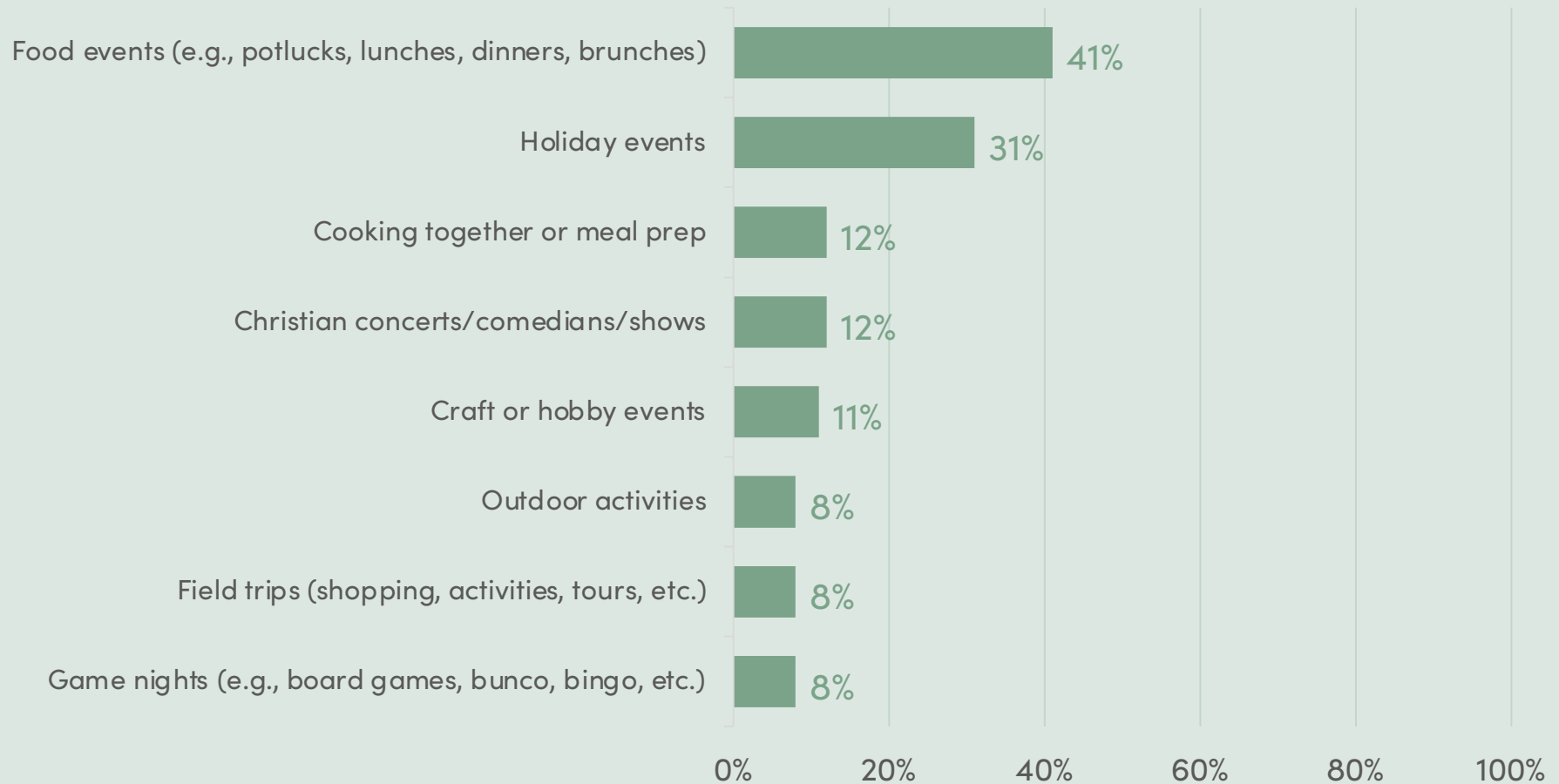
# 77% of women whose church offered fellowship events attended at least one

*Among women whose church offered any events to develop community and fellowship among women*



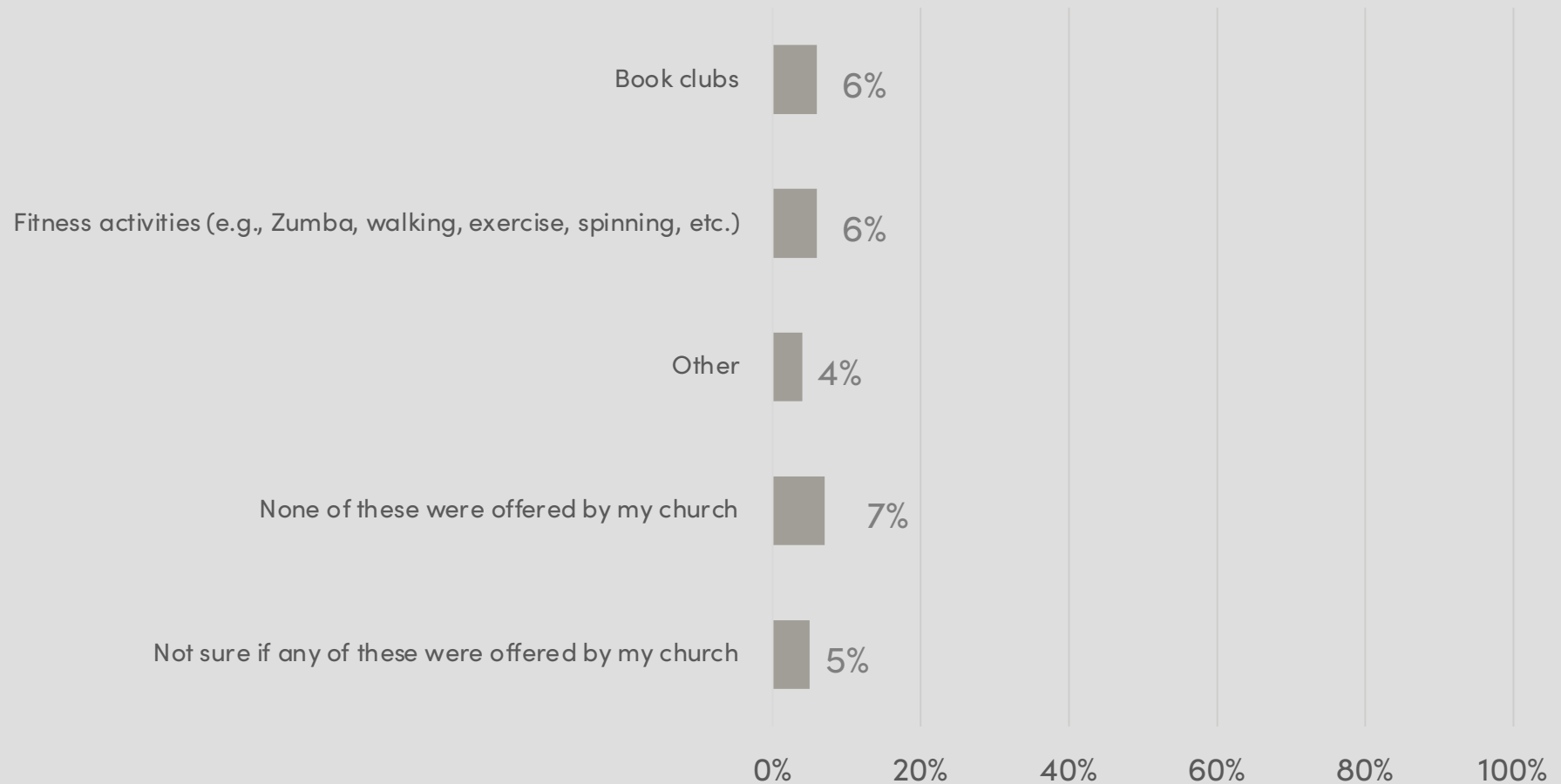
Q28: "How involved have you been in the last year in these community/fellowship events for women in your church?" n=930

# “Which two of these have been most helpful to you in finding community with women in your church?”



Q29: “Which two of these have been most helpful to you in finding community with women in your church? (Select two)” n= 1,001

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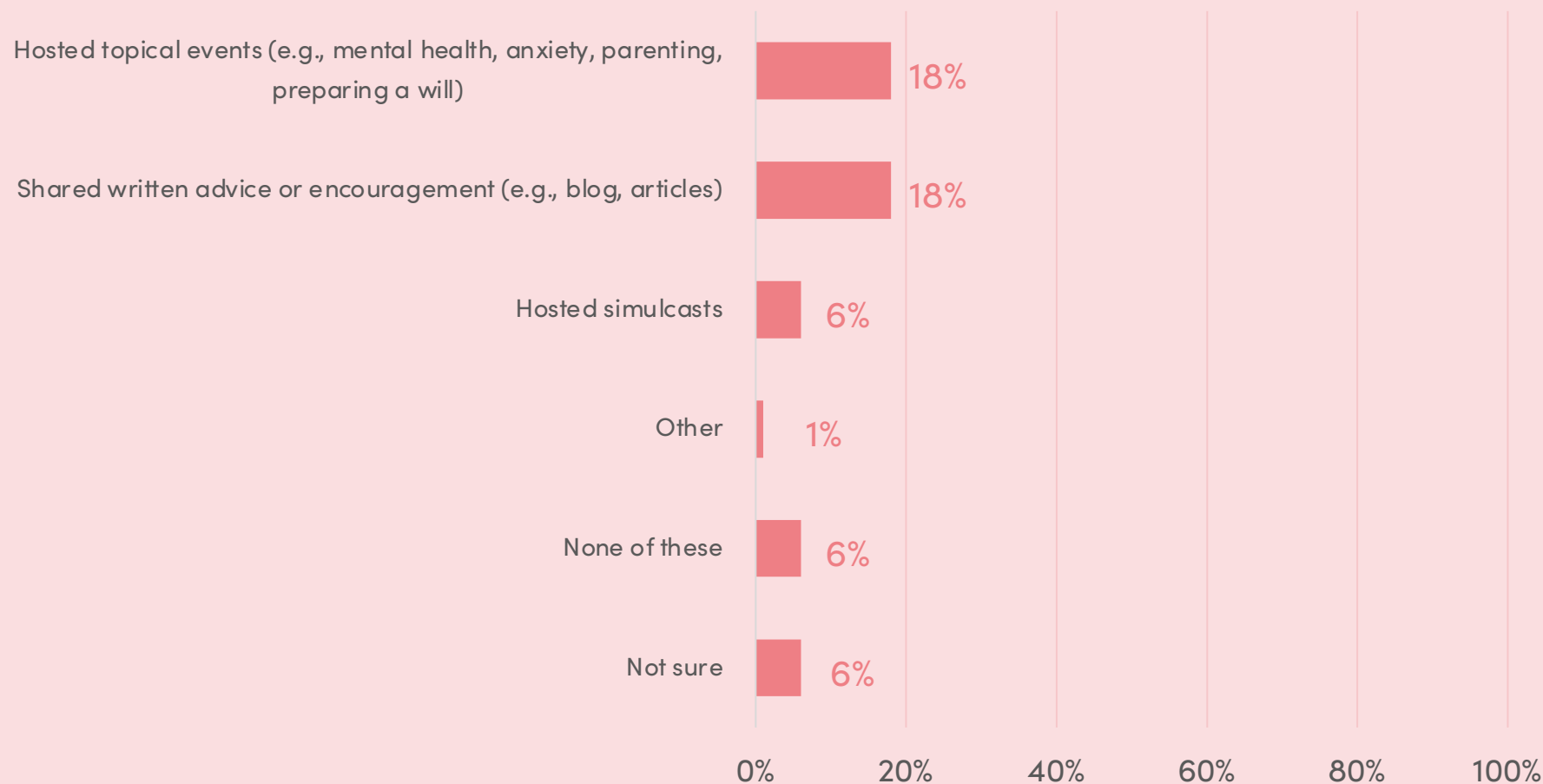
Q29: “Which two of these have been most helpful to you in finding community with women in your church? (Select two)” n=1,001

