

# Lifeway Students Parenting Survey

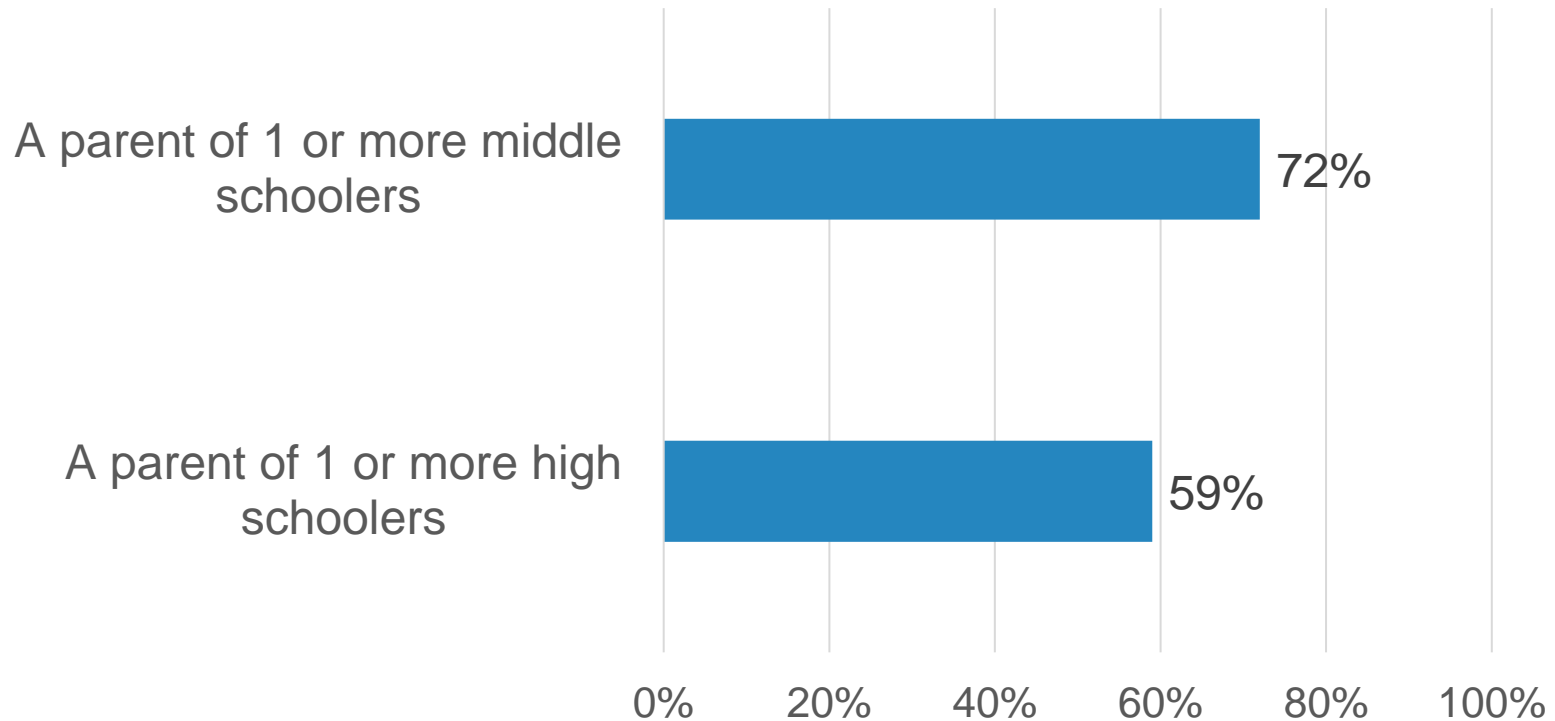
A SURVEY OF 1,001 PROTESTANT CHURCHGOING PARENTS OF STUDENTS

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# Methodology

- The online survey of 1,001 student ministry parents was conducted January 30 – February 9, 2024, using a national pre-recruited panel
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational, attend religious services at least once in a typical month, and have at least one child in Grades 6-12
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, education, and religion 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

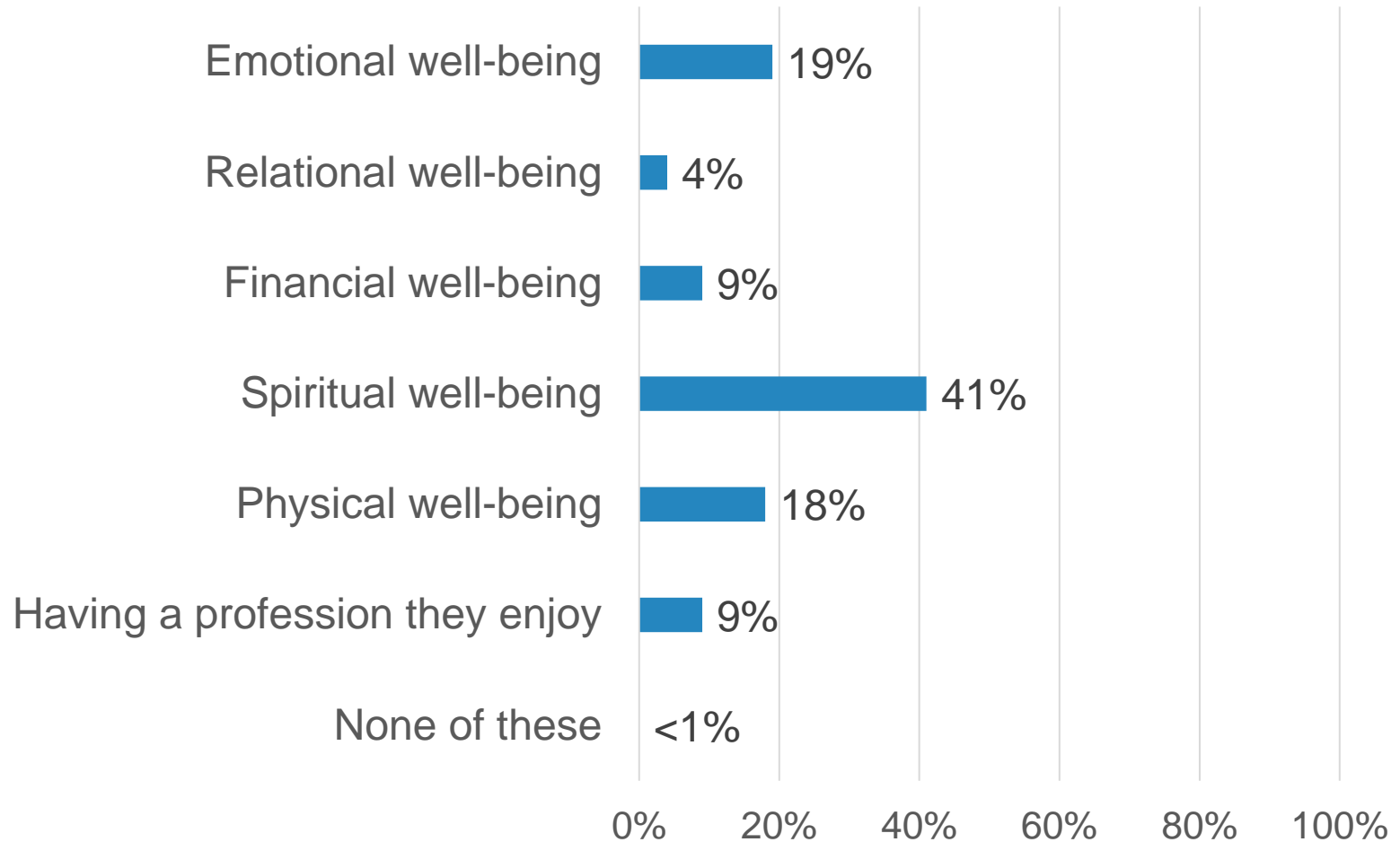
# Protestant parents participating in this study



- After this qualifying question, parents were advised that for the purposes of this survey a “student” includes any of their children grades 6-12
- Half of the parents were instructed to answer for their oldest student in grades 6-12 and half were instructed to answer for their youngest student in grades 6-12 if they have more than one child in their home who is a student

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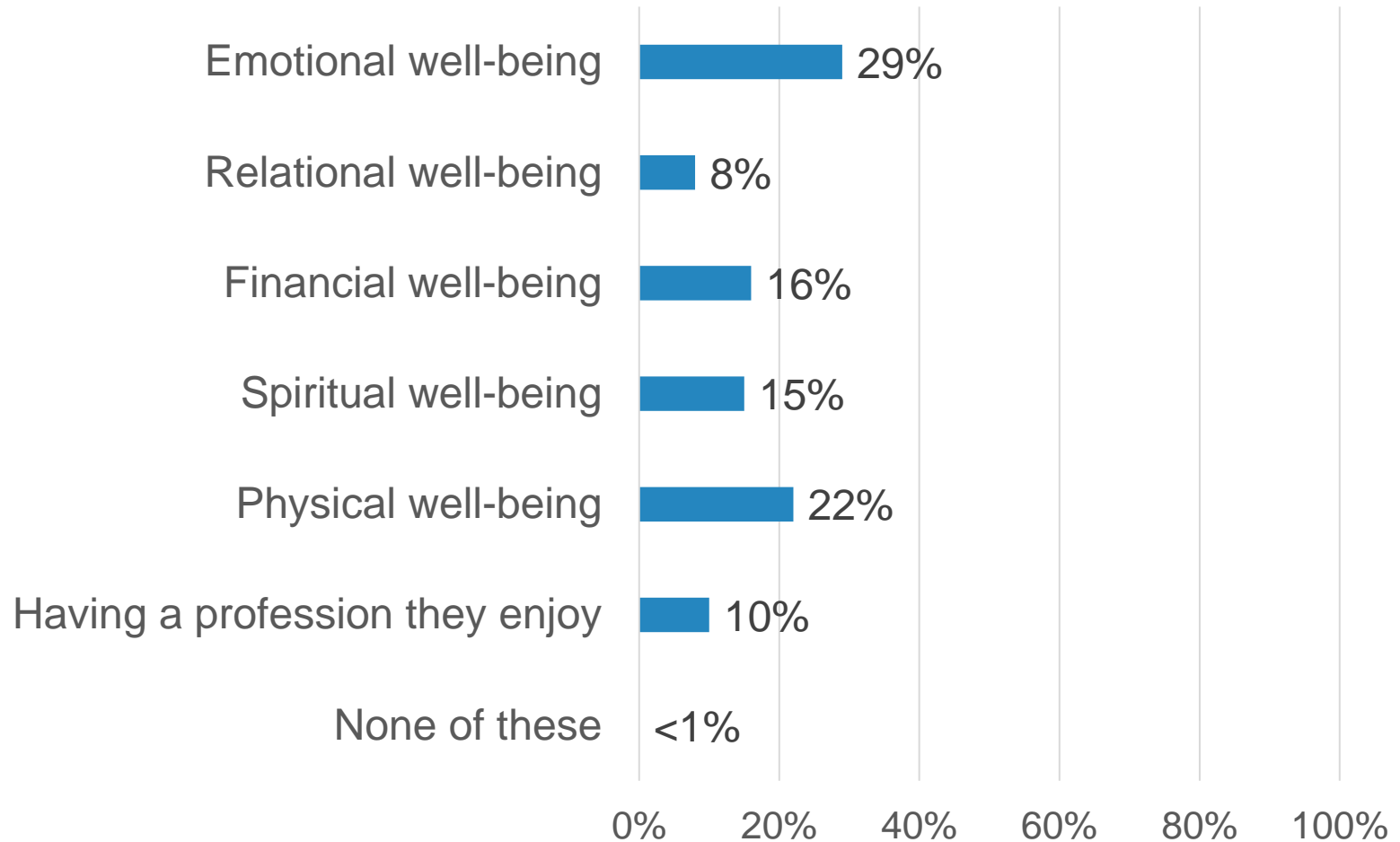
# Parents' biggest priorities for their student's future: First choice



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Q10: "Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student's future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)" n=1,001