# Events your church conducted in the last year to disciple women and encourage their walk with Christ



Q30: "Which, if any, of the following events has your church conducted in the last year to disciple women and encourage their walk with Christ? (Select all that apply)" n=1,001

# Events your church conducted in the last year to disciple women and encourage their walk with Christ *cont'd*



Q30: "Which, if any, of the following events has your church conducted in the last year to disciple women and encourage their walk with Christ? (Select all that apply)" n=1,001



# 73% of women whose church offered discipleship events attended at least one

*Among women whose church offered any discipleship events for women*



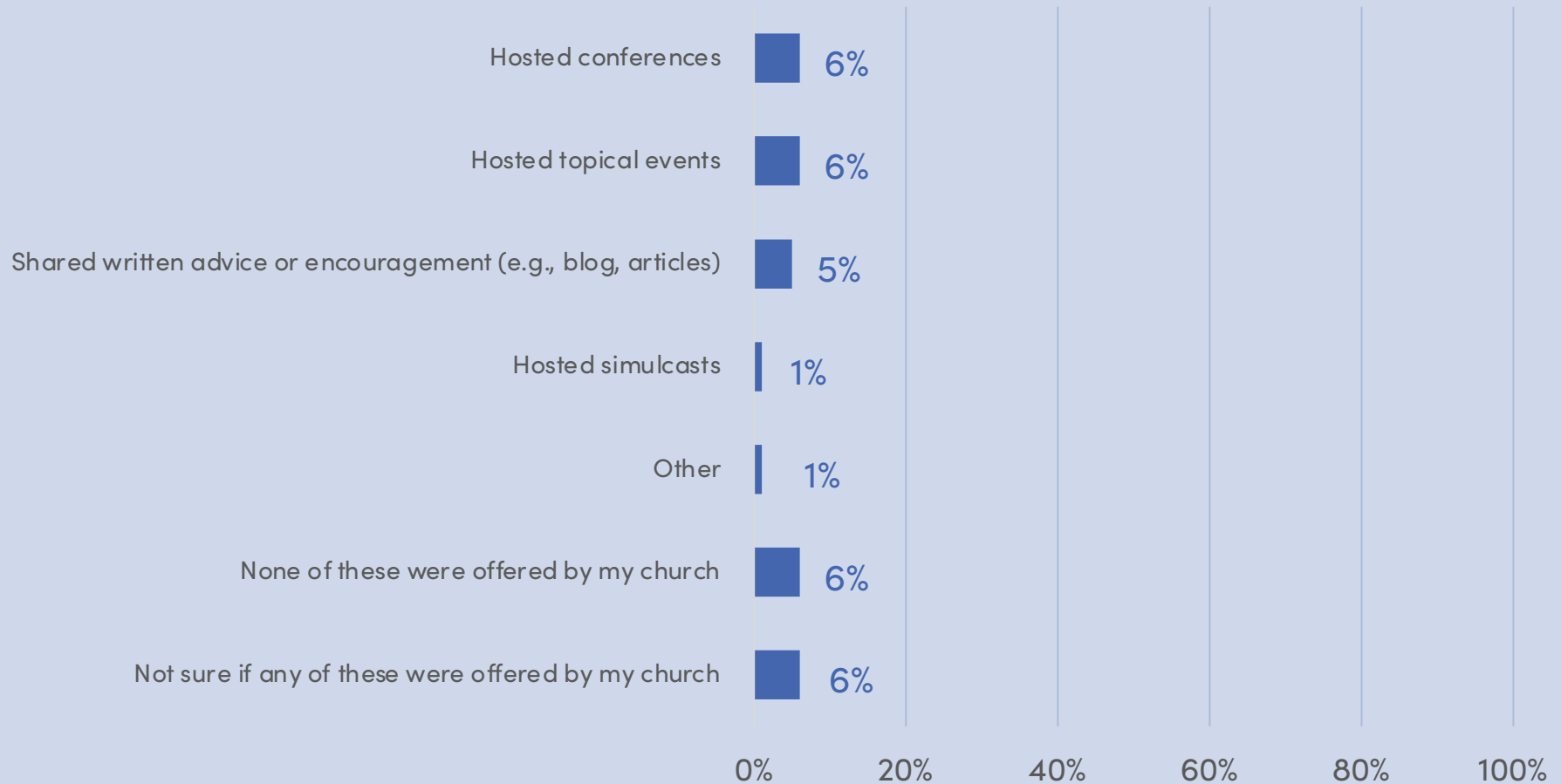
Q31: "How involved have you been in the last year in these discipleship events for women in your church? (Select one)" n=942

# “Which two of these have most encouraged you in your walk with Christ?”



Q32: “Which two of these have most encouraged you in your walk with Christ? (Select two)” n=1,001

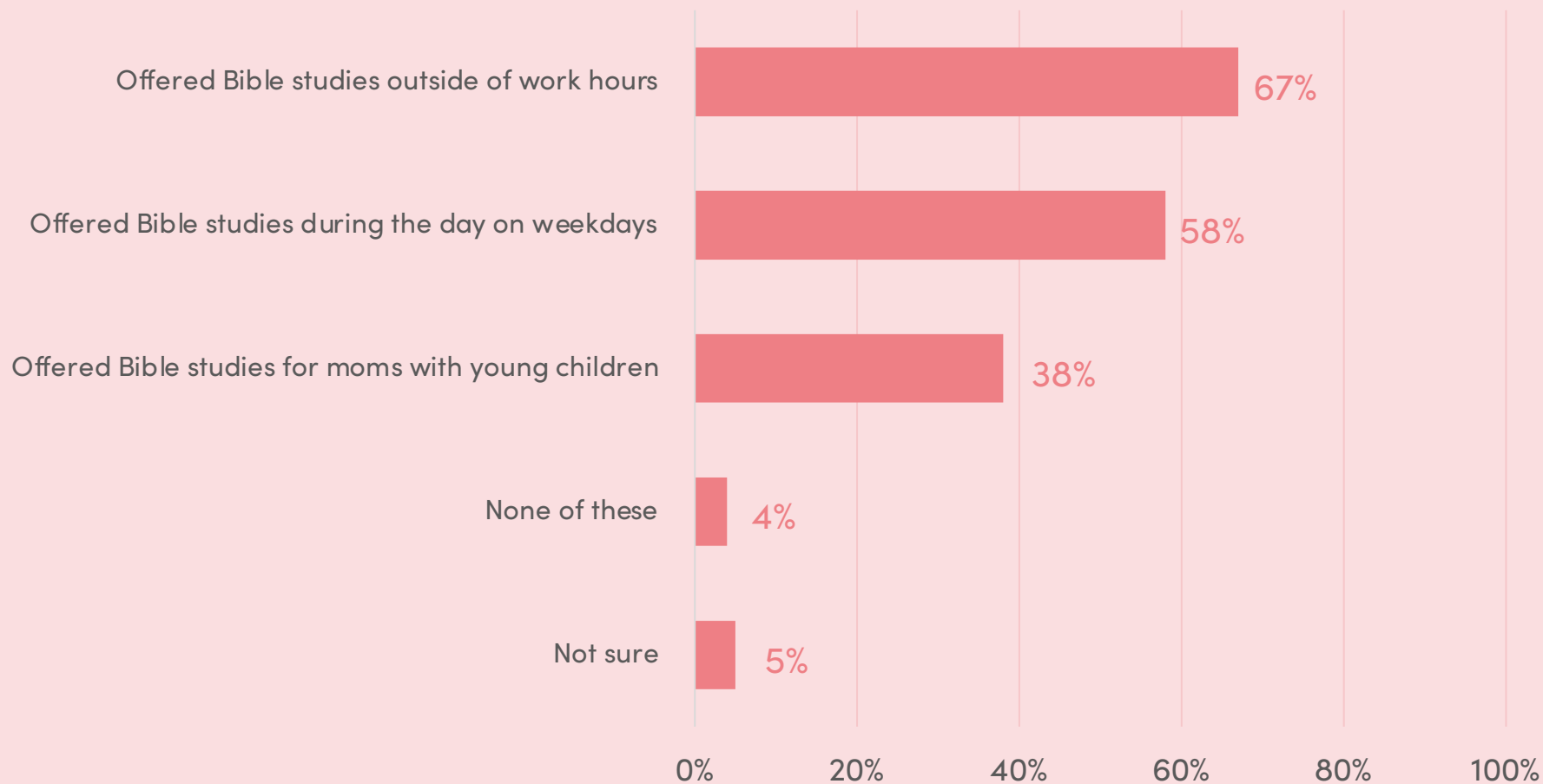
# “Which two of these have most encouraged you in your walk with Christ?” *cont’d*



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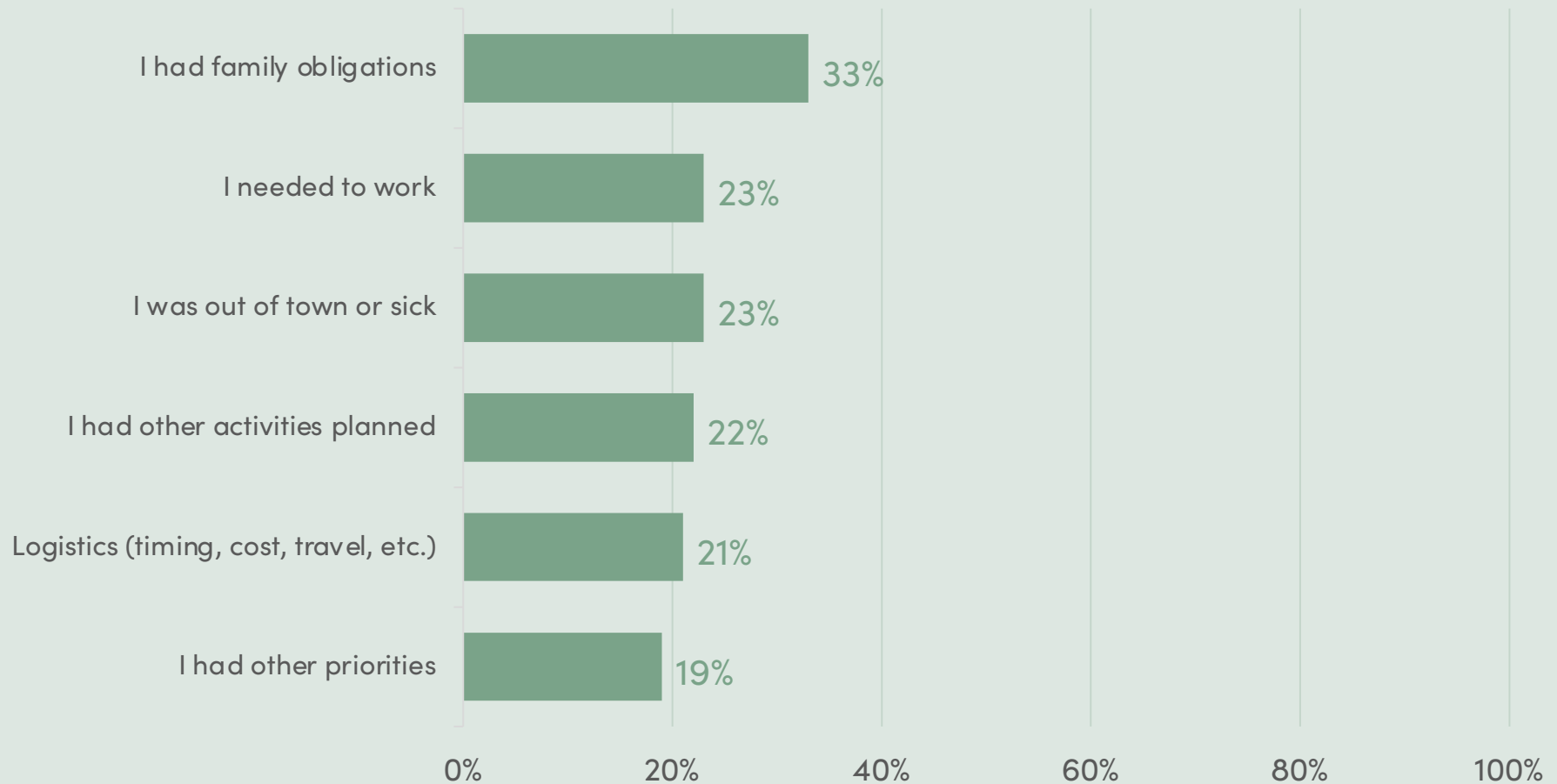
# “Which of the following describe the Bible studies your church has offered in the last year for women?”