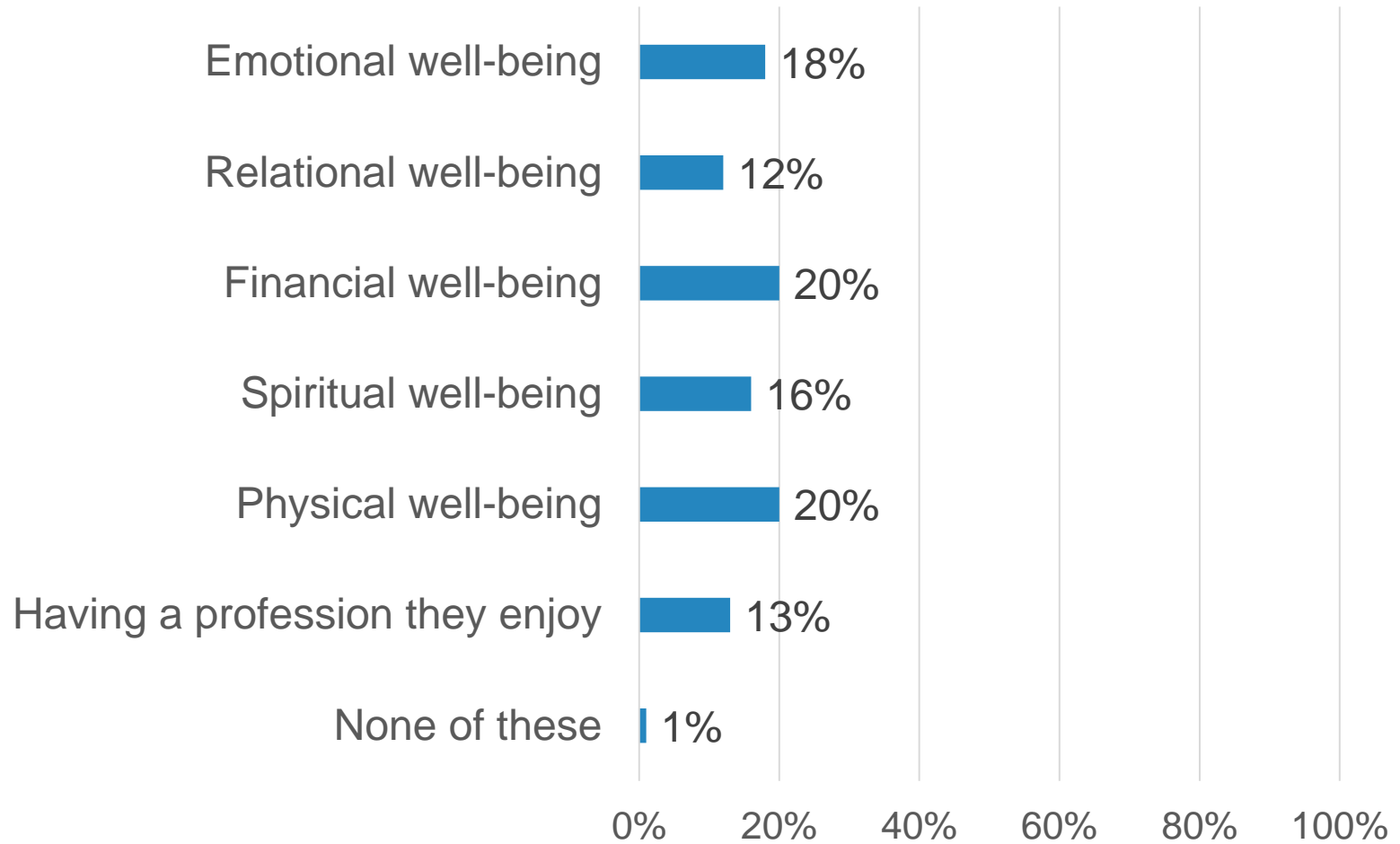
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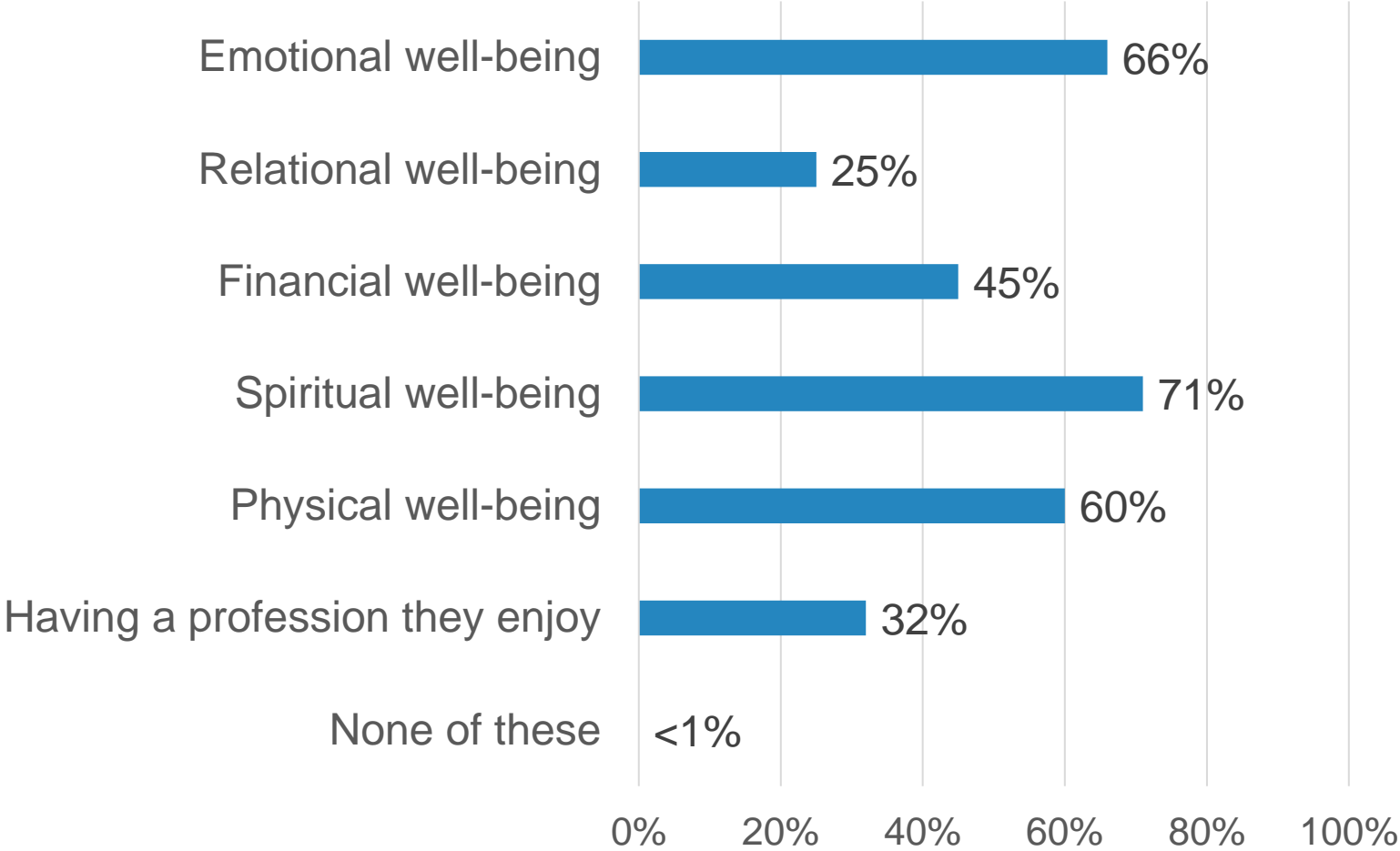
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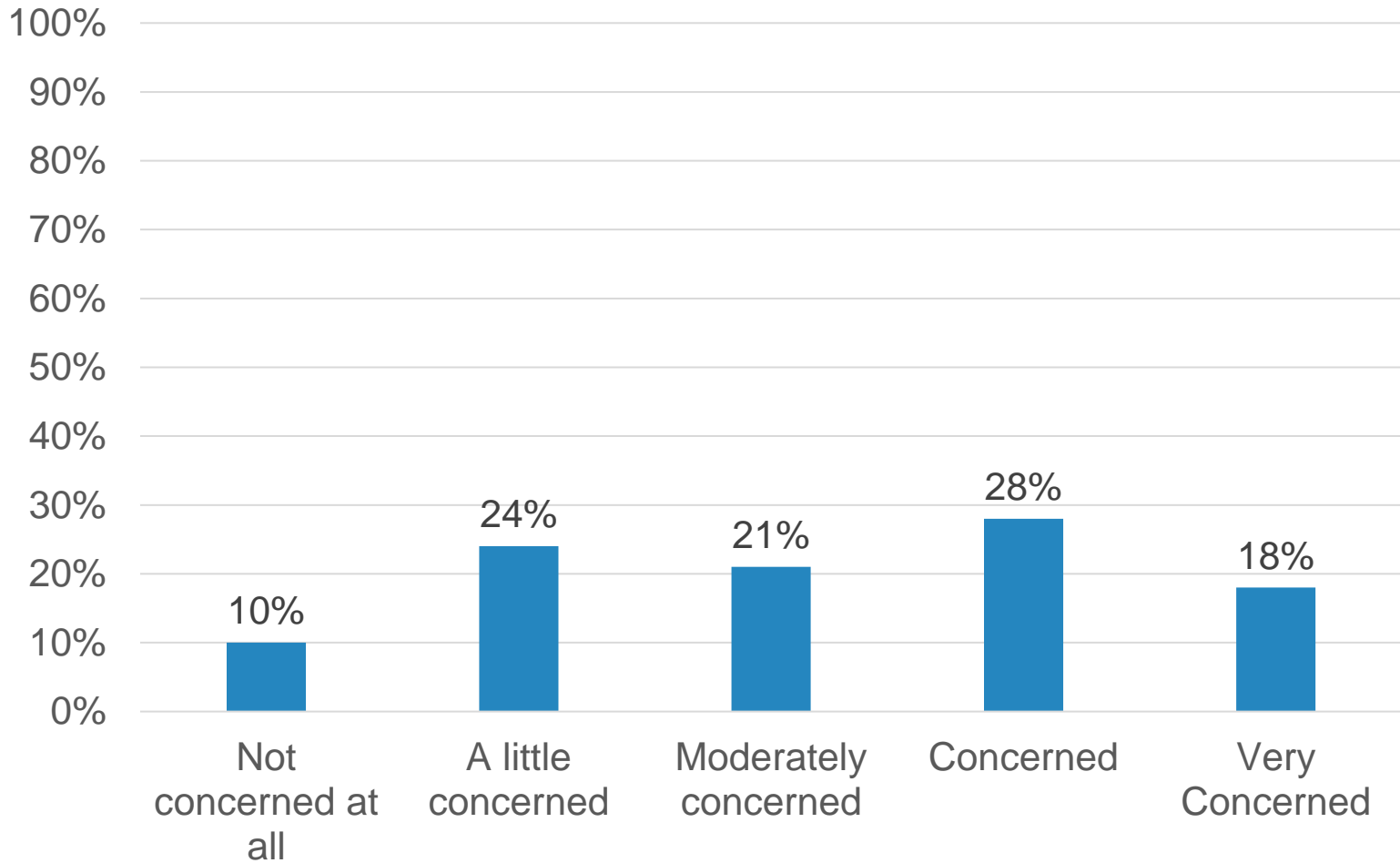
# Parents' top 3 priorities for their student's future



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# 46% are concerned/very concerned about their student giving into peer pressure

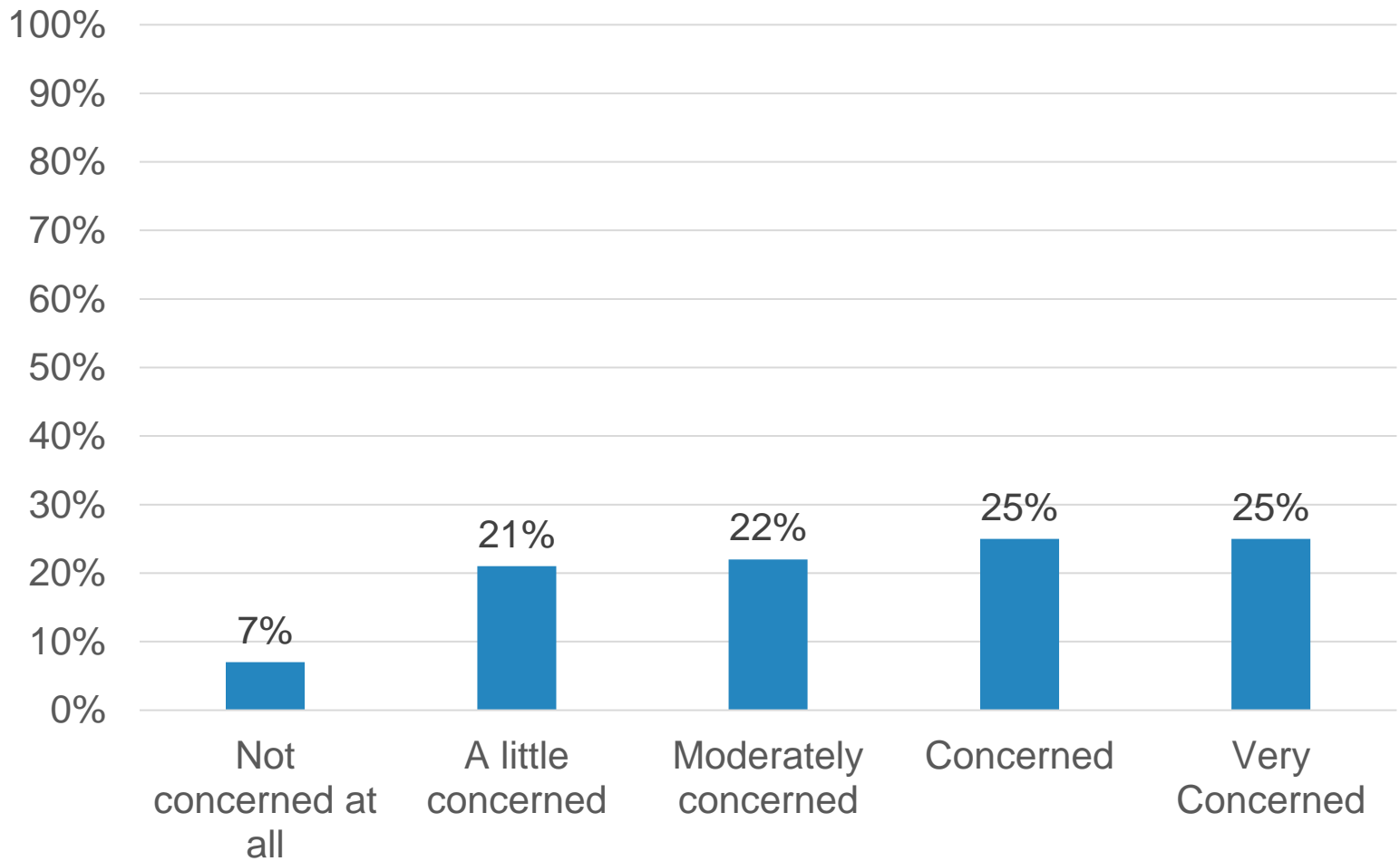


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Q11: "My student giving into peer pressure from their friends." n=1,001



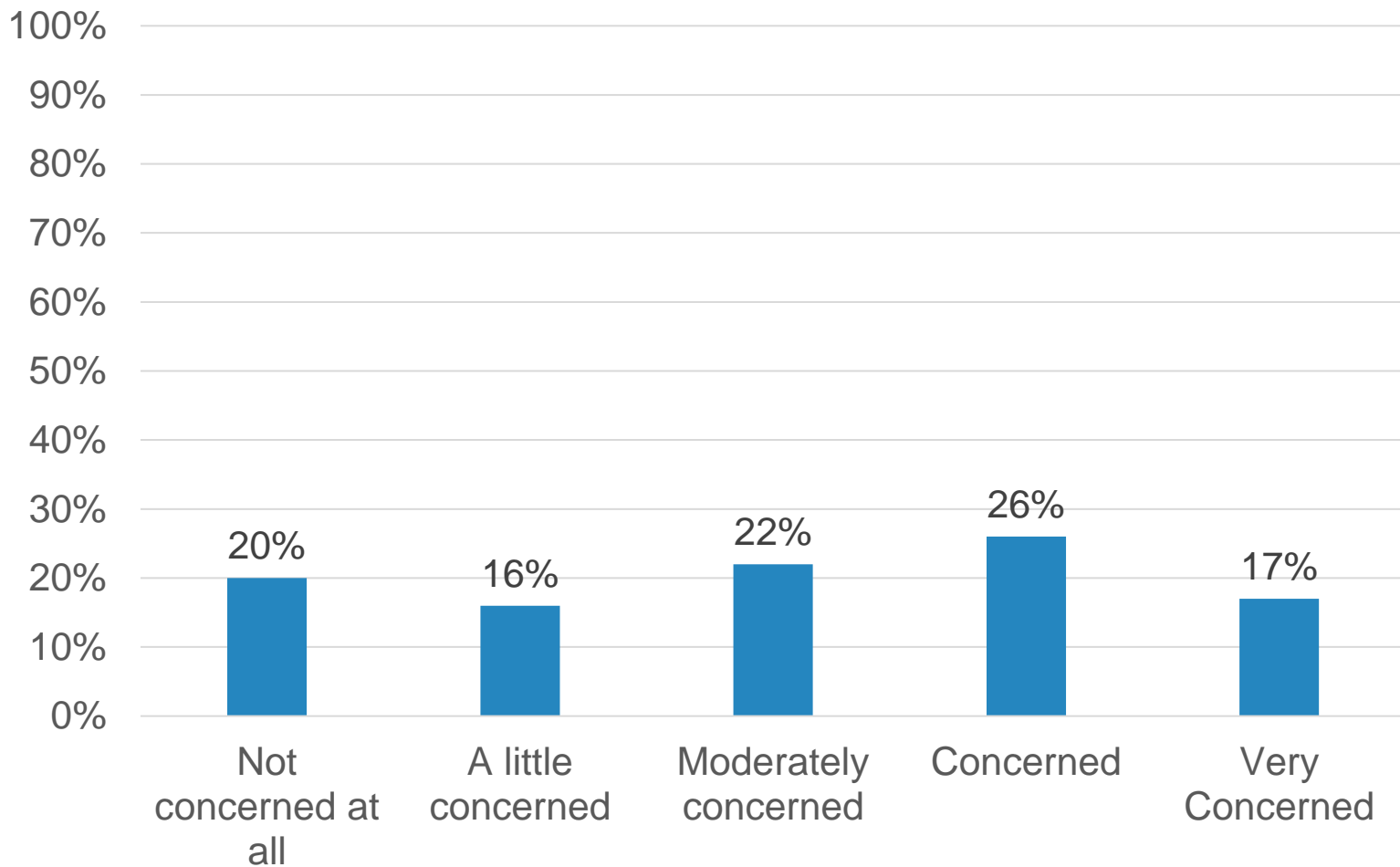
# 50% are concerned/very concerned about their student becoming distracted by worldly things



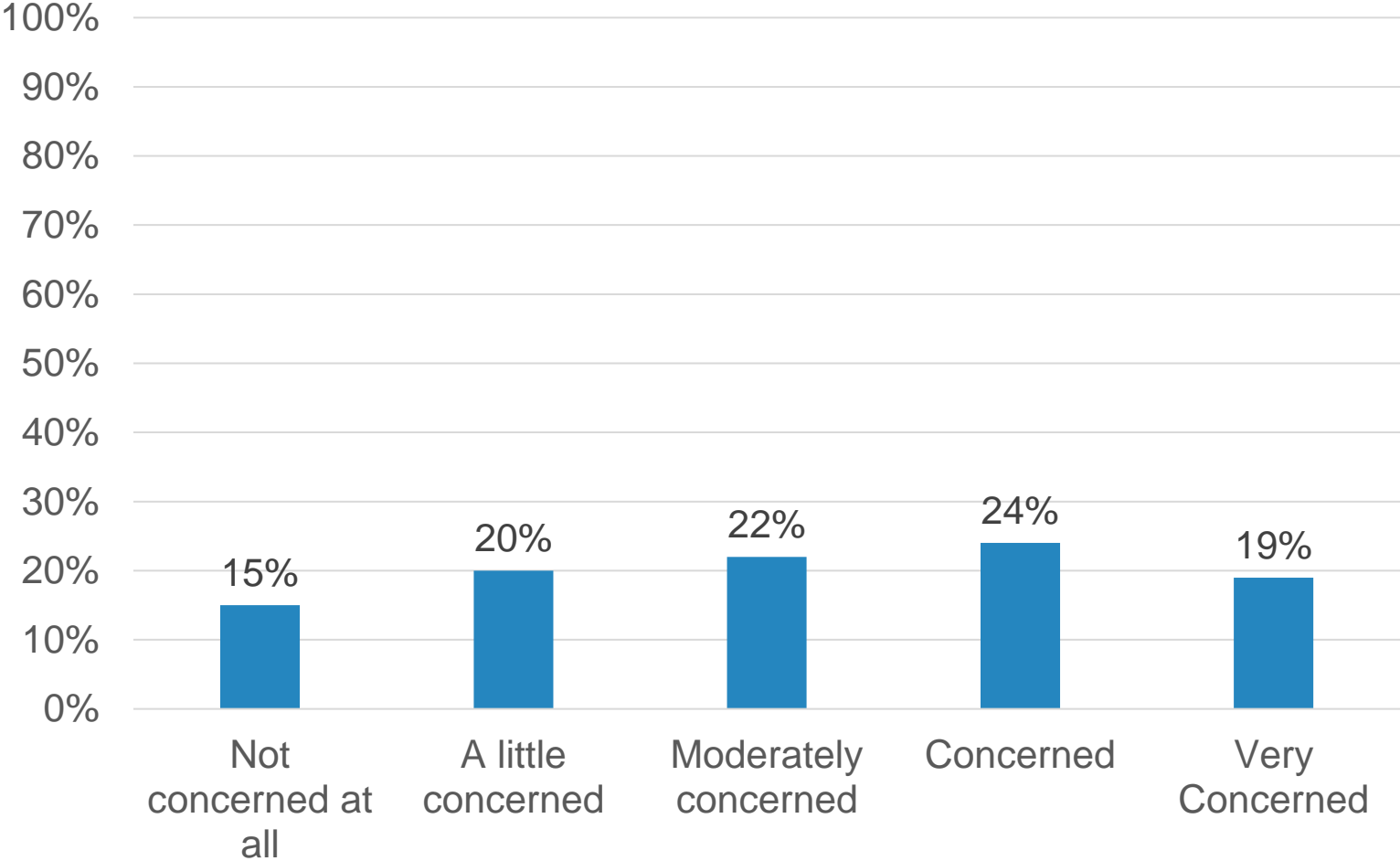
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Q12: "My student becoming distracted by worldly things around them." n=1,001

# 42% are concerned/very concerned about their student feeling unsure about their faith



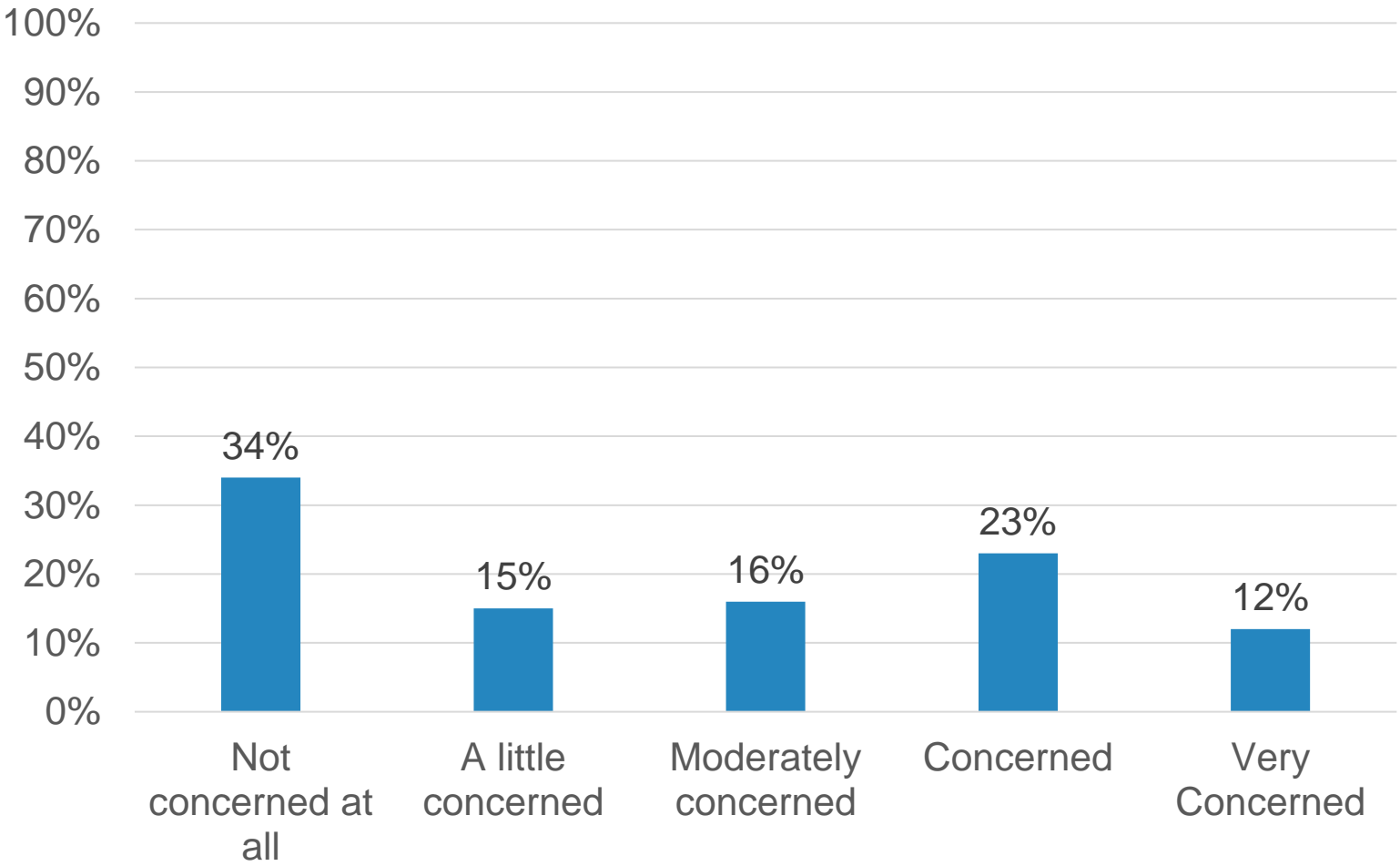
# 43% are concerned/very concerned about their student regularly attending church once they move out



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Q14: "My student regularly attending church once they move out of our home." n=1,001

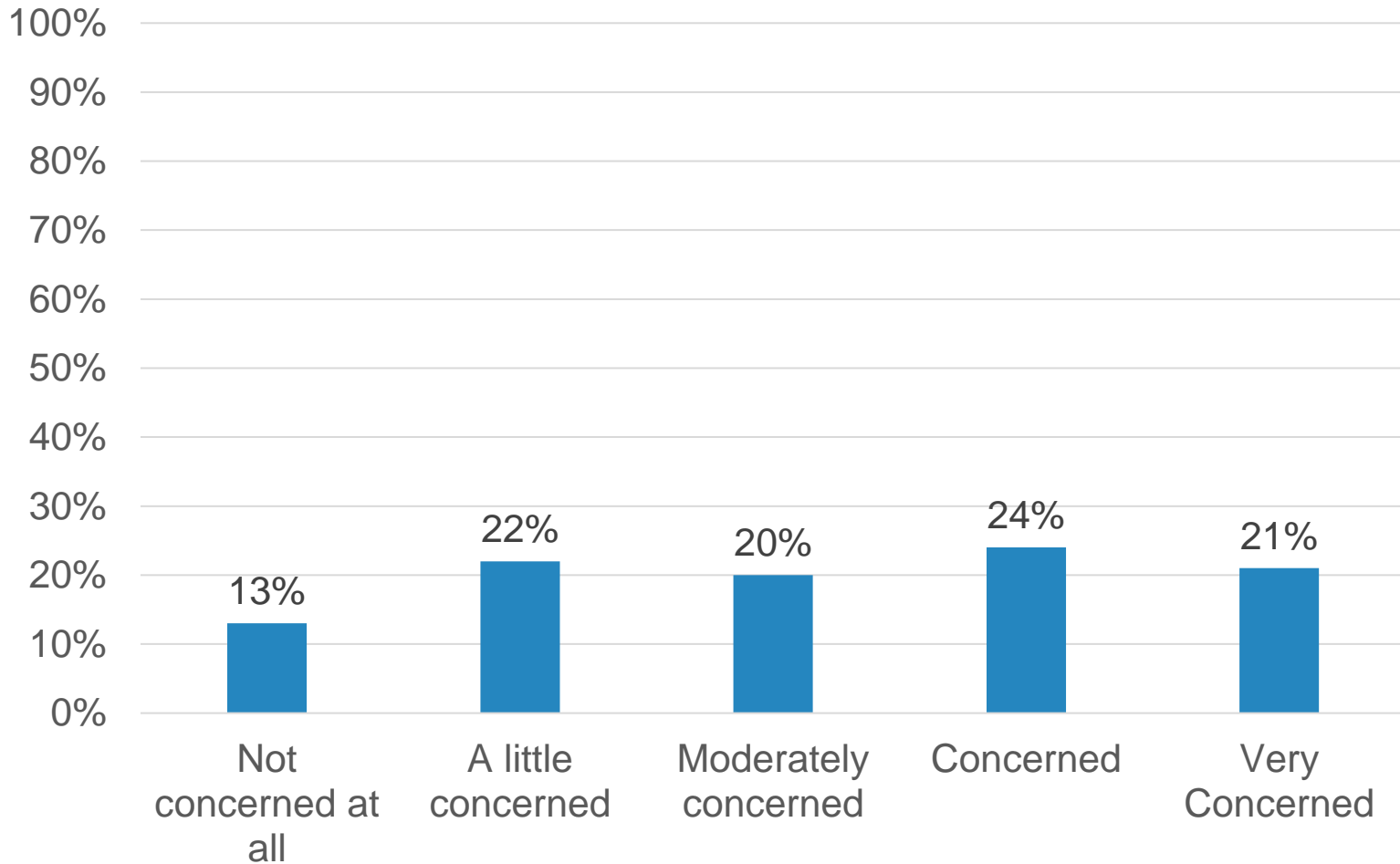
# 35% are concerned/very concerned about their student focusing on spiritual growth while neglecting their professional success