*Among those whose church offered Bible studies for women*



Q33: “Which of the following describe the Bible studies your church has offered in the last year for women? (Select all that apply)” n=574

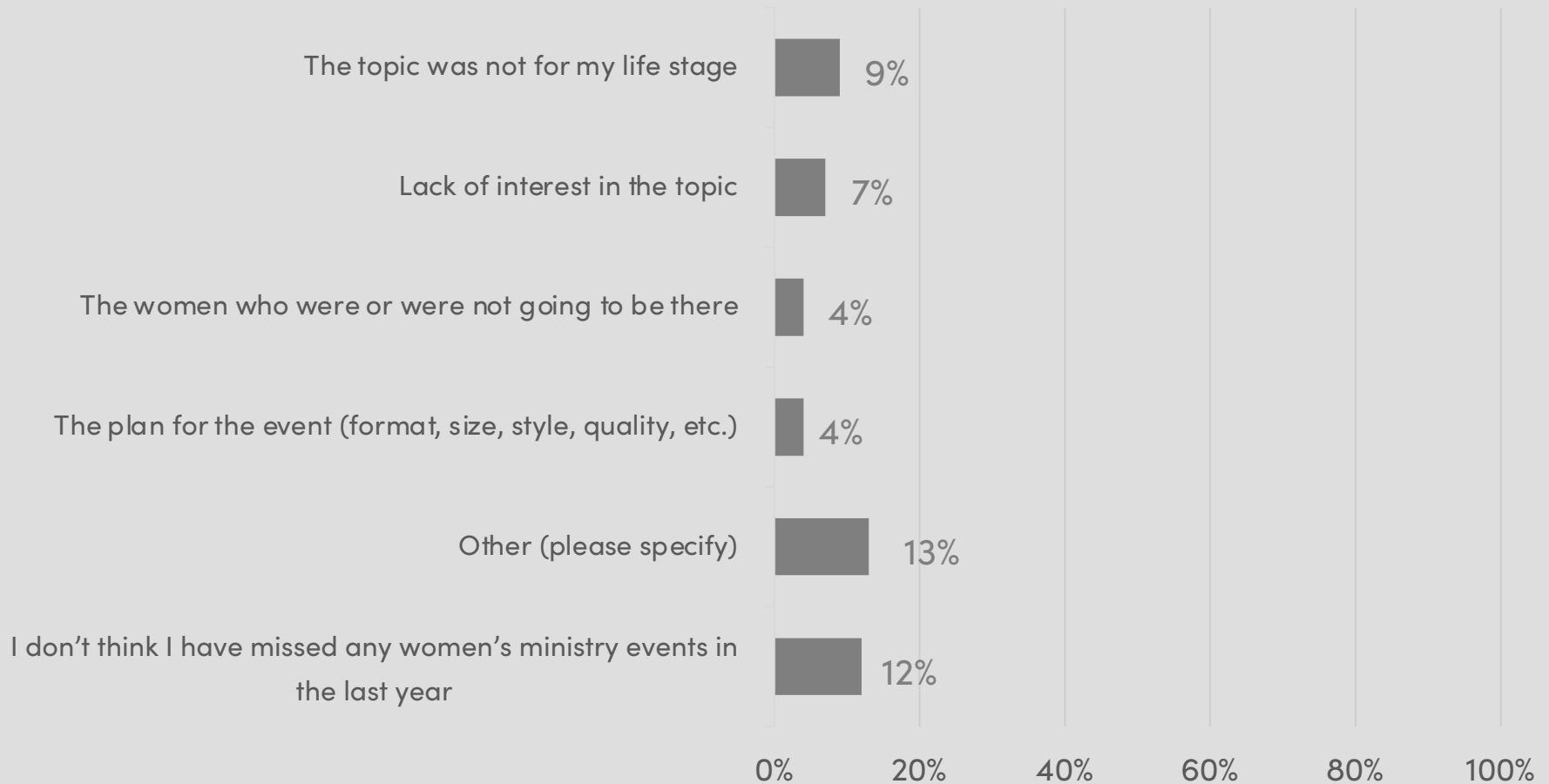
# “What are all the reasons you have chosen not to participate in a women’s ministry event or gathering that included women offered by your church in the last year?”



Q34: “What are all the reasons you have chosen not to participate in a women’s ministry event or gathering that included women offered by your church in the last year? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

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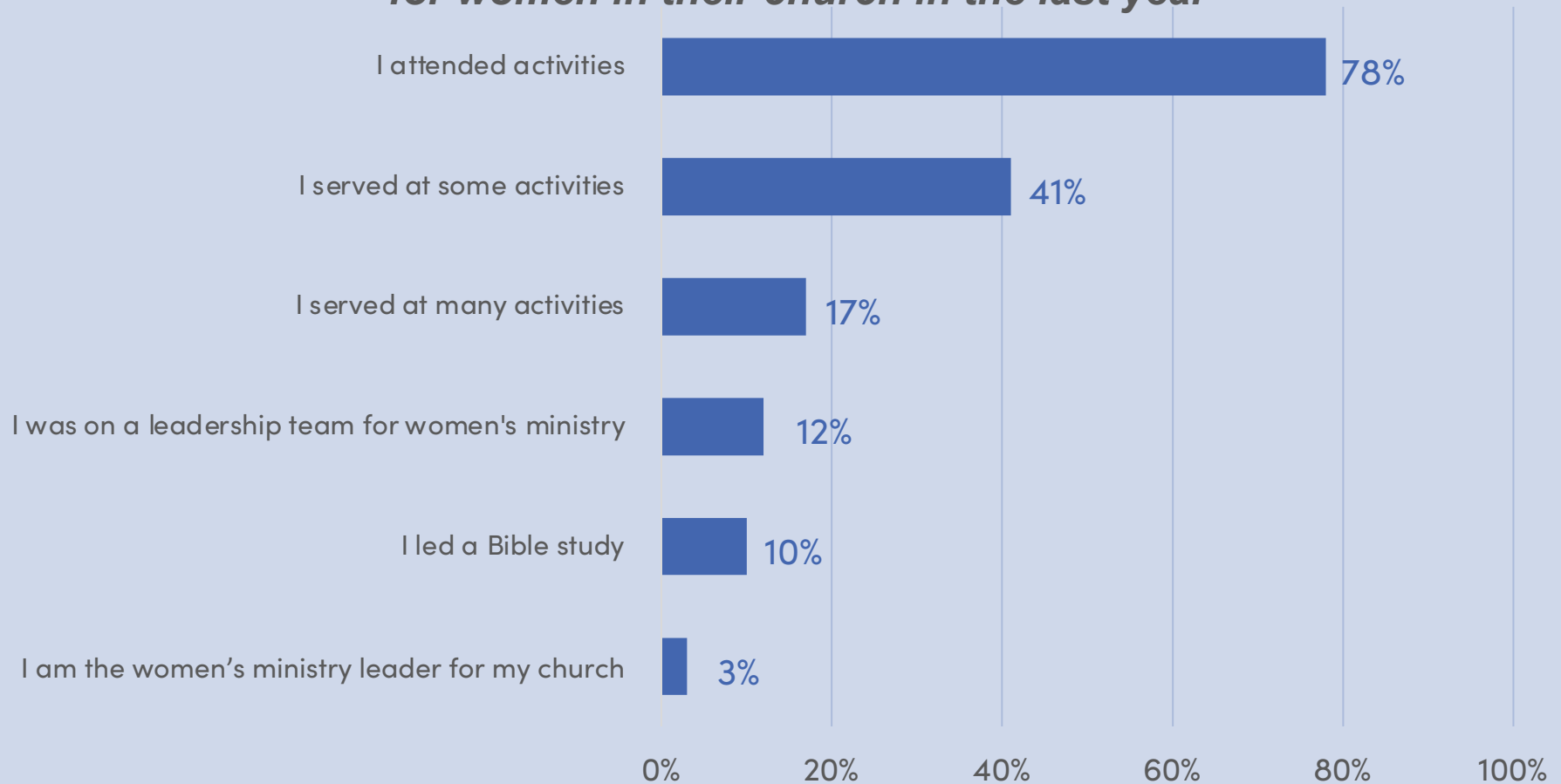
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Q34: “What are all the reasons you have chosen not to participate in a women’s ministry event or gathering that included women offered by your church in the last year? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

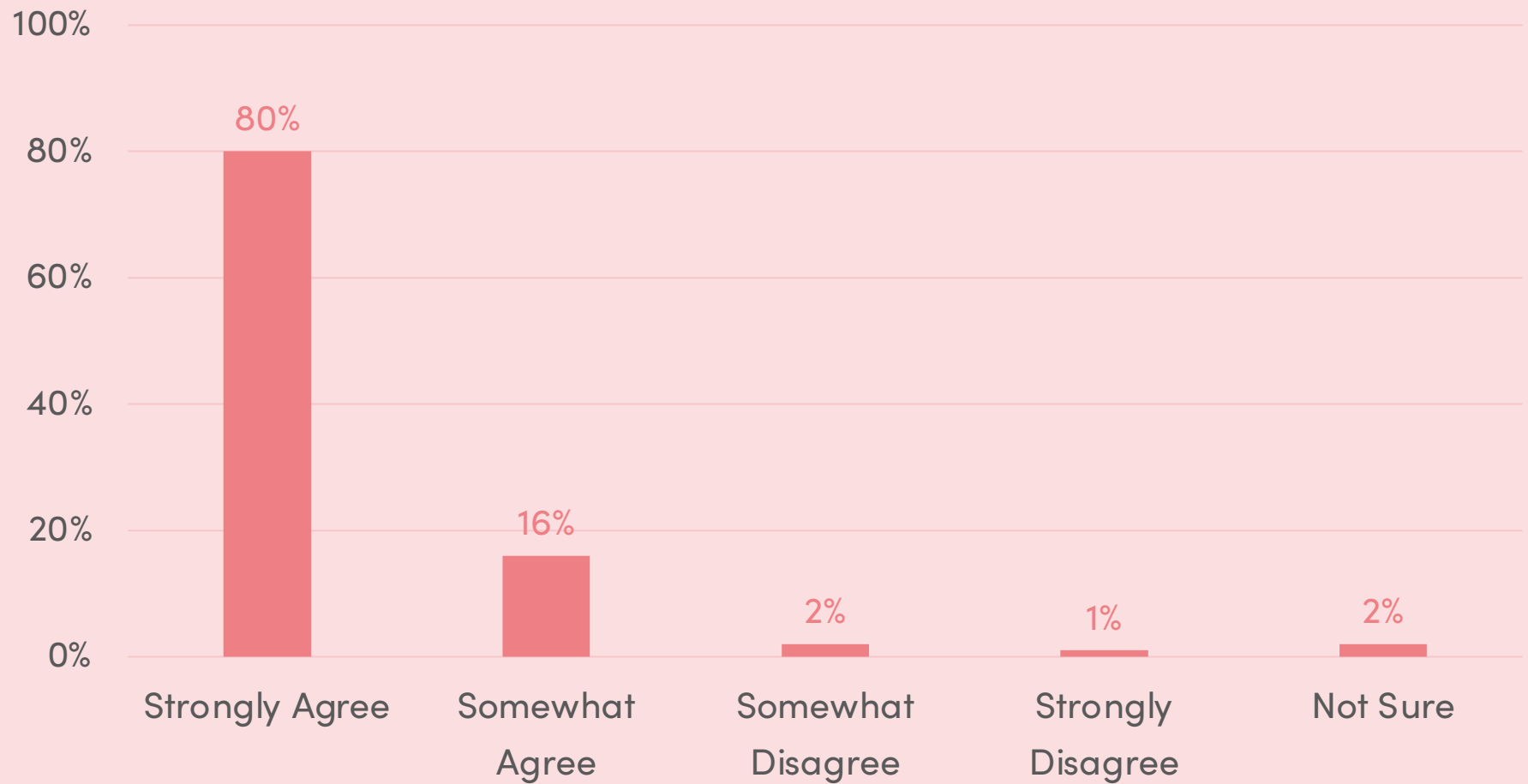
# “Which of the following describe your involvement in the women’s ministry activities at your church this last year?”