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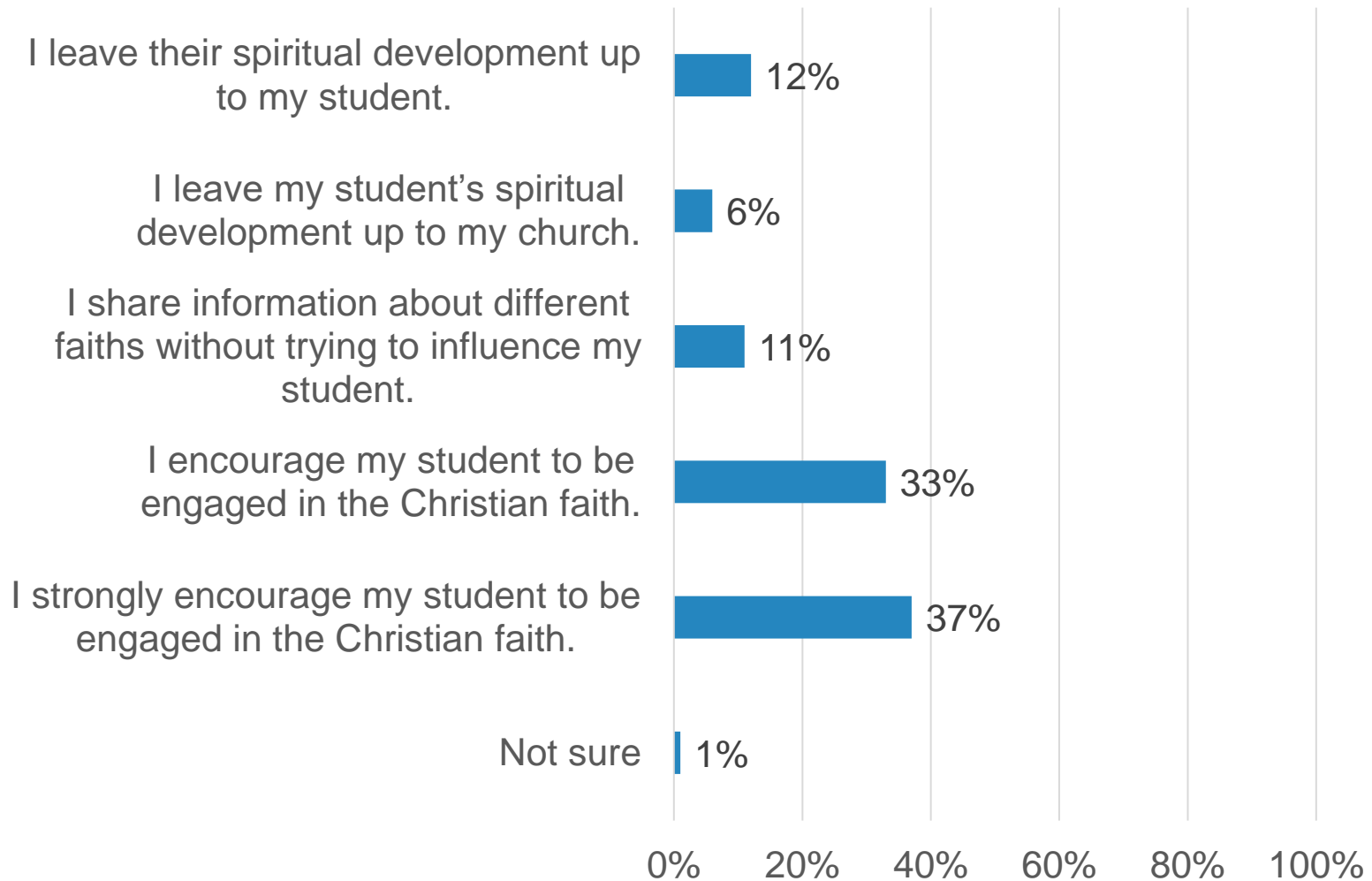
Q15: "My student focusing more on their spiritual growth as an adult while neglecting their professional success." n=1,001

# 44% are concerned/very concerned about their student focusing on professional growth while neglecting their spiritual growth

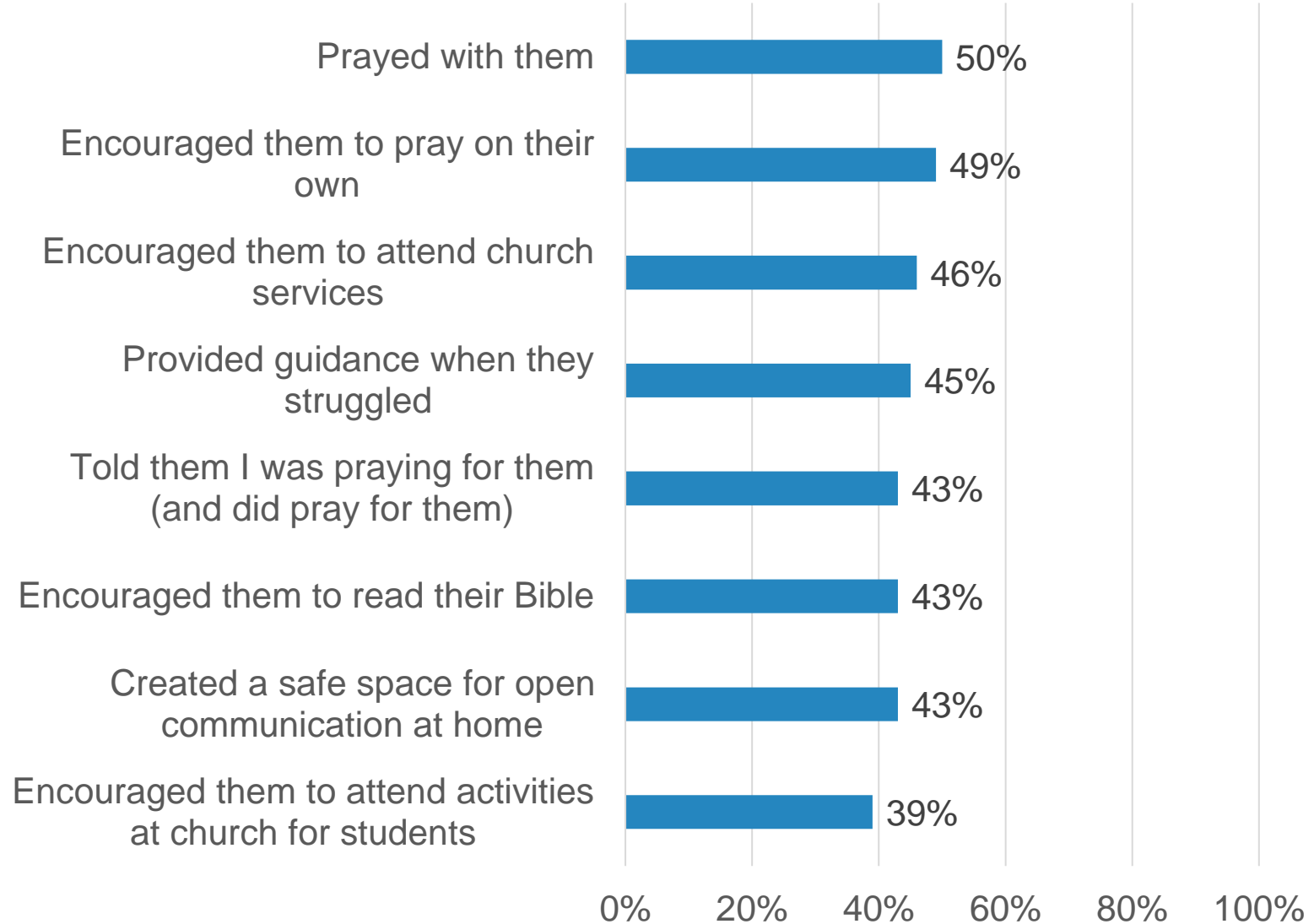


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# 71% encourage their student to be engaged in the Christian faith



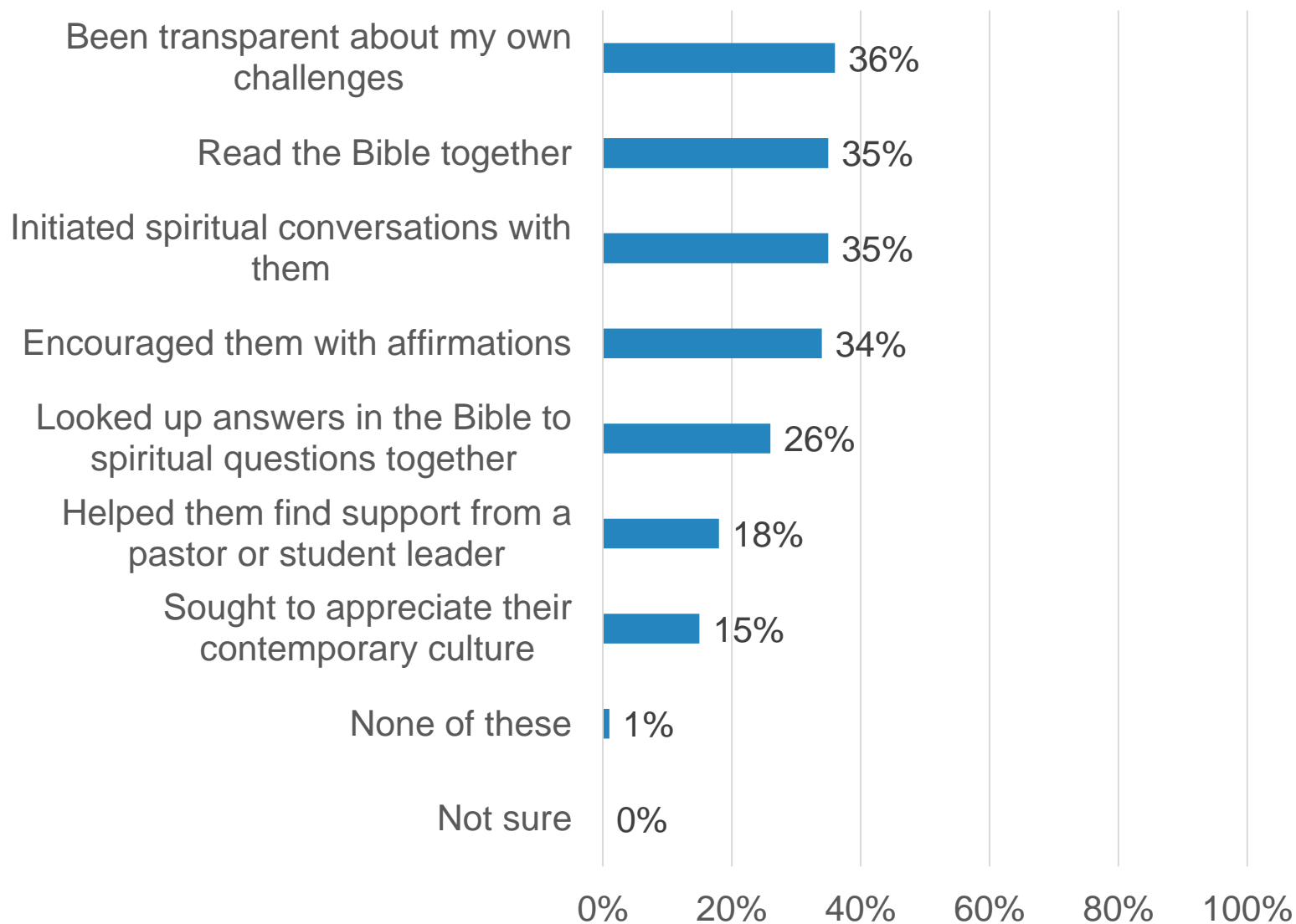
# “Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”



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Q18: “Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

# “Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?” *continued*

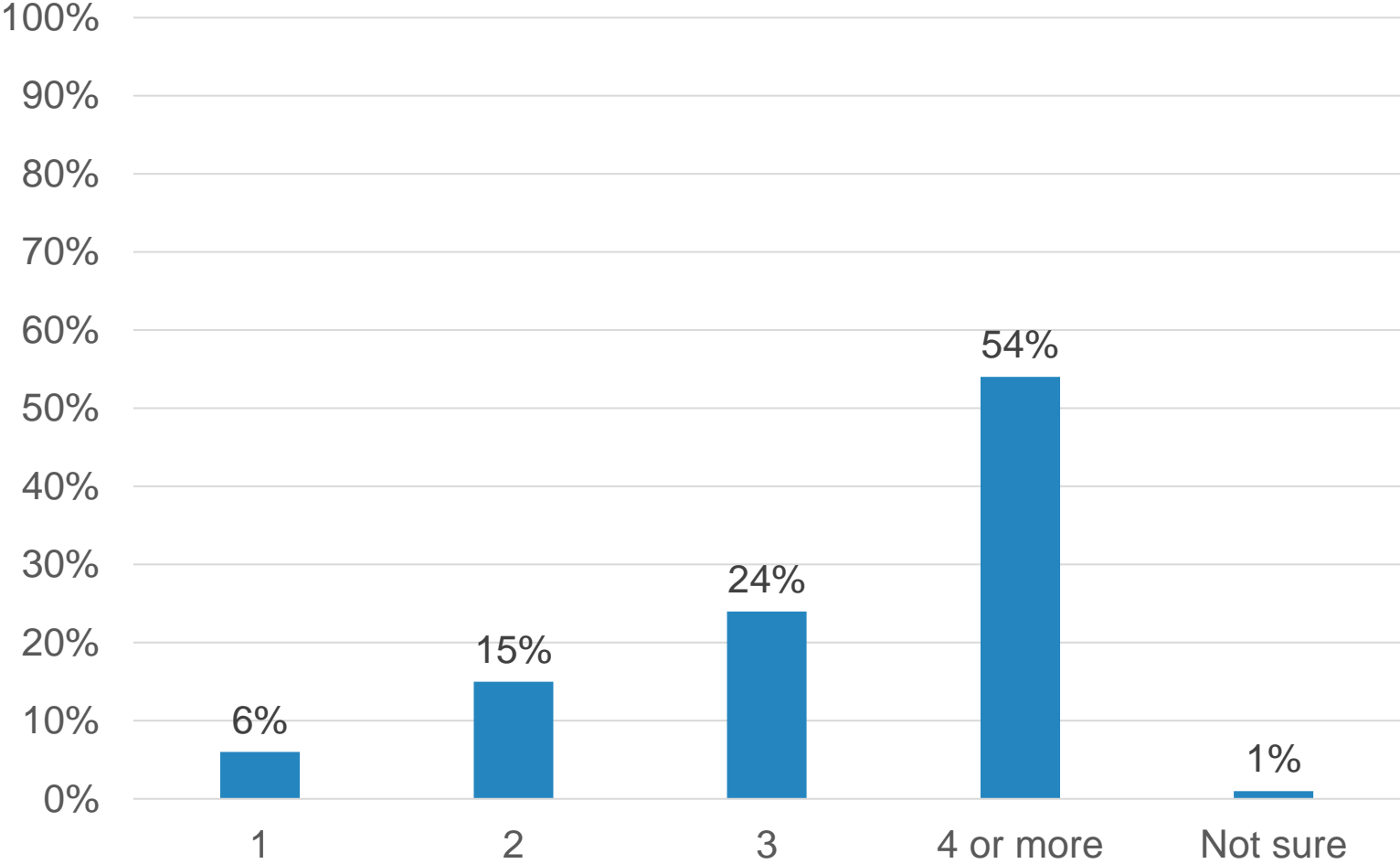


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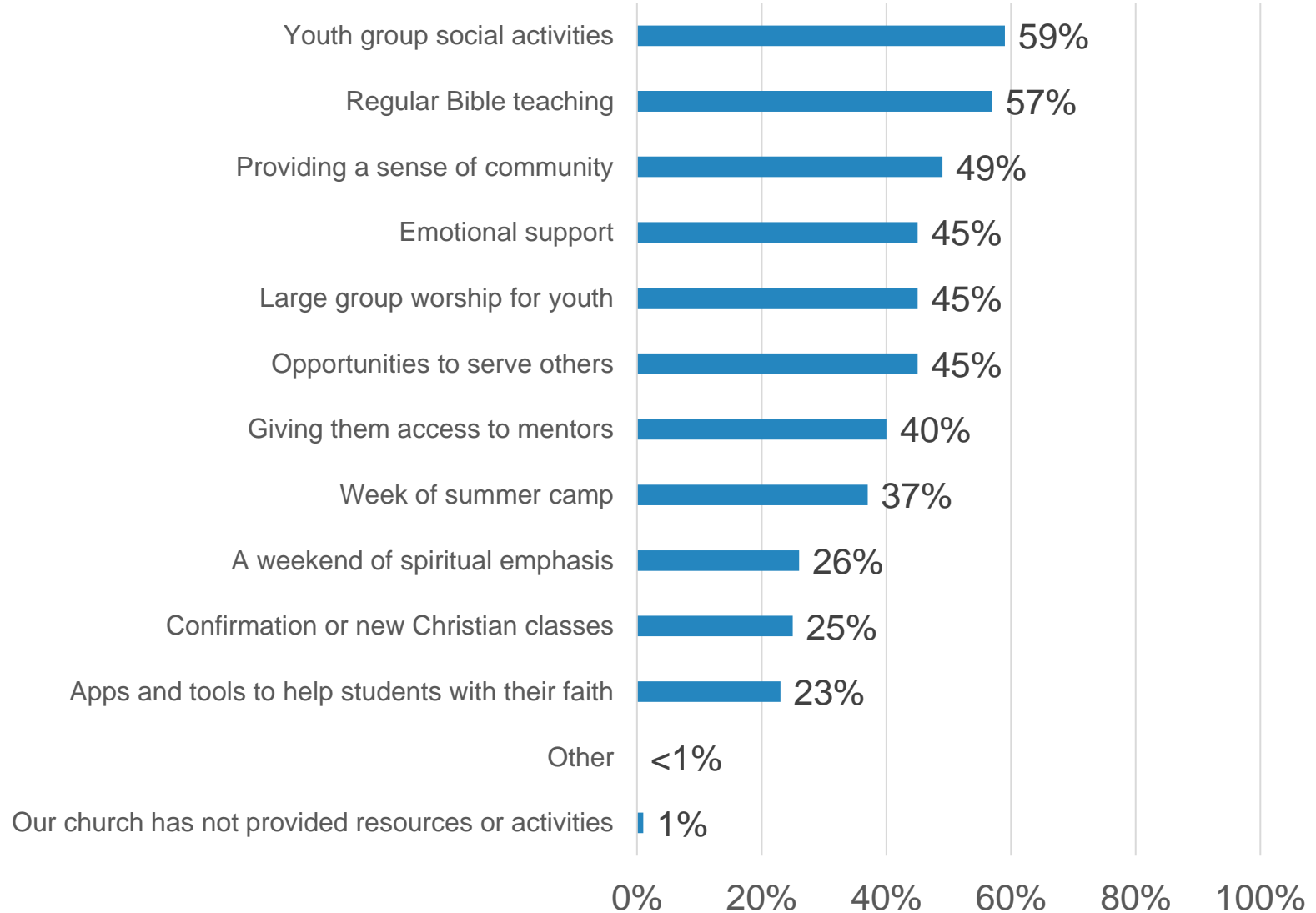
# 78% typically attend a worship service 3 or more times a month



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Q19: "In a typical month, how many times do you attend a worship service at your church? (Select One)" n=1,001

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

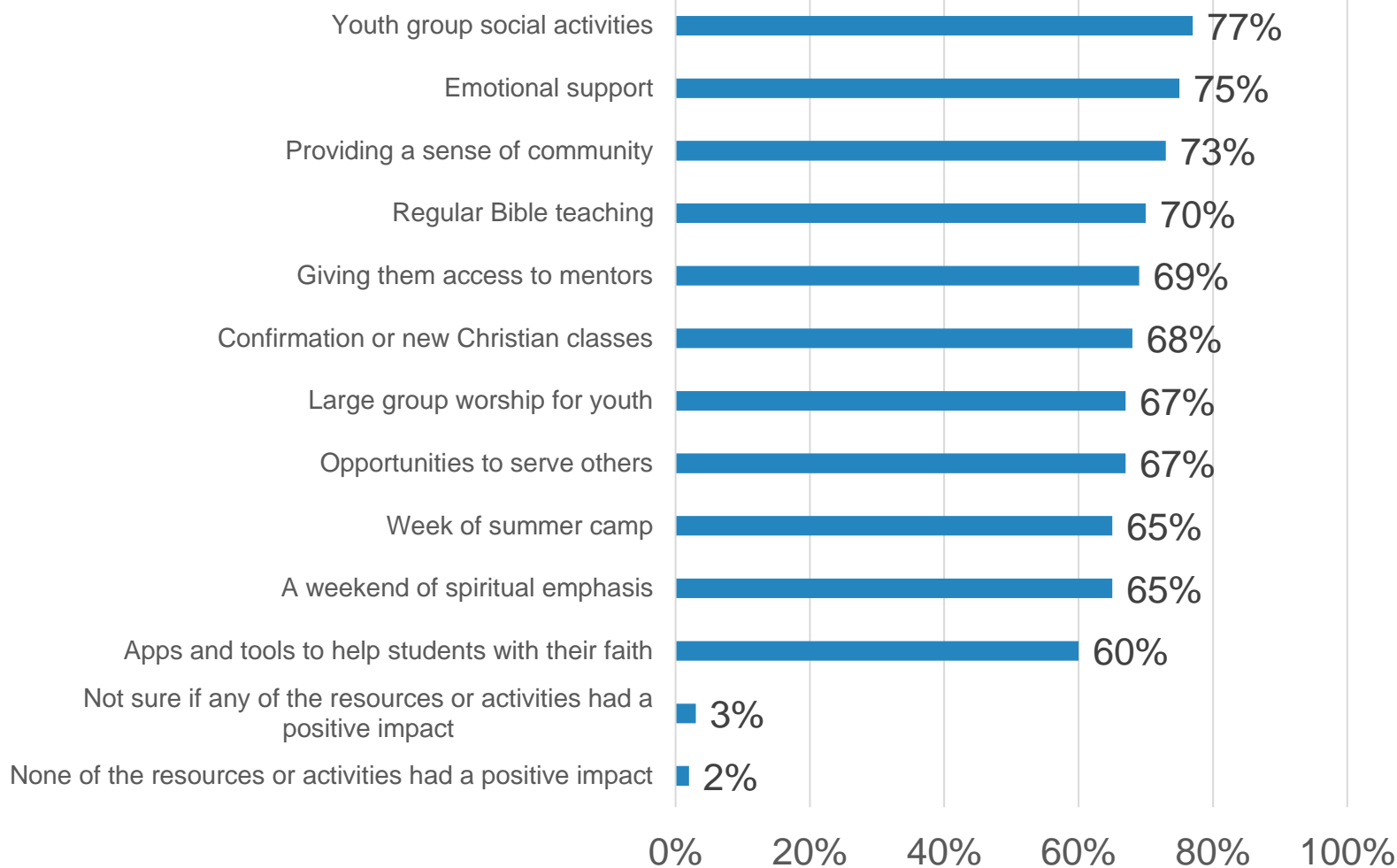


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Q20: “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

# “Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”

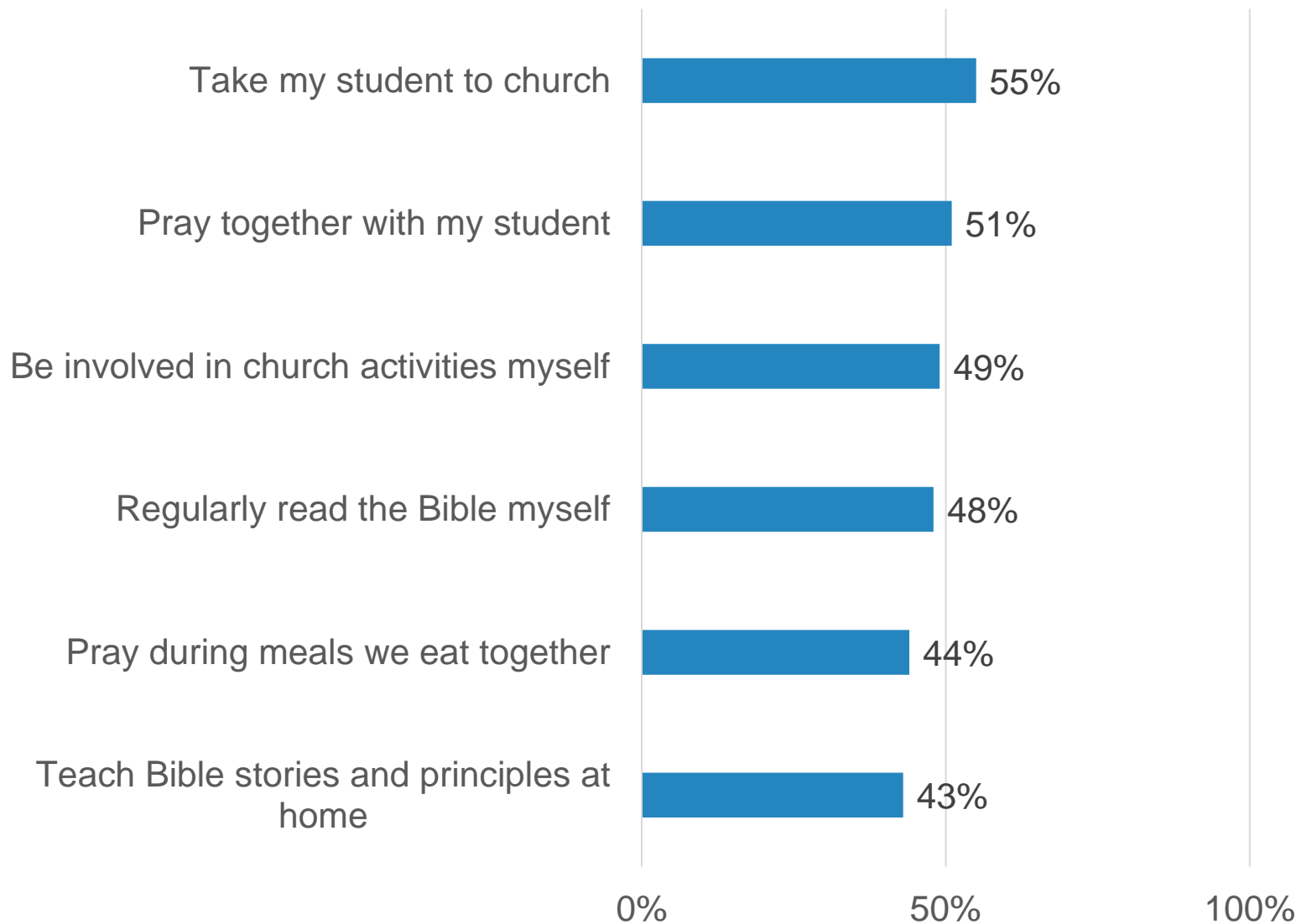
Among parents who say their church provided that resource or activity



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Q21: “Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth? (Select all that apply)” Number answering varies based on response to Q20

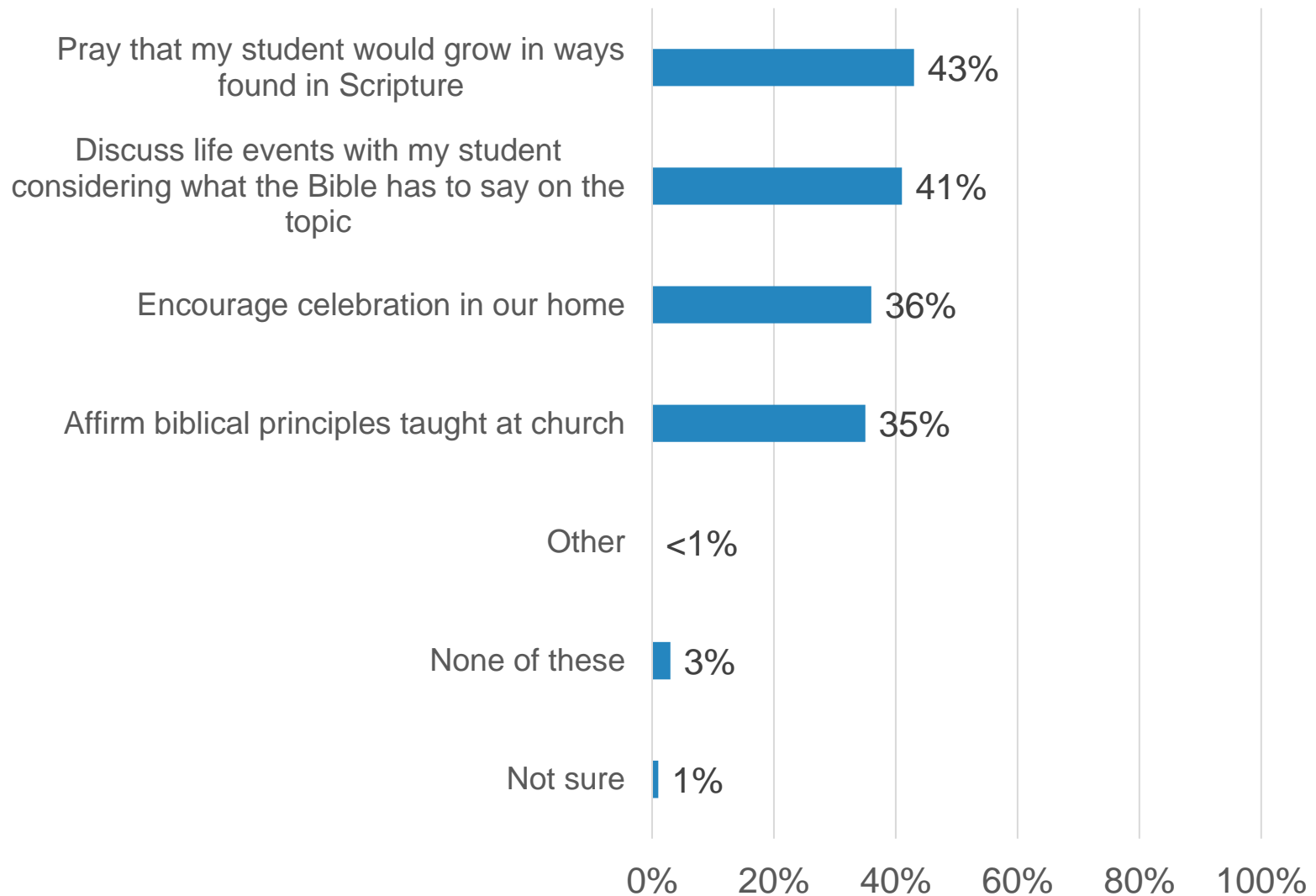
# “Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”