*Among those who attended a fellowship or discipleship event for women in their church in the last year*



Q38: “Which of the following describe your involvement in the women’s ministry activities at your church this last year? (Select all that apply)”  
n=836

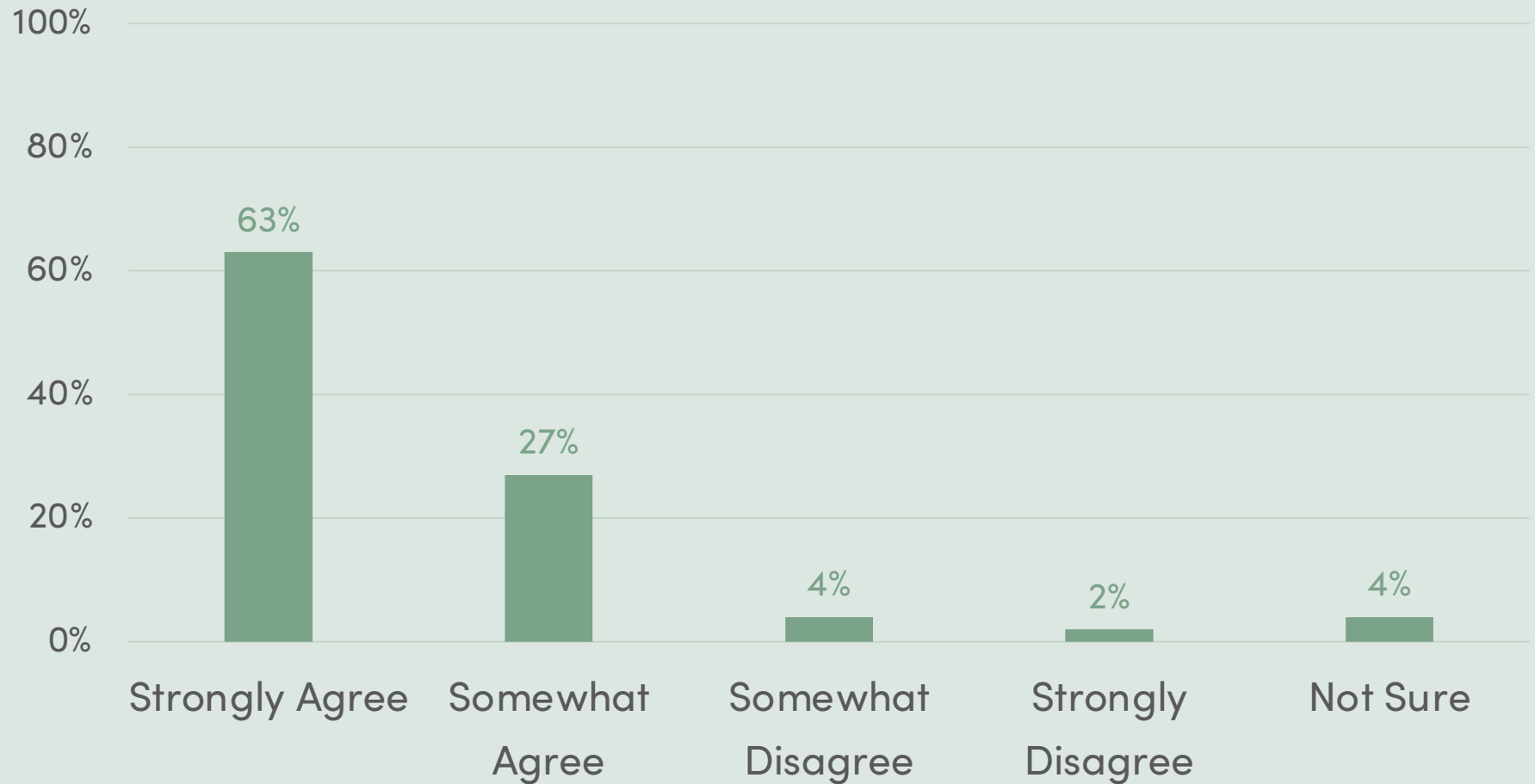
## 96% of women agree their church values women; only 3% disagree



Q39: "Our church values women." n=1,001

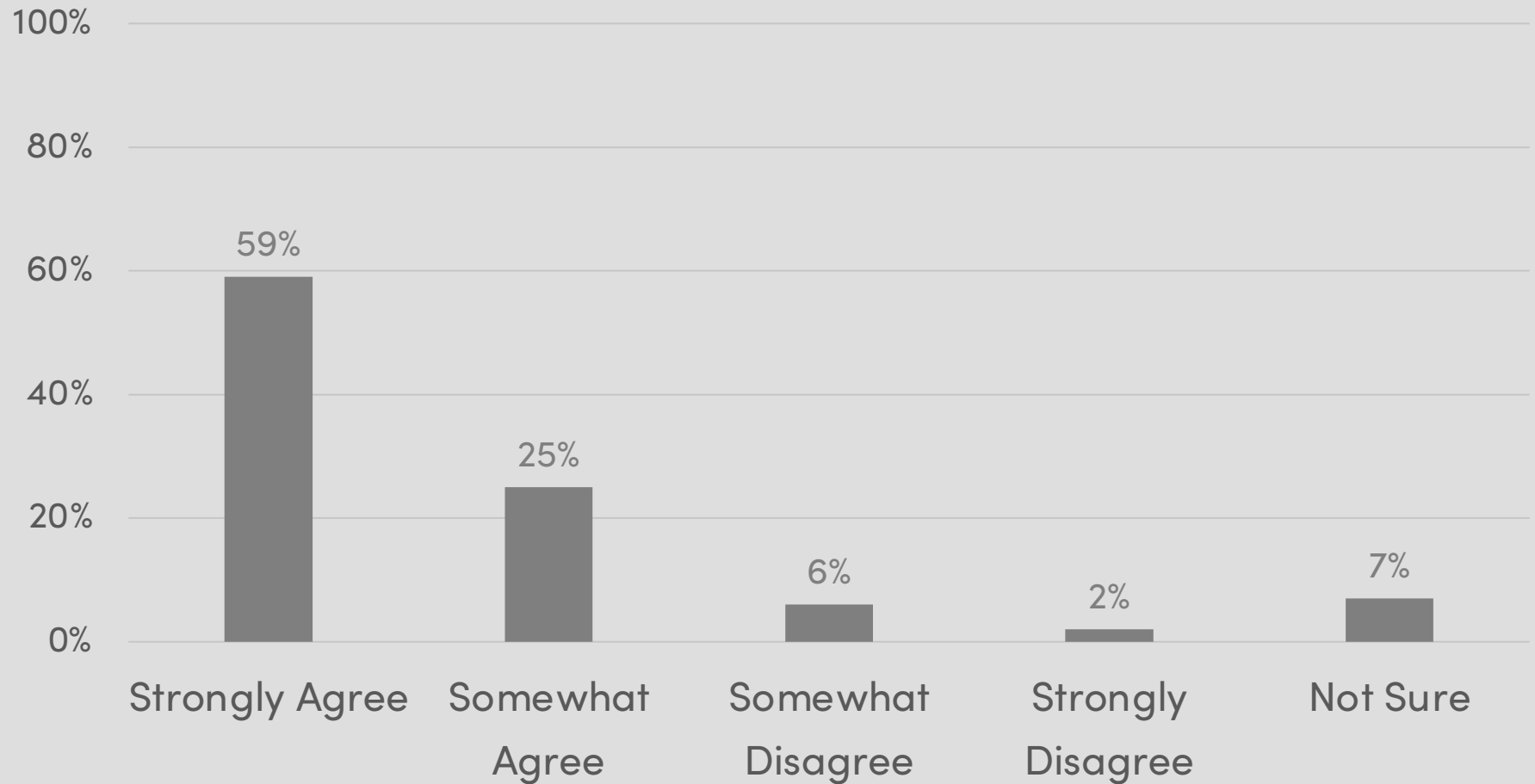


## 90% of women agree their church invests in and equips women



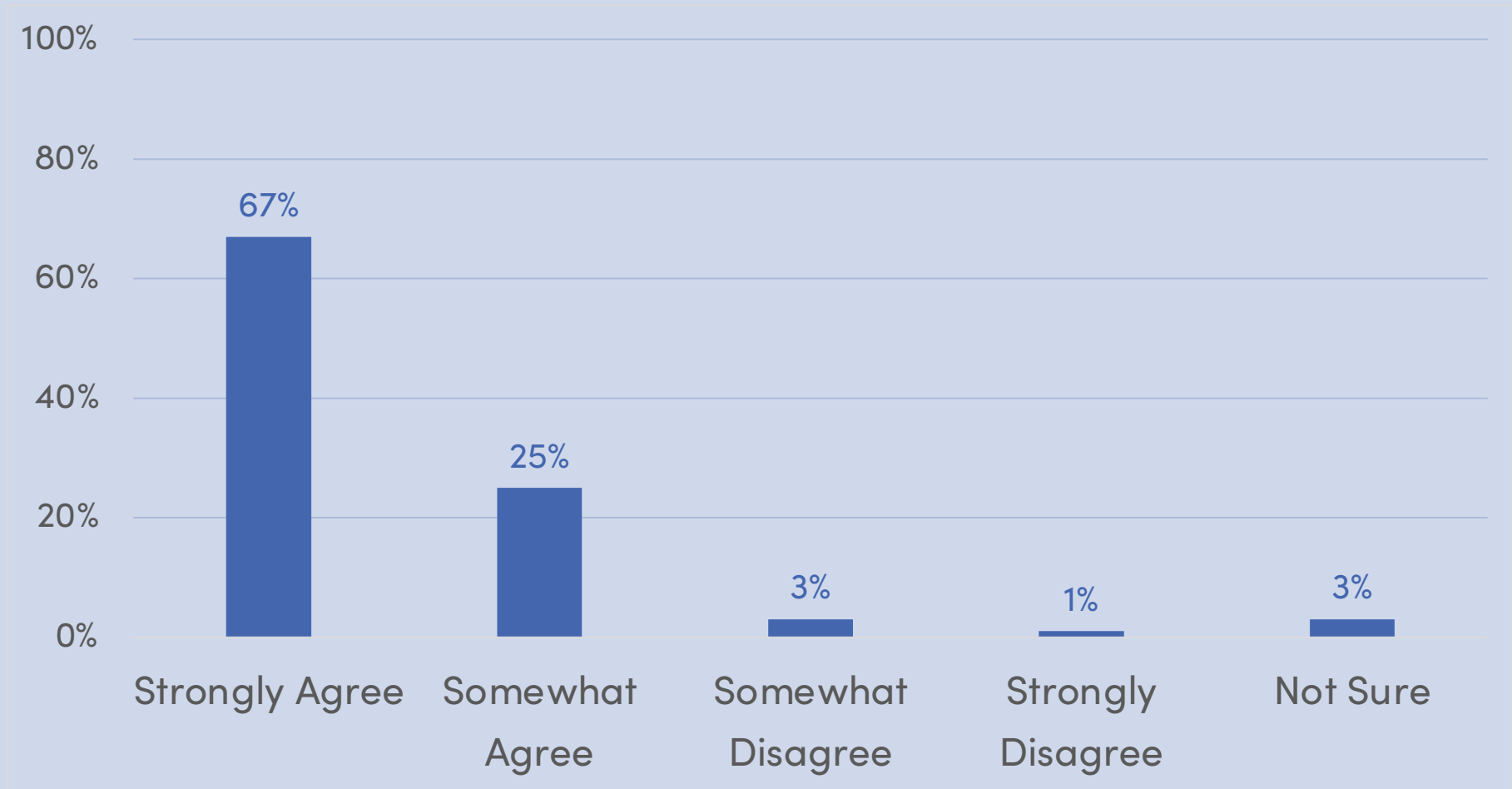
Q40: "Our church invests in and equips women." n= 1,001

## 84% of women agree they have a place where they enjoy serving in their church



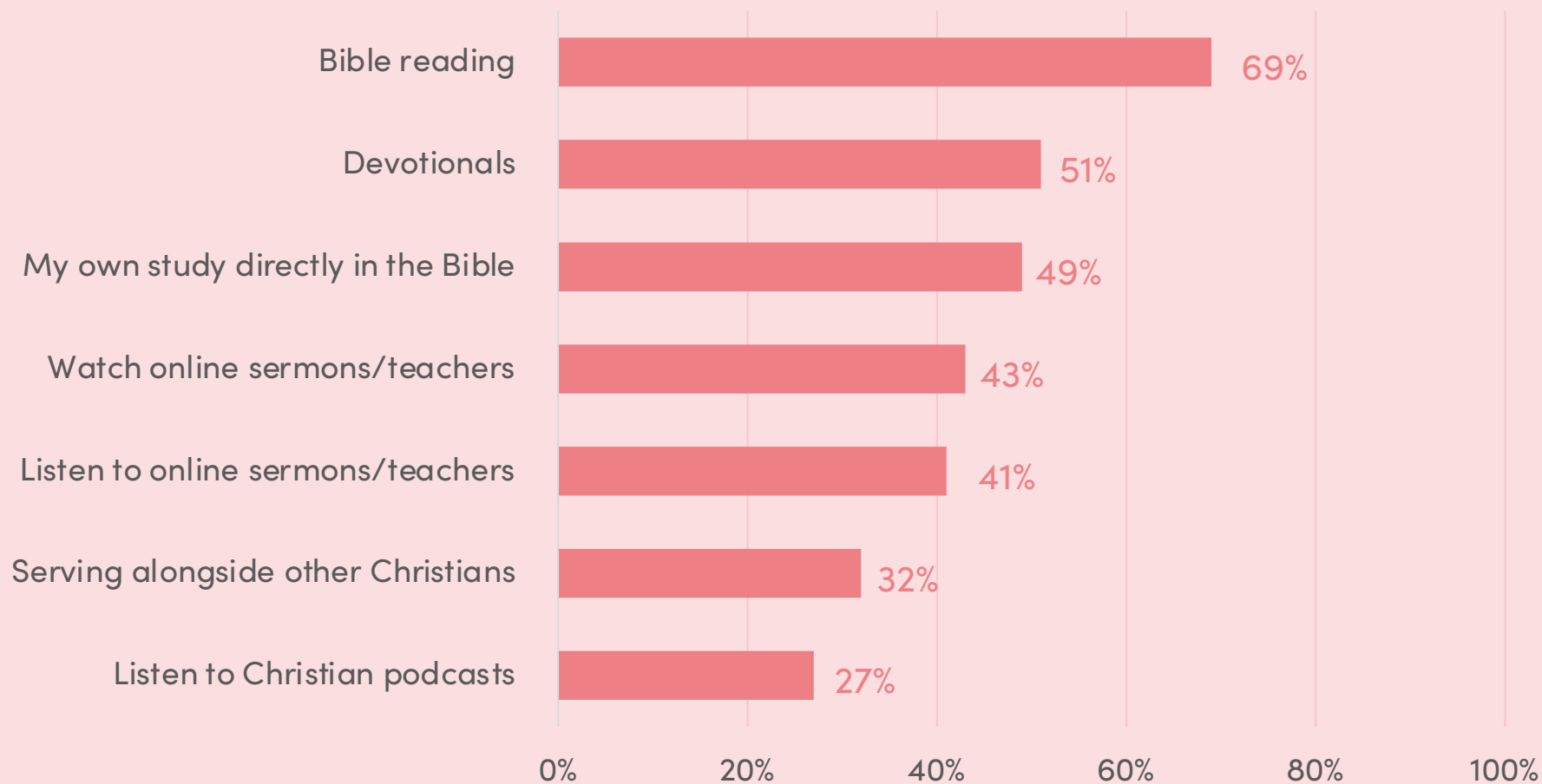
Q41: "I have a place where I enjoy serving in my church." n= 1,001

## 92% of women agree they know whom to connect with to get more involved in the church



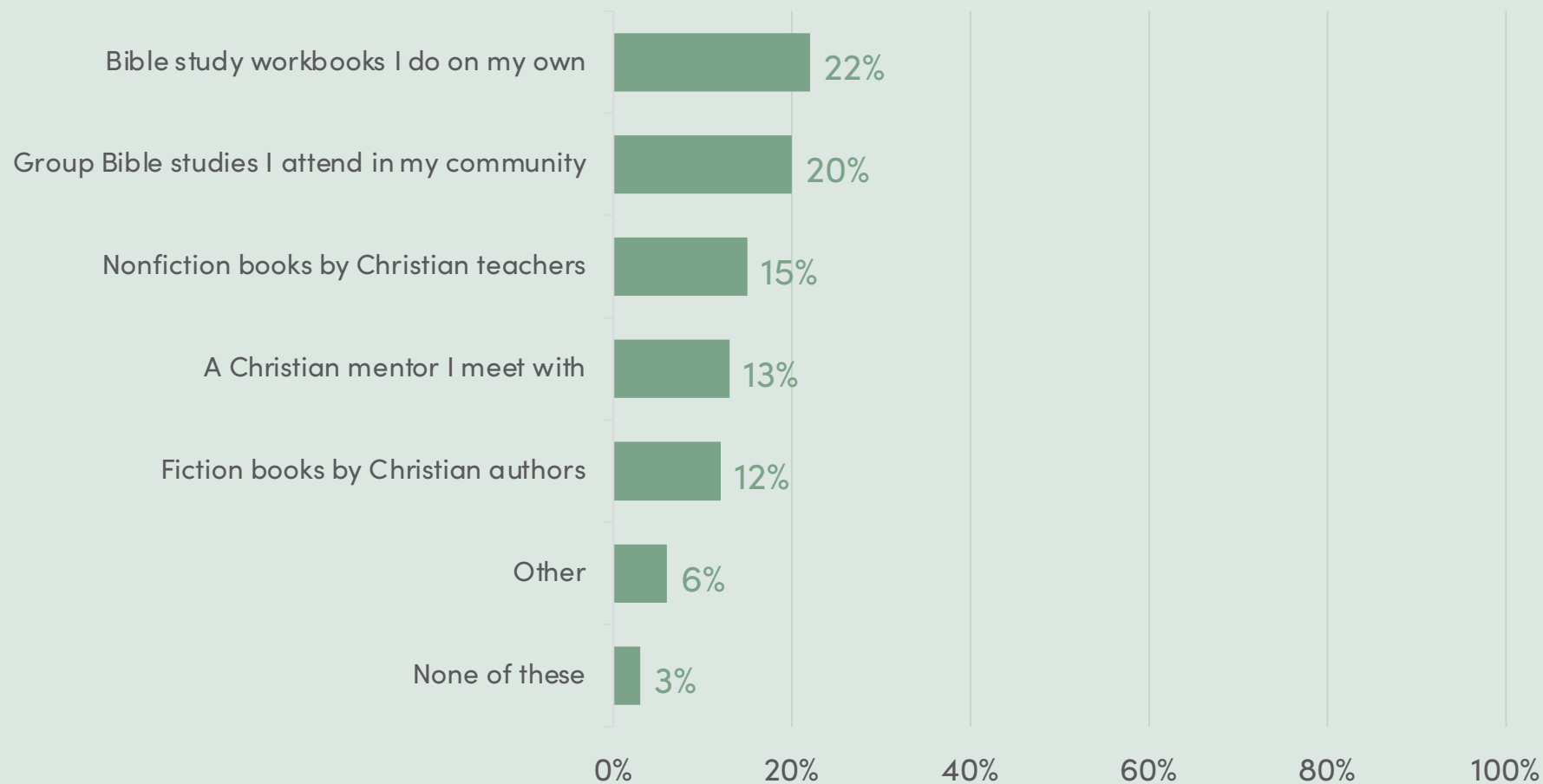
Q42: "I know whom to connect with to help me get more involved in the church." n= 1,001

# “In addition to your church, which of the following do you turn to for spiritual development?”



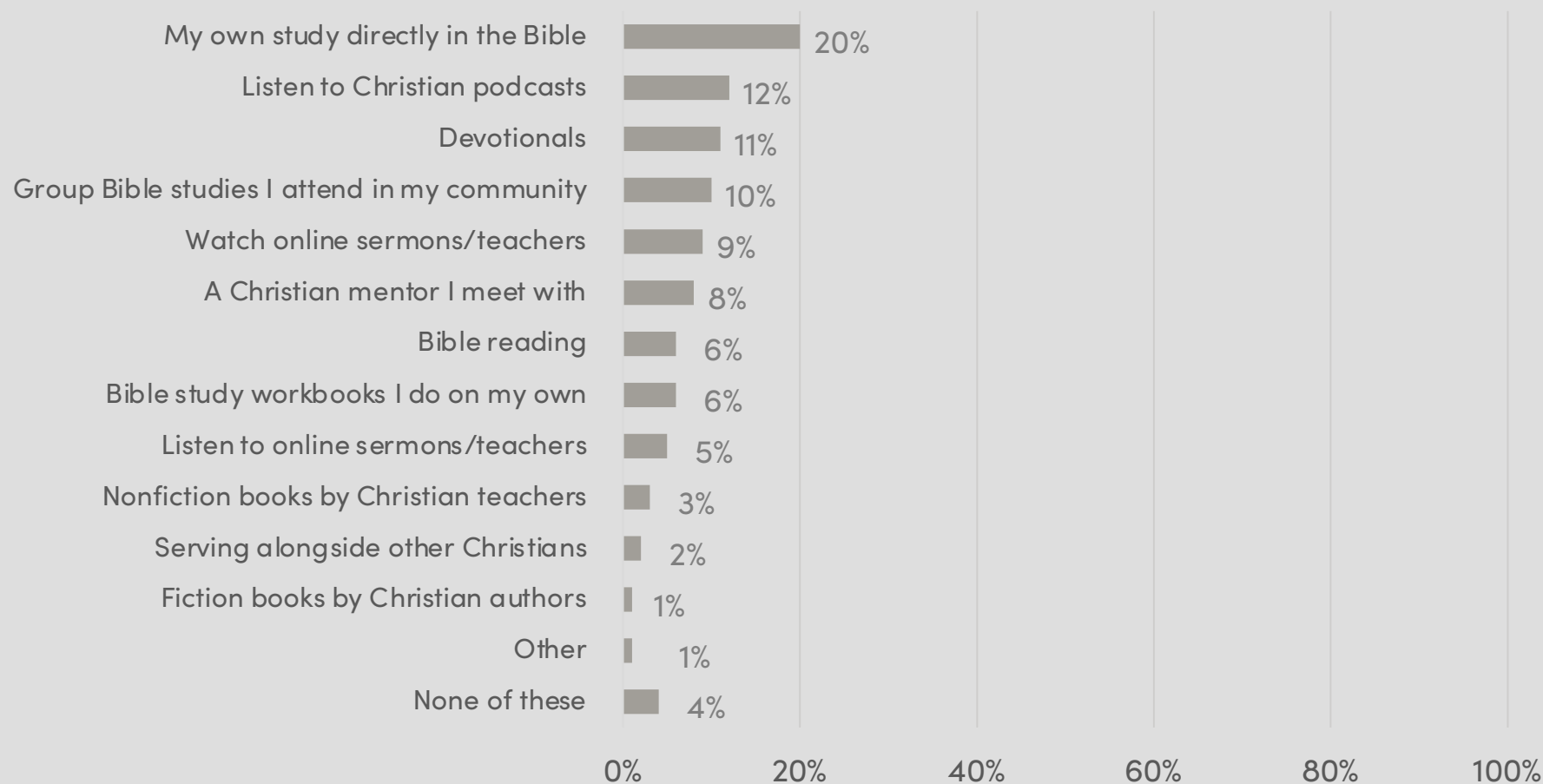
Q43: “In addition to your church, which of the following do you turn to for spiritual development? (Select all that apply)” n= 1,001