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Q22: “Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

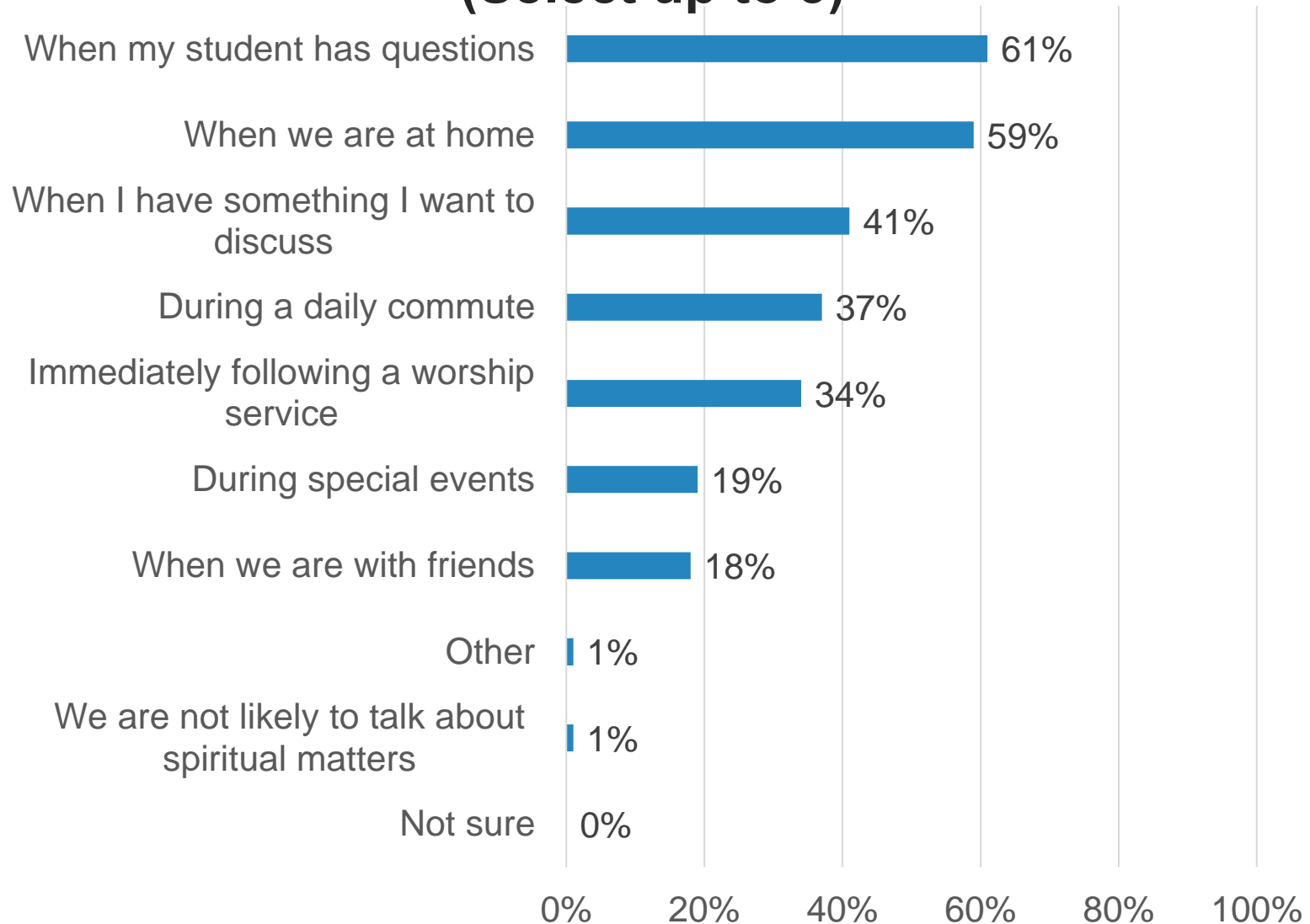
# “Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?” *continued*



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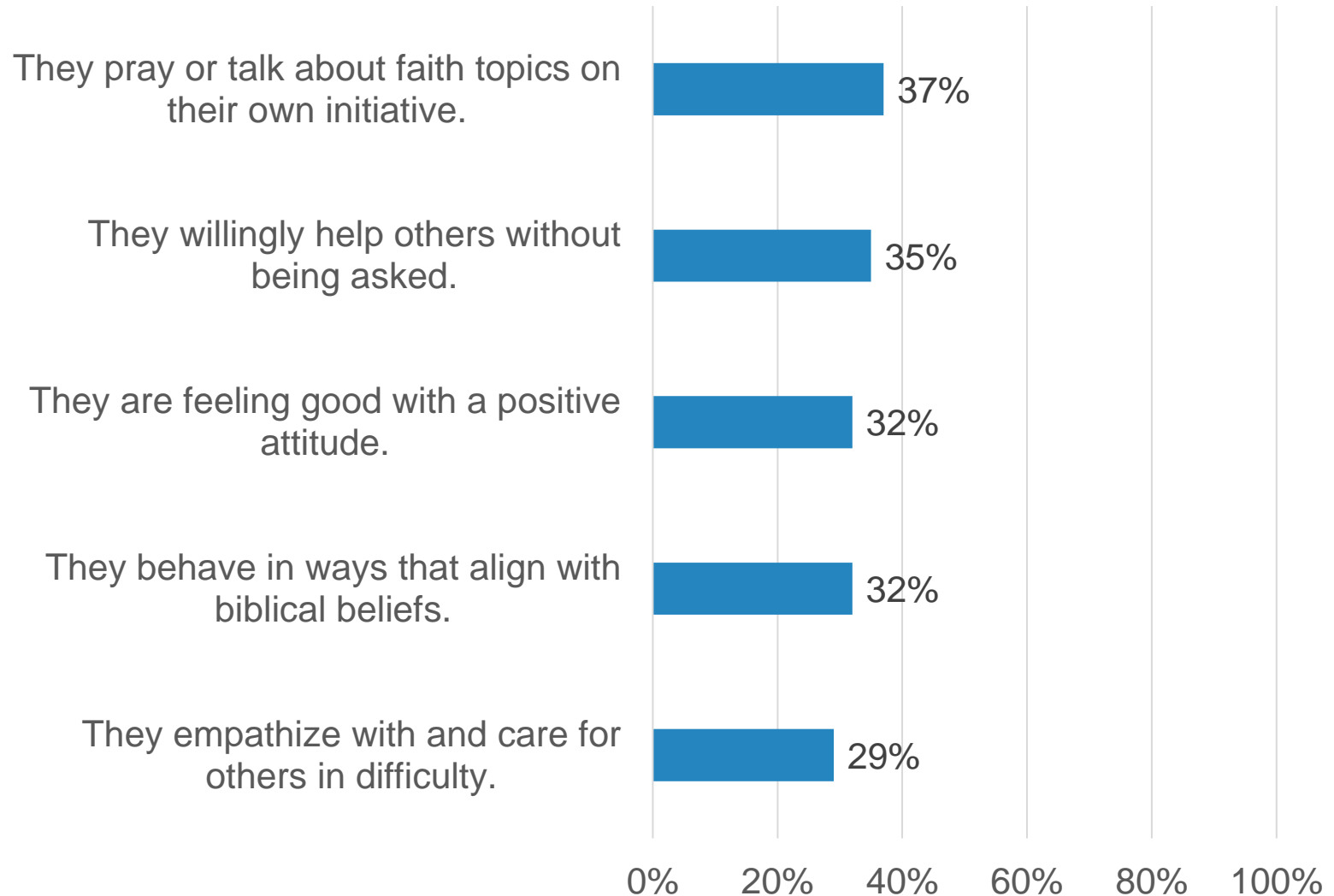
# “When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church? (Select up to 3)”



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Q23: “When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church? (Select up to 3)” n=1,001

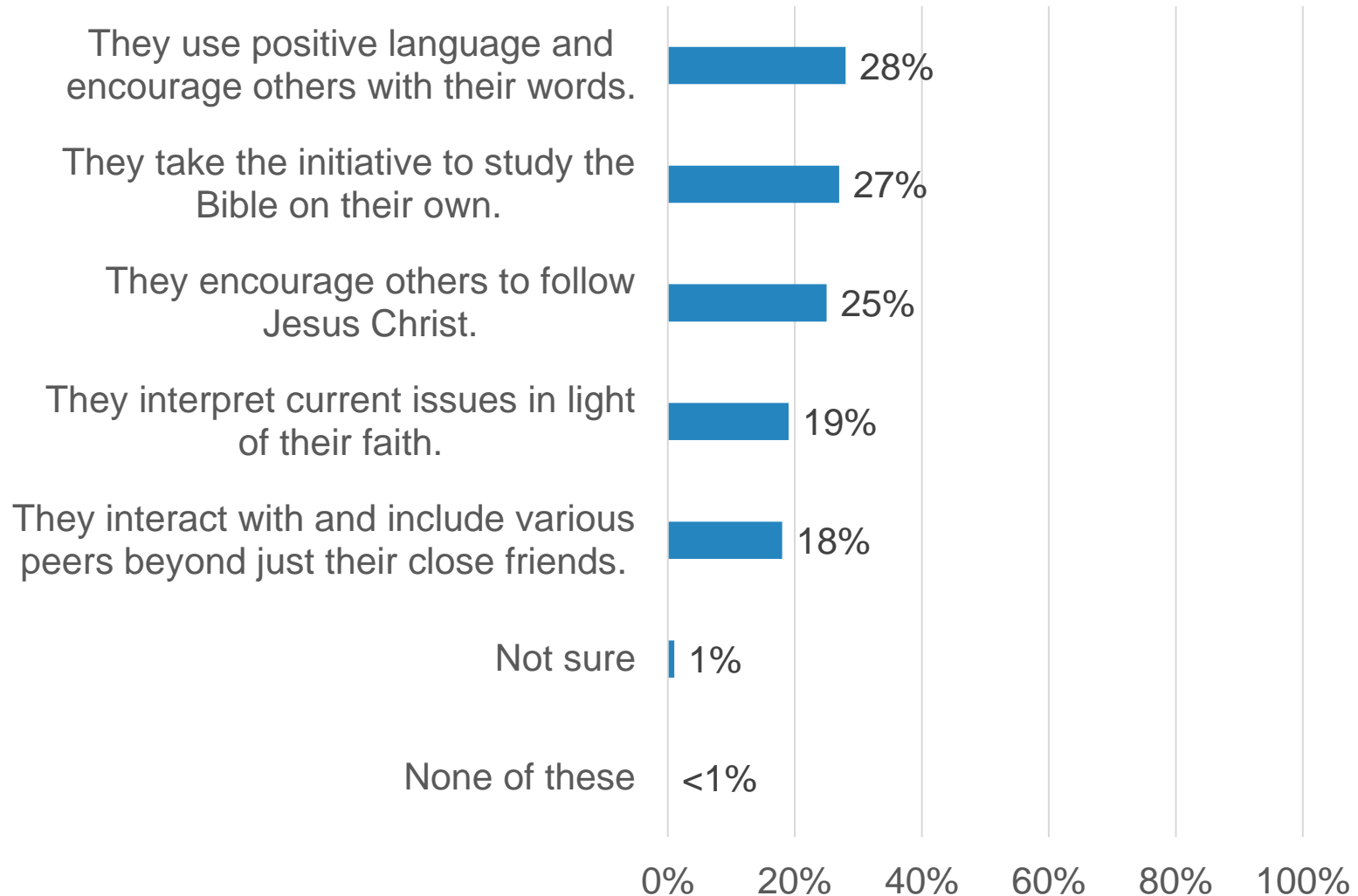
# There is little agreement among parents on the 3 best indicators of whether their student is doing well spiritually



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Q24: "Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually? (Select up to 3)" n=1,001

# There is little agreement among parents on the 3 best indicators of whether their student is doing well spiritually *continued*

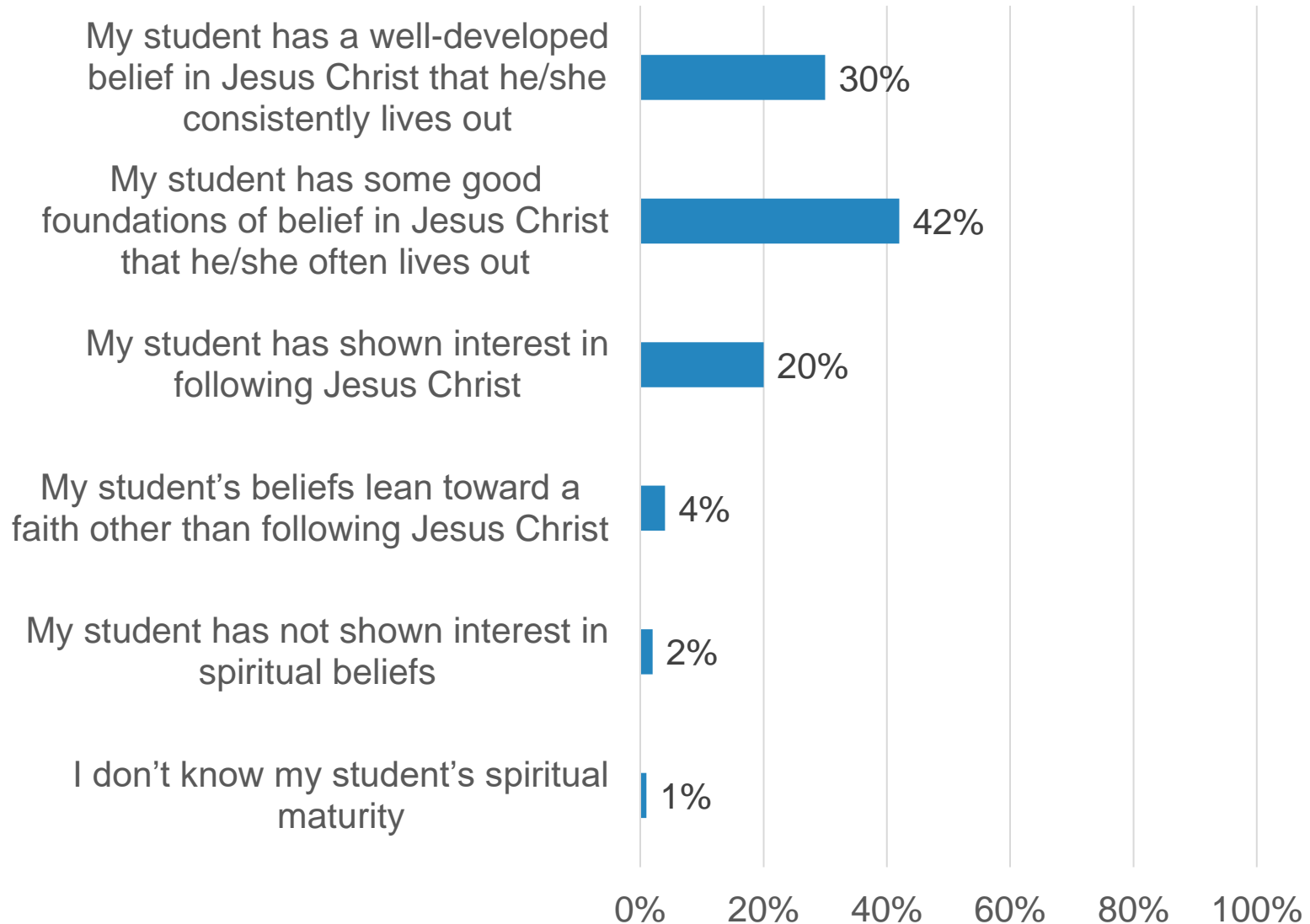


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Q24: "Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually? (Select up to 3)" n=1,001