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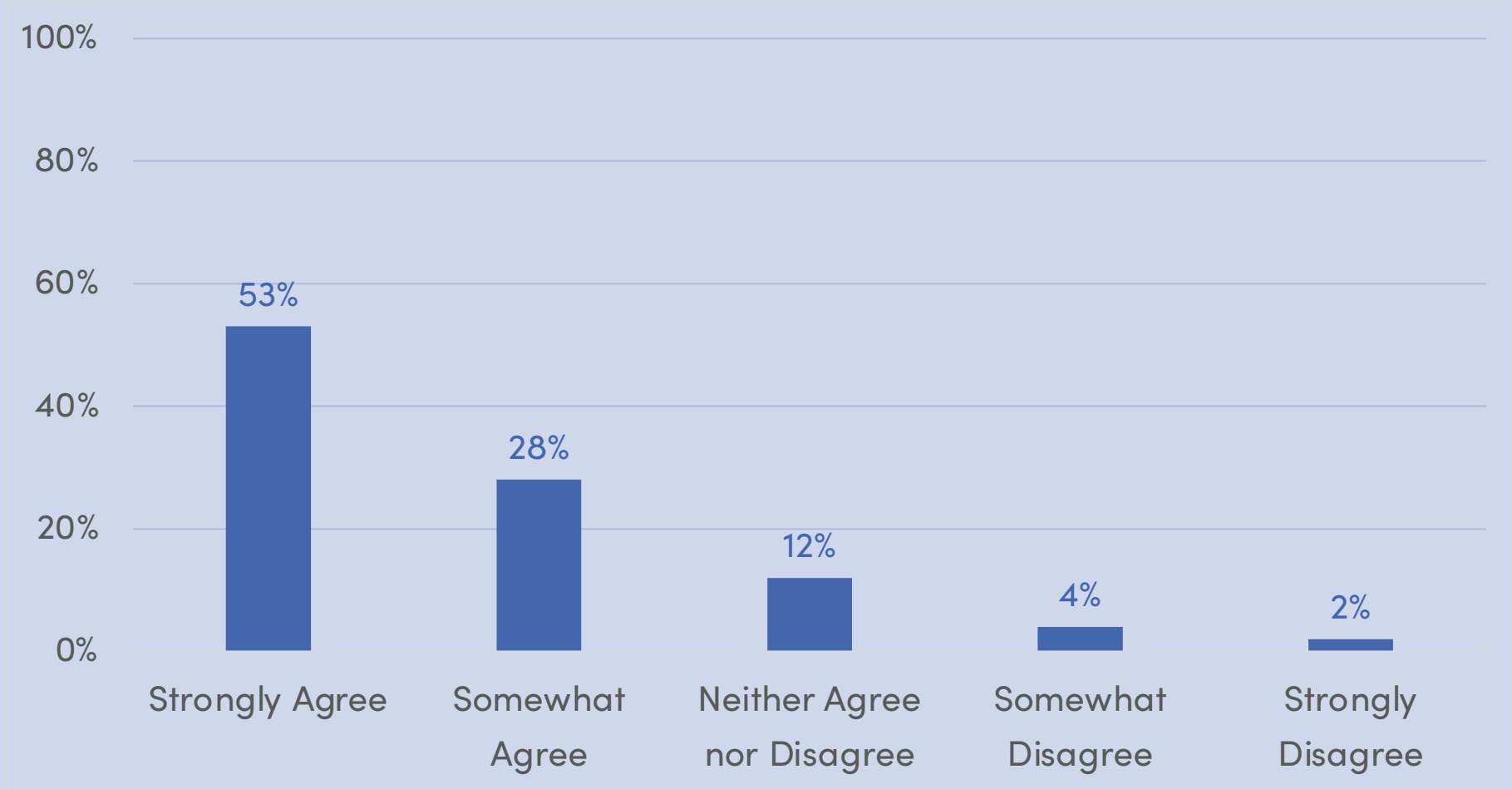
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# The most women say personal Bible study, podcasts, and devotionals are most helpful in their spiritual development



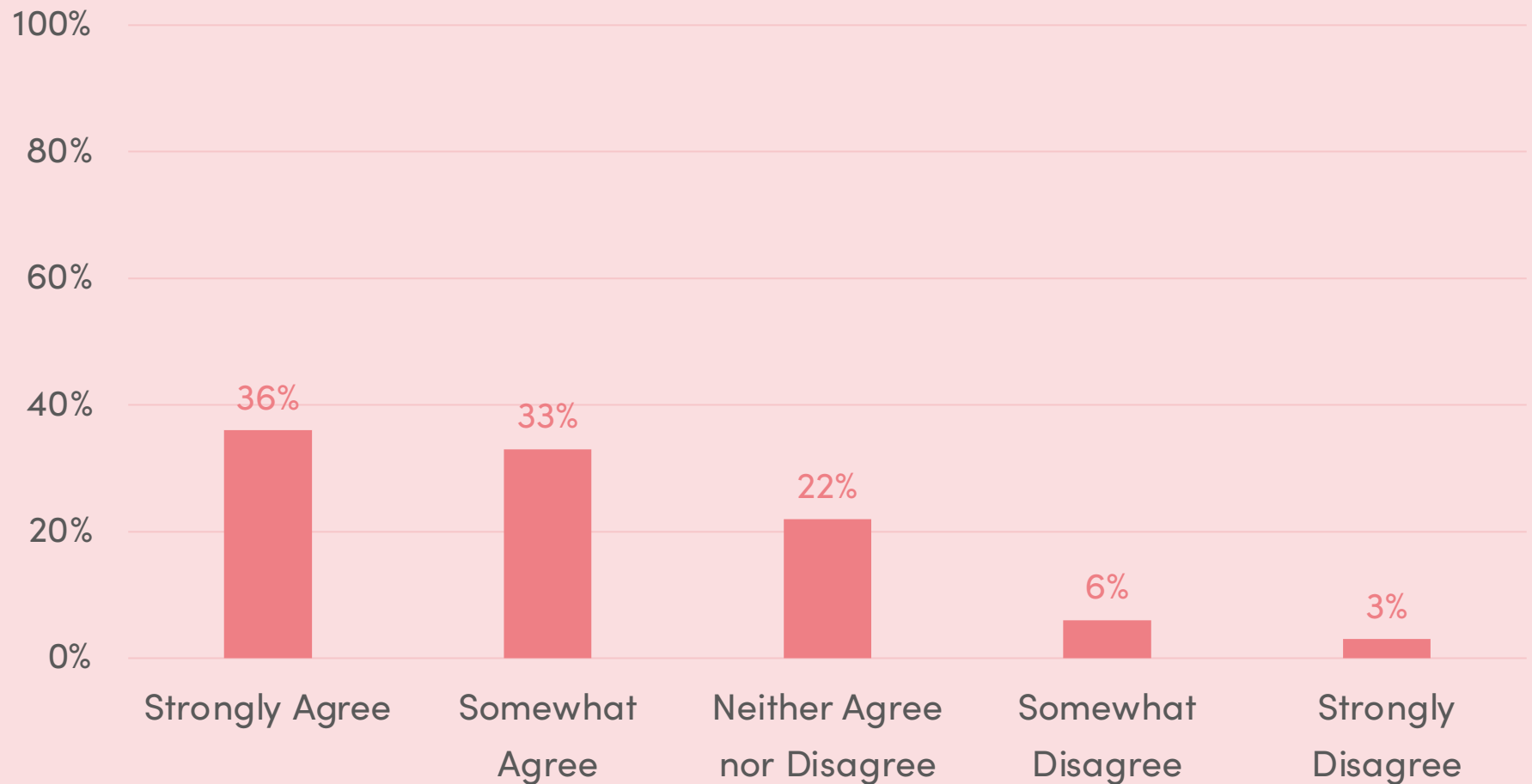
Q44: "Which one of these has been most helpful to you in your spiritual development? (Select one)" n = 1,001

# 81% have developed significant relationships with people at church



Q46: "I have developed significant relationships with people at my church." n= 1,001

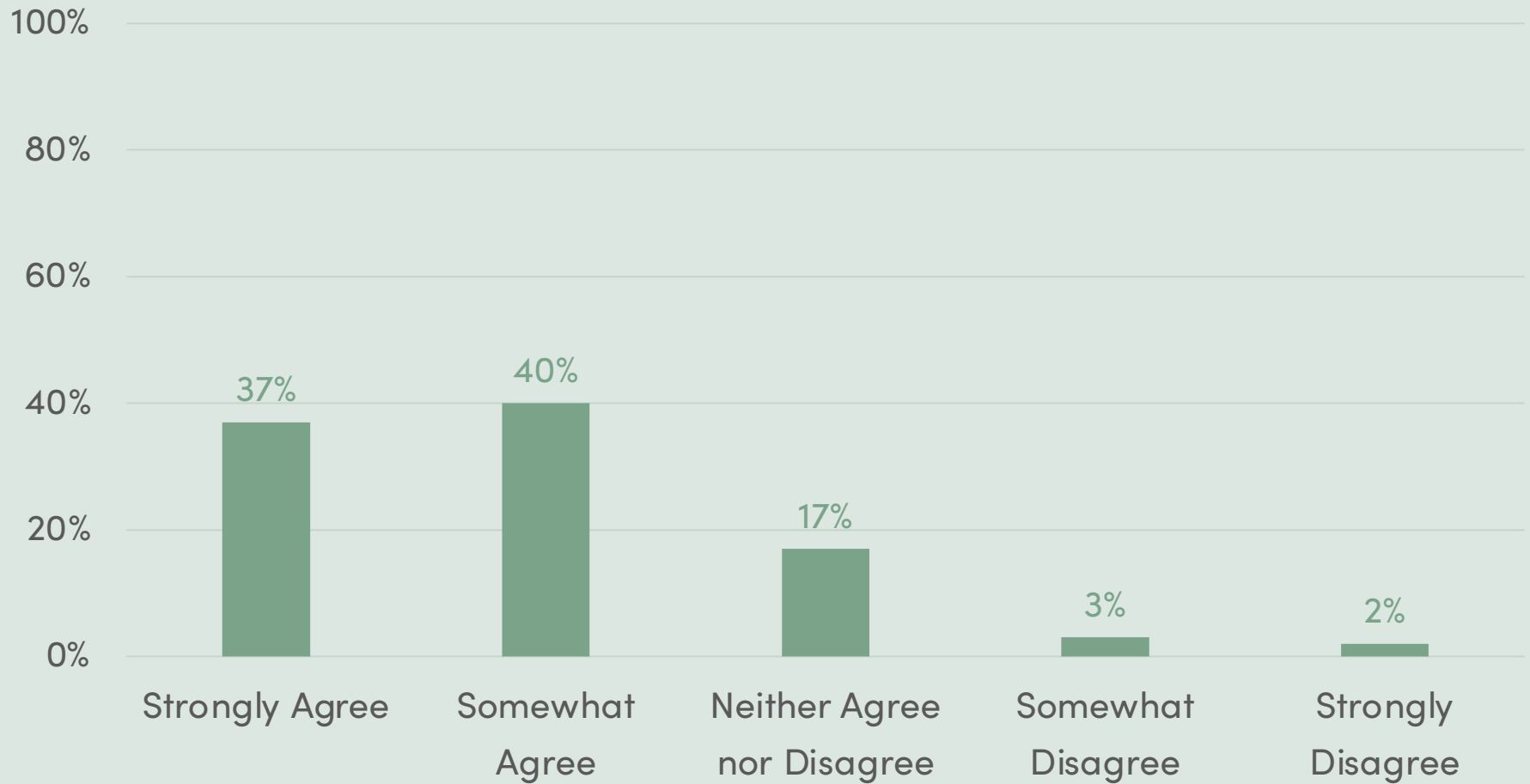
# 69% intentionally spend time with other believers to help them grow in their faith