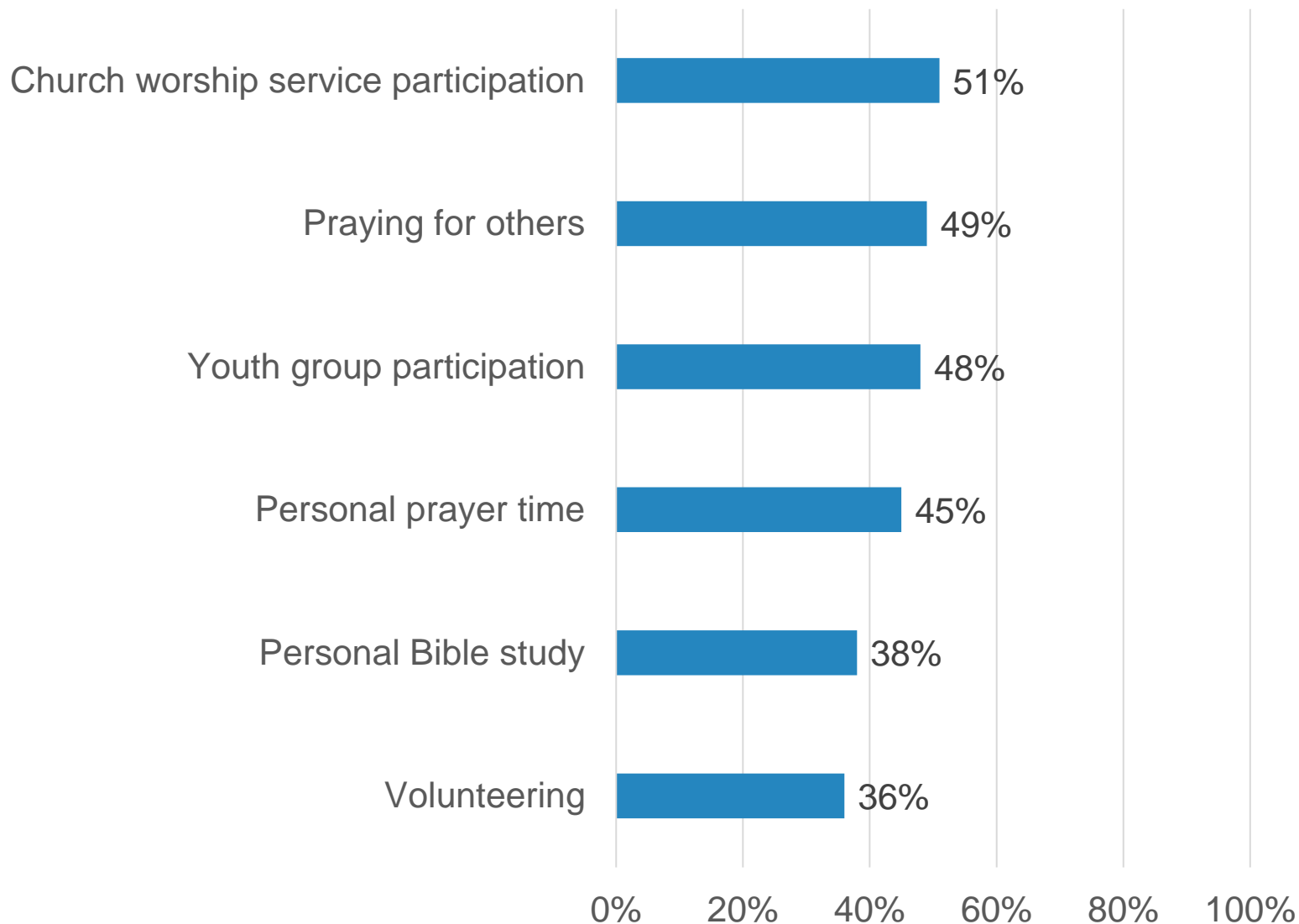
# 72% say that their student often or consistently lives out a belief in Jesus Christ



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Q25: "Which of the following best describe your student's overall spiritual maturity? (Select one)" n=1,001

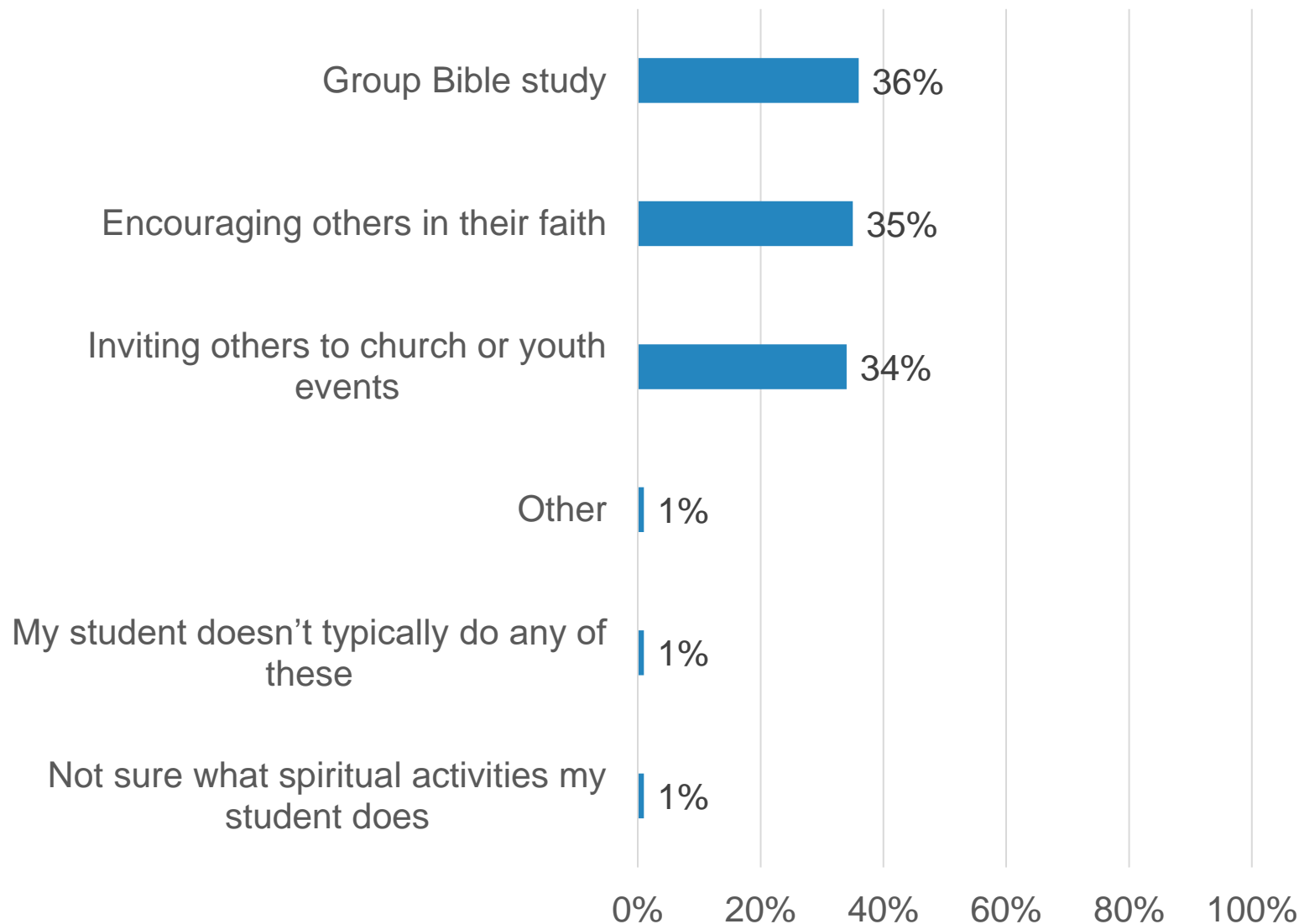
# “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”



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Q26: “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

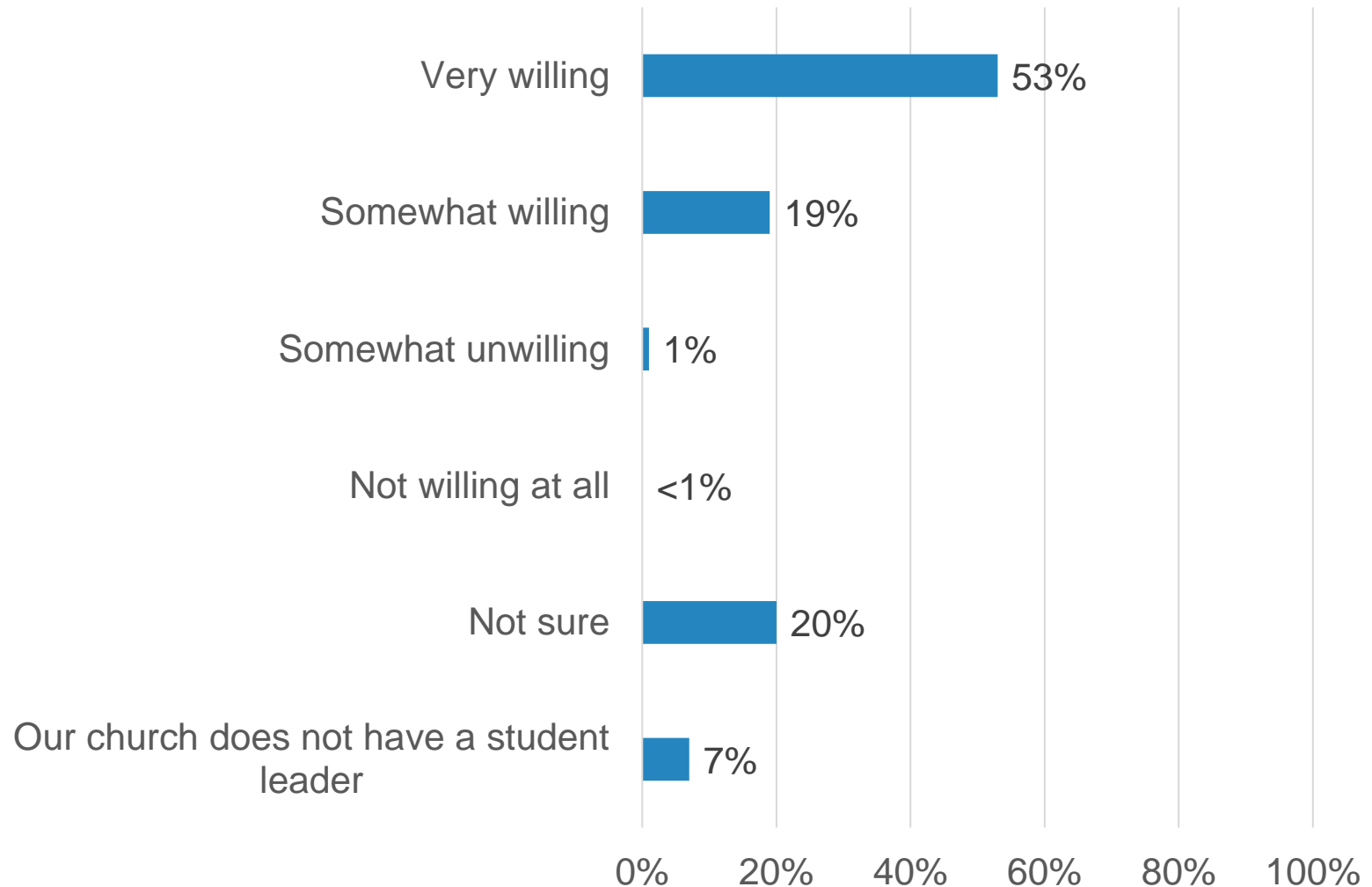
# “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?” *continued*



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Q26: “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of **your student’s** normal routine? (Select all that apply)” n=1,001

# 72% of parents are willing to partner with their church's student leader(s) to help their student grow spiritually



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Q27: "How willing are you to partner with your church's student leader(s) to help your student grow spiritually? (Select one)" n=1,001

# Reasons parents are willing to partner with their church to help their student grow spiritually

Want to help my child/other students grow spiritually	28%
Faith is important	11%
Spiritual guidance/teaching	9%
Spiritual community/Student activities	9%
To help others/To help the church	6%
The right thing to do/A good thing to do	6%
Responsibility as a parent	5%
Want what's best for my child	5%
Lead by example	4%
Trust leaders/Trust the church	3%
I am a Christian	2%
Need helping raising my child (Takes a village)	2%
Don't know/Not sure	<1%
Non-answer	9%