Q47: "I intentionally spend time with other believers in order to help them grow in their faith." n= 1,001

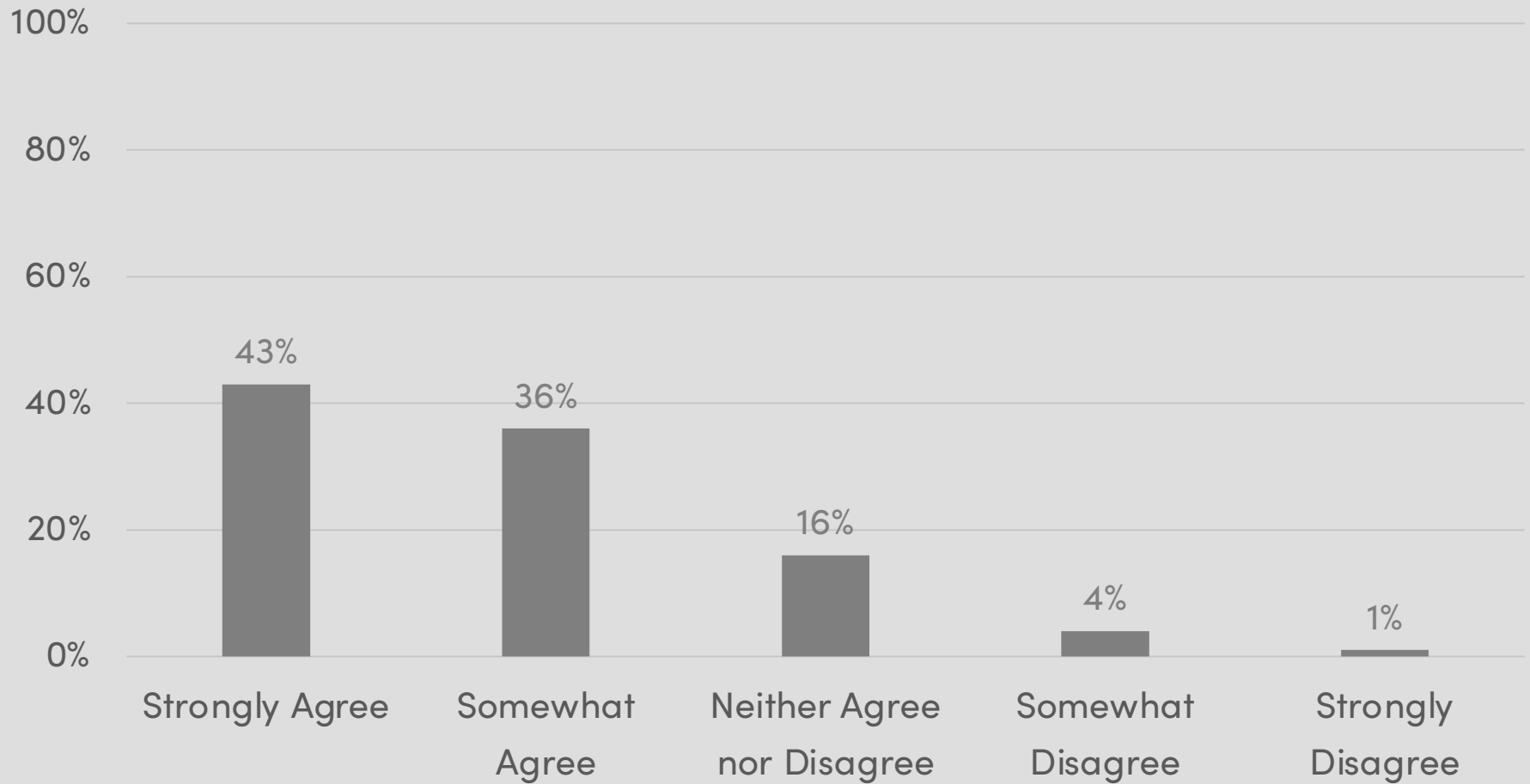


## 77% regularly use their gifts and talents to serve/help people in need who are not part their church



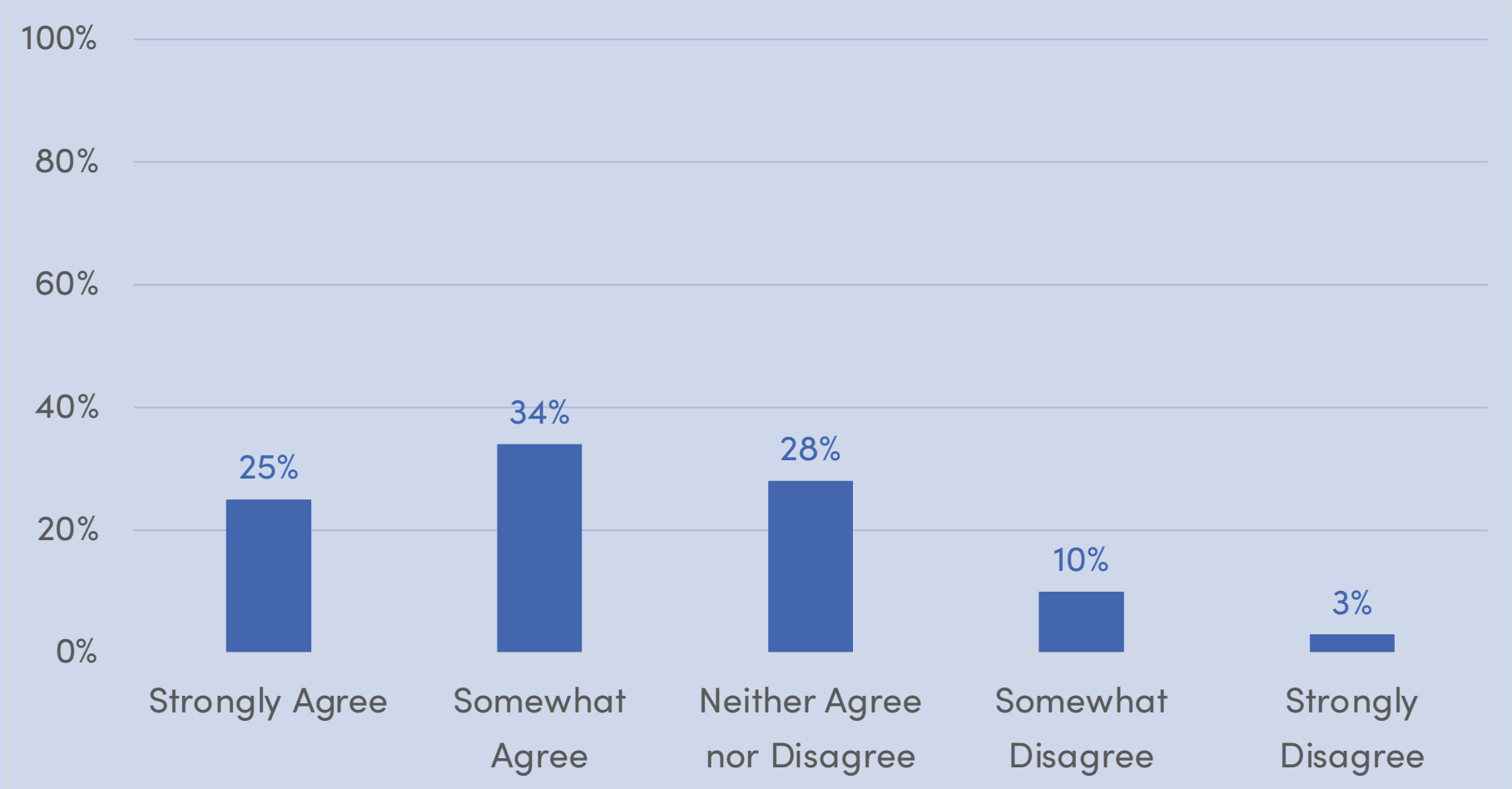
Q48: "I regularly use my gifts and talents to serve/help people in need who are not part of my church." n= 1,001

## 79% intentionally put their spiritual gift(s) to use serving God and others



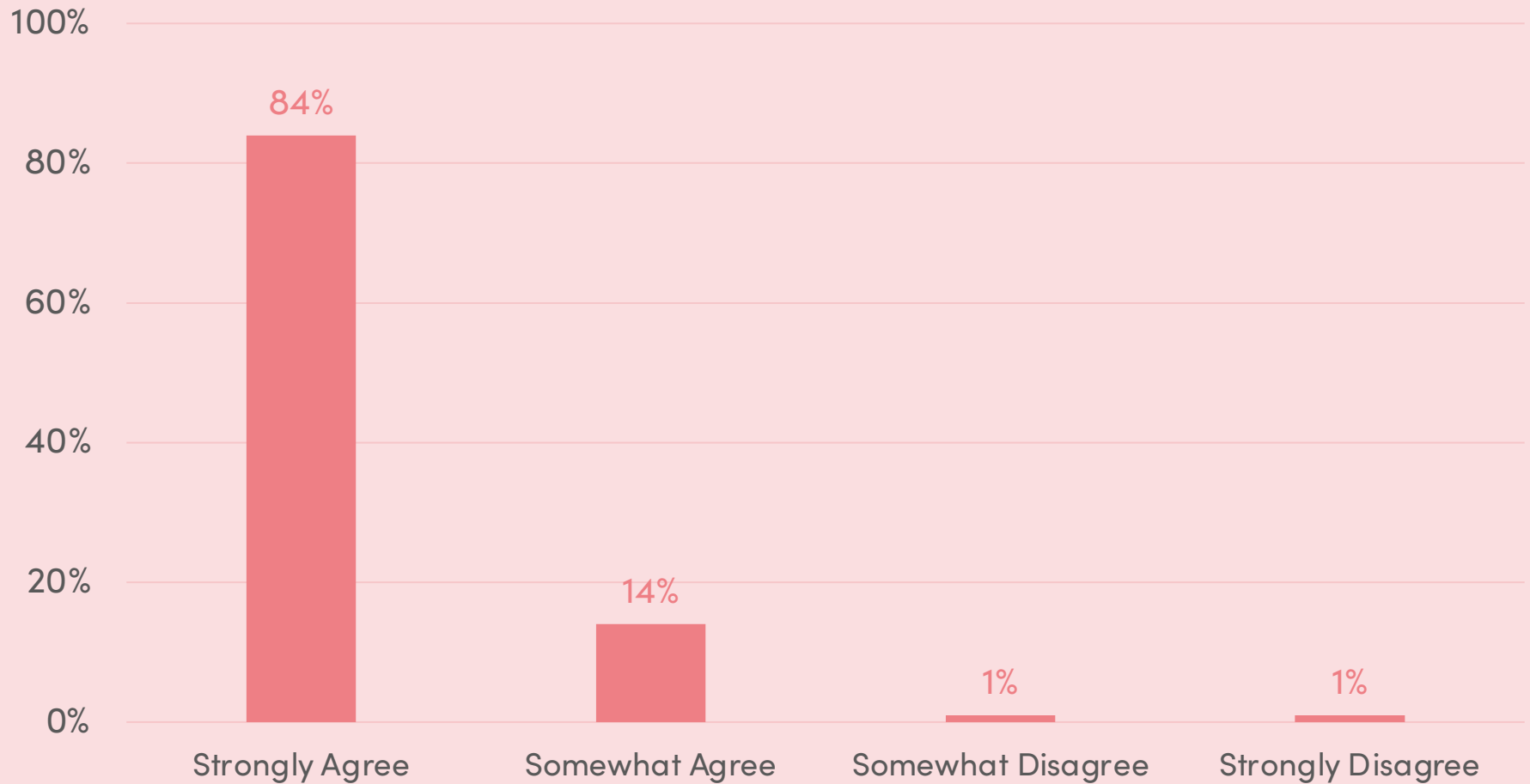
Q49: "I am intentionally putting my spiritual gift(s) to use serving God and others." n= 1,001

## 59% intentionally give up certain purchases in order to use that money for others



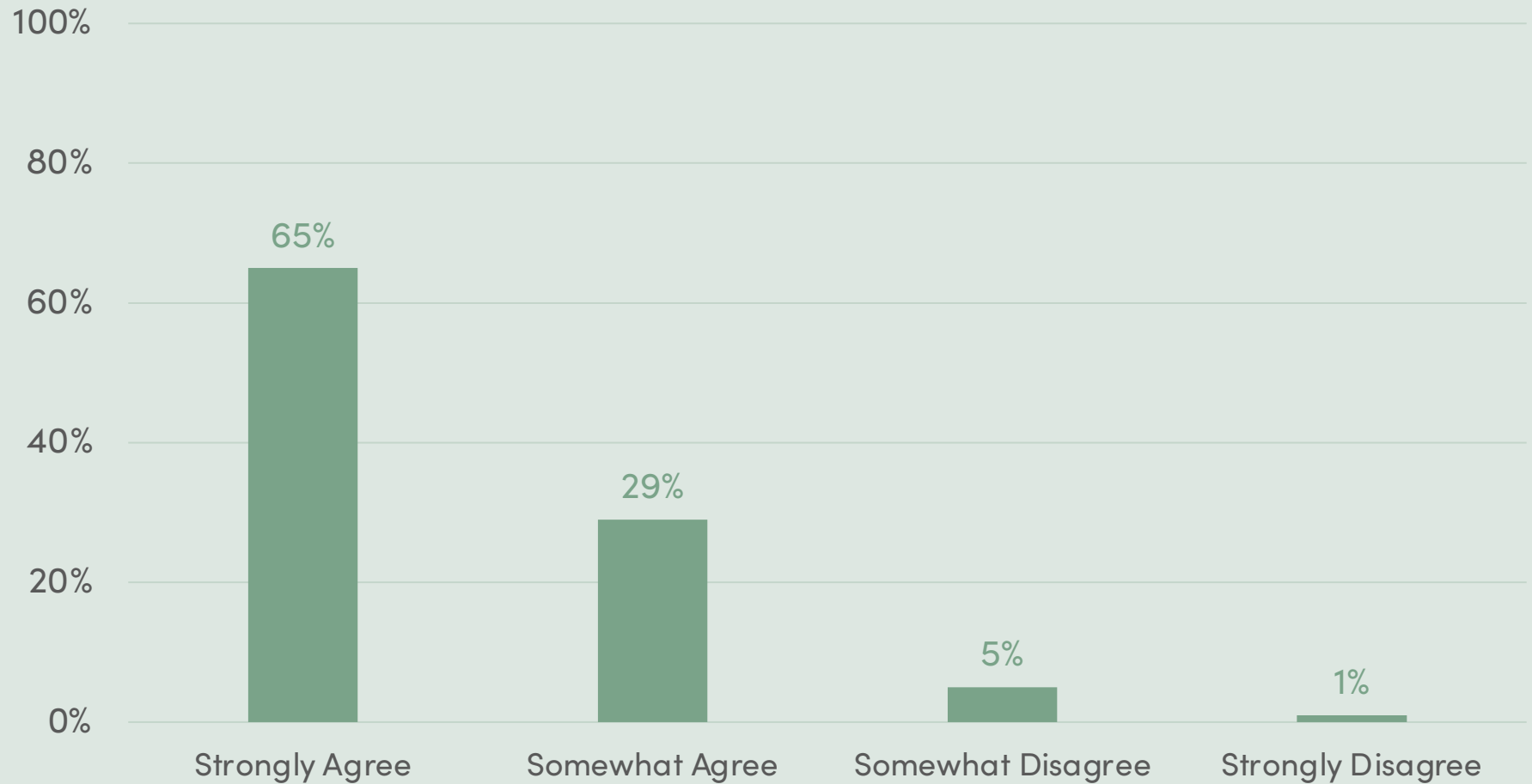
Q50: "I intentionally give up certain purchases so I can use that money for others." n=1,001

# 98% say the Bible is the highest authority for what they believe



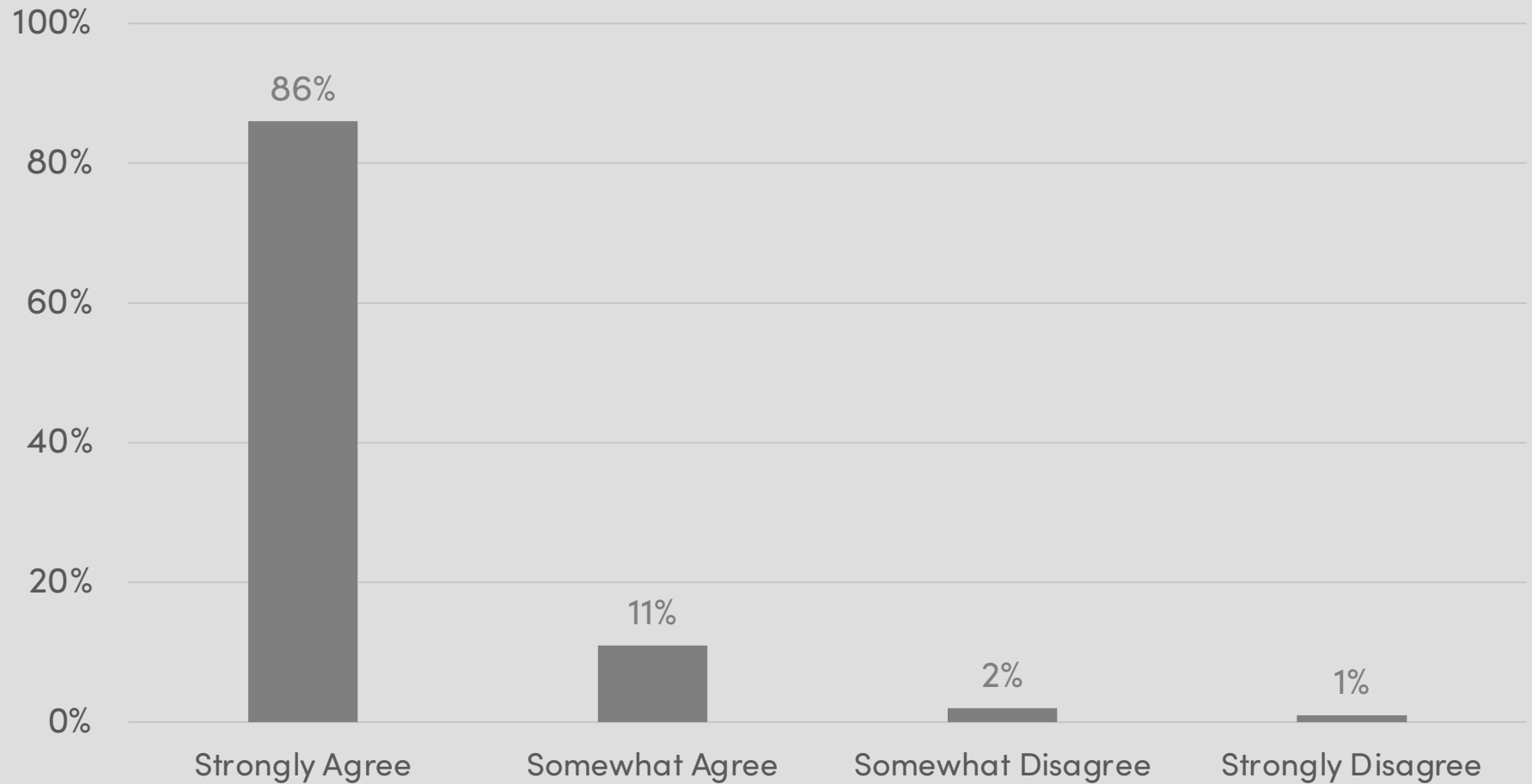
Q51: "The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe." n= 1,001

# 94% say that it is important for them to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior



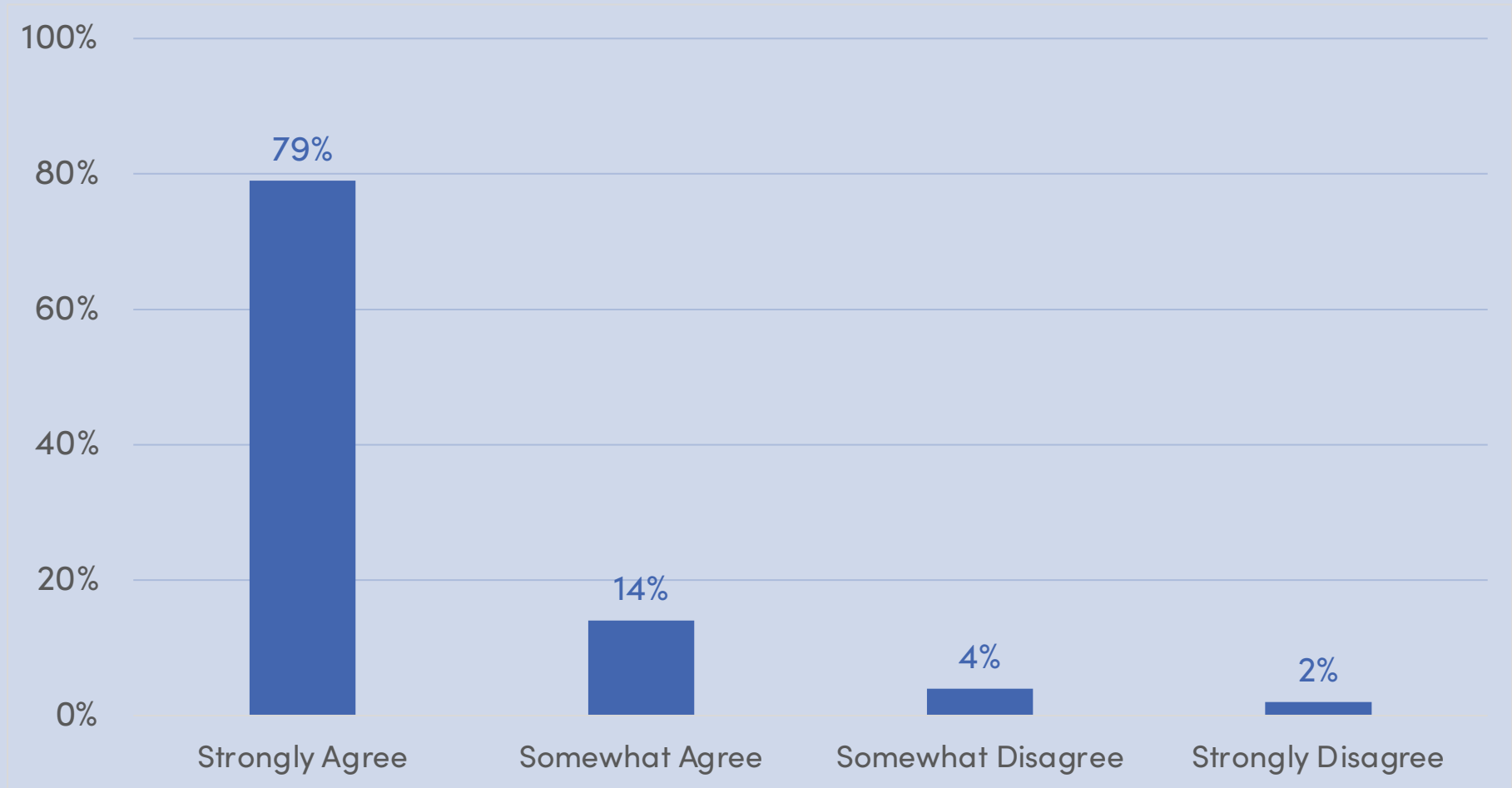
Q52: "It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their savior." n= 1,001

# 97% say that Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of their sin



Q53: "Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin." n=1,001

# 94% say that only those who trust in Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation



Q54: "Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation." n= 1,001

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