# Reasons parents are not more willing to partner with their church to help their student grow spiritually

Already feel like they do enough

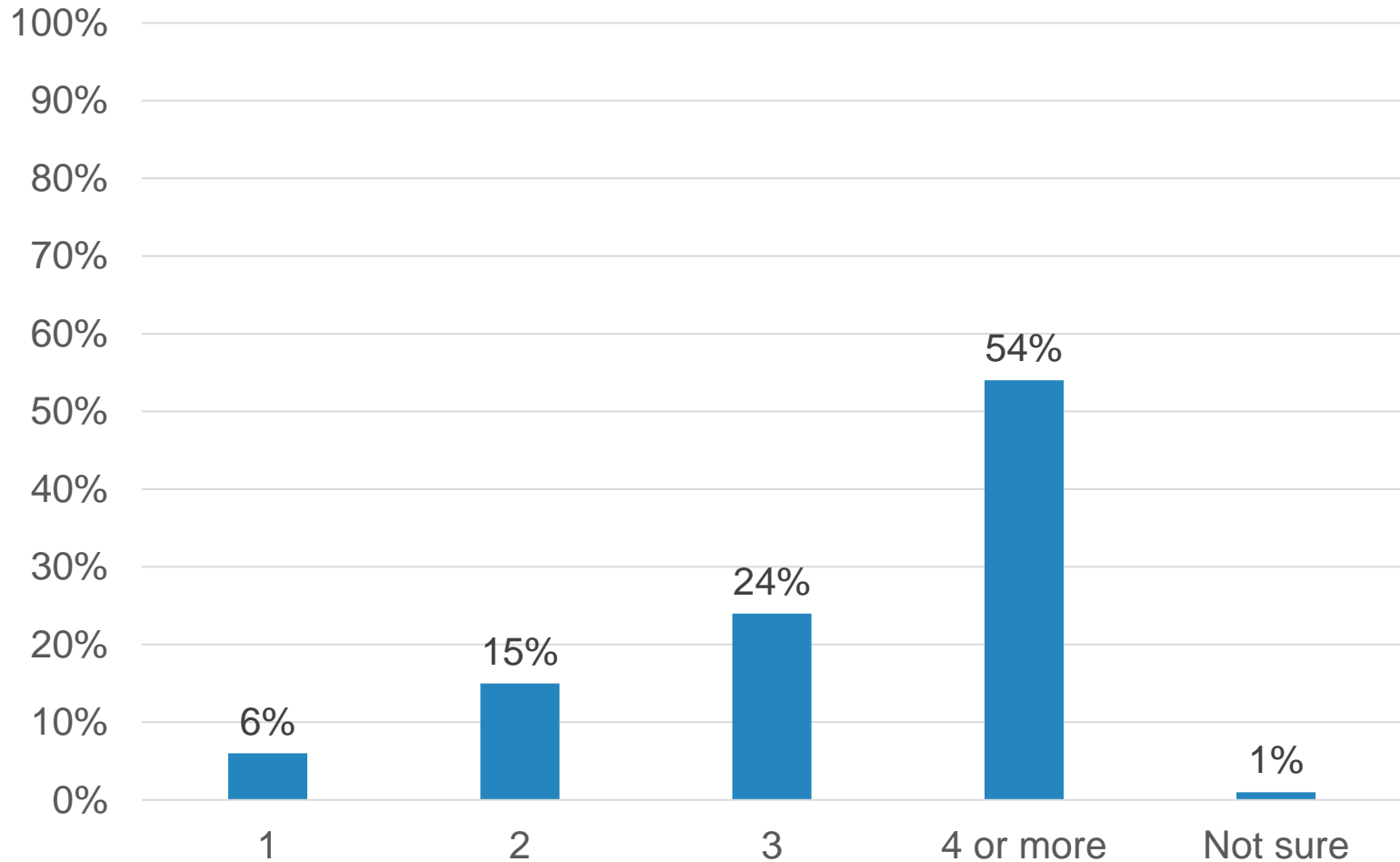
Do not have time/Too busy

It is the student's decision

Do not feel comfortable

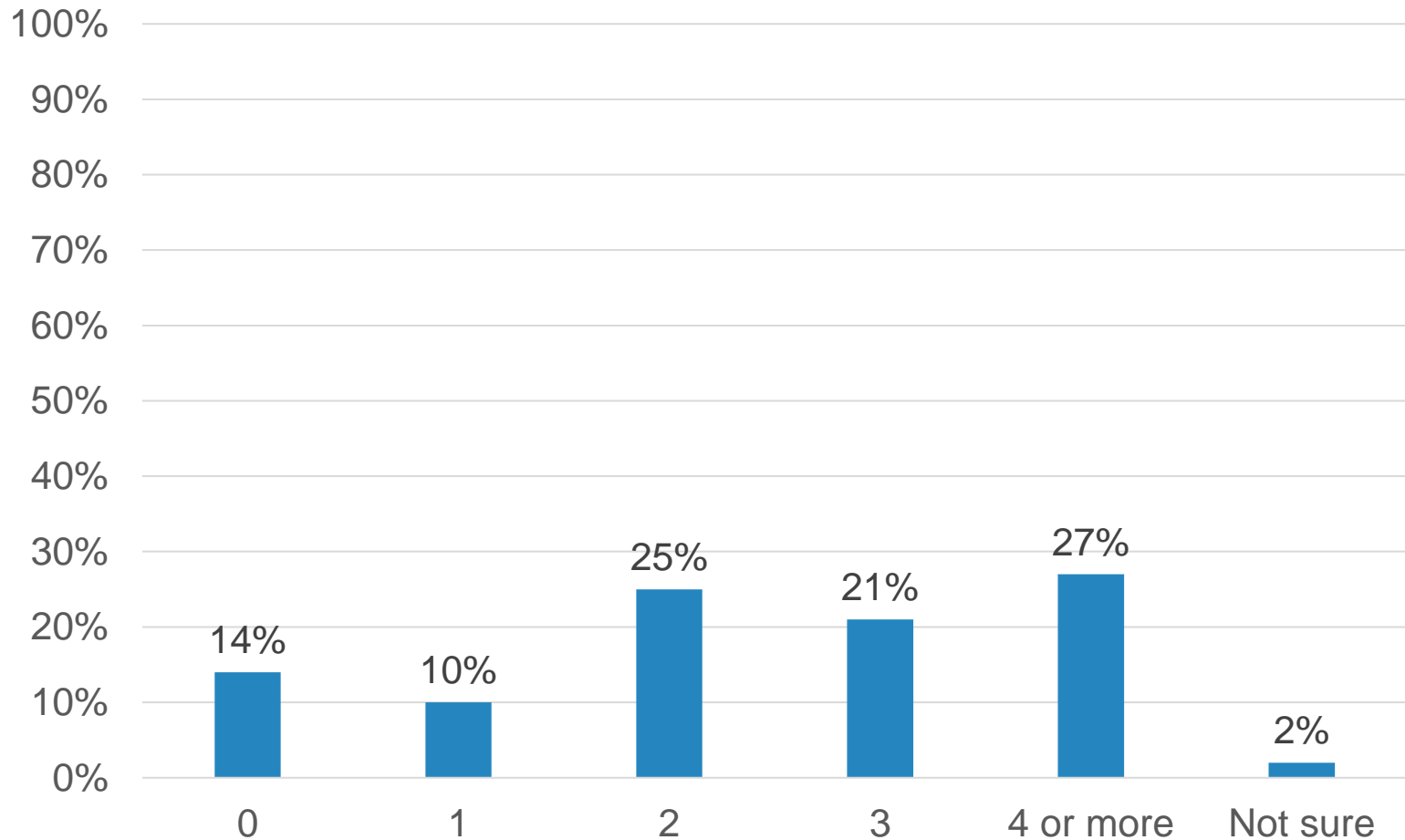
Not the church's responsibility

# 78% of churchgoing parents attend a worship service at their church 3 or more times a month



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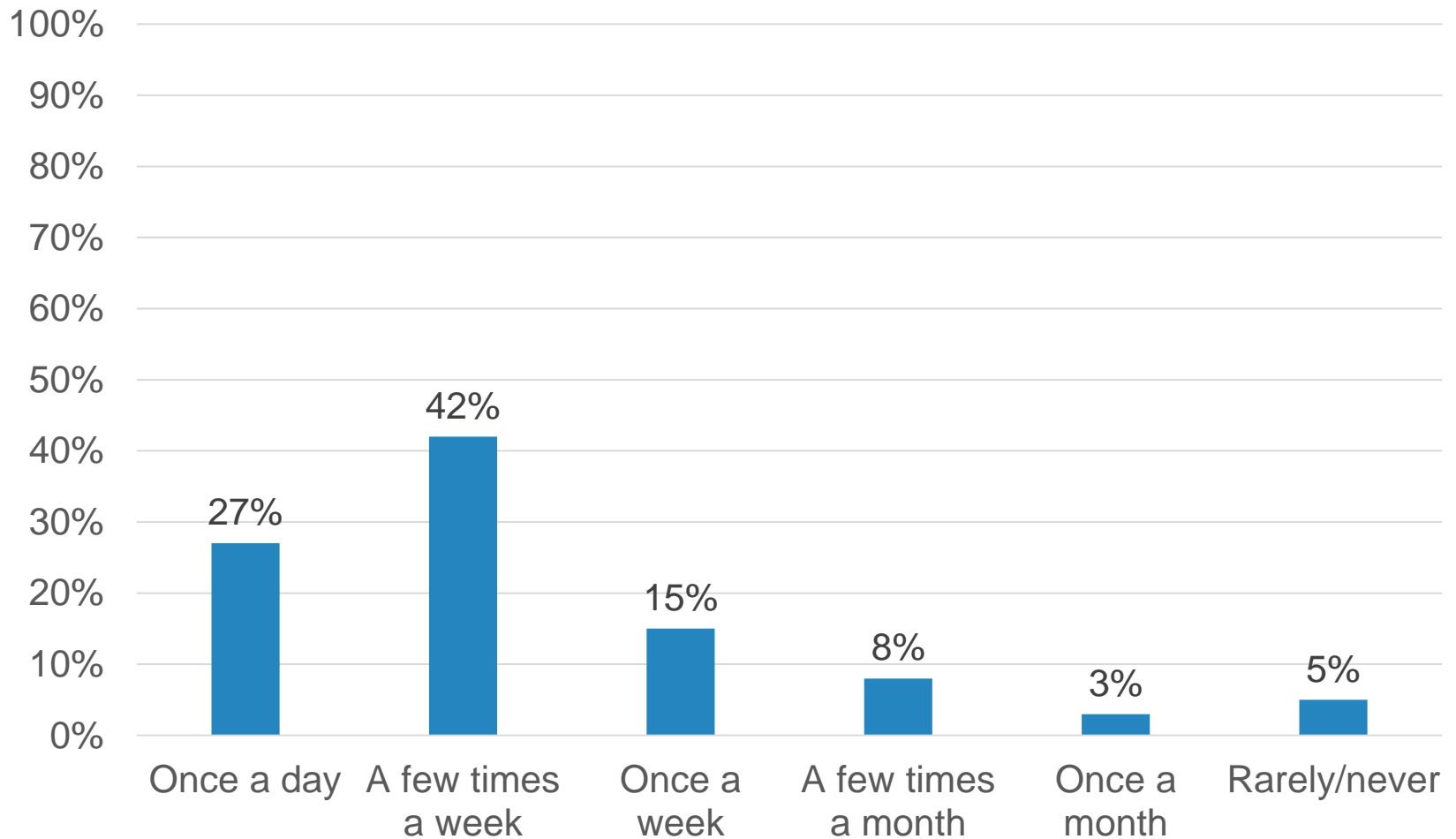
# 49% of churchgoing parents attend a small group Bible study or adult Sunday School class 3 or more times a month



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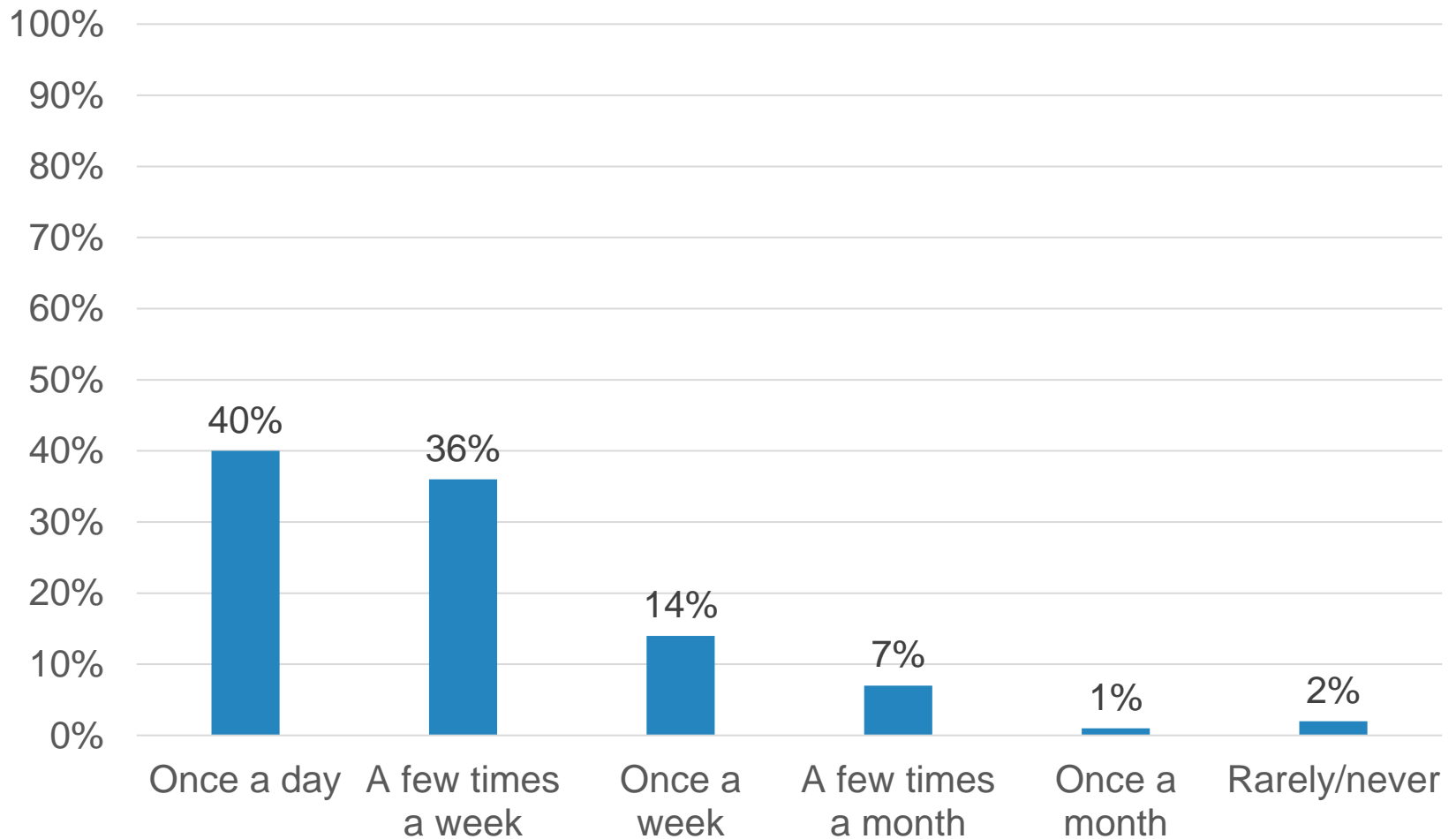


# 69% of churchgoing parents read and study the Bible a few times a week or more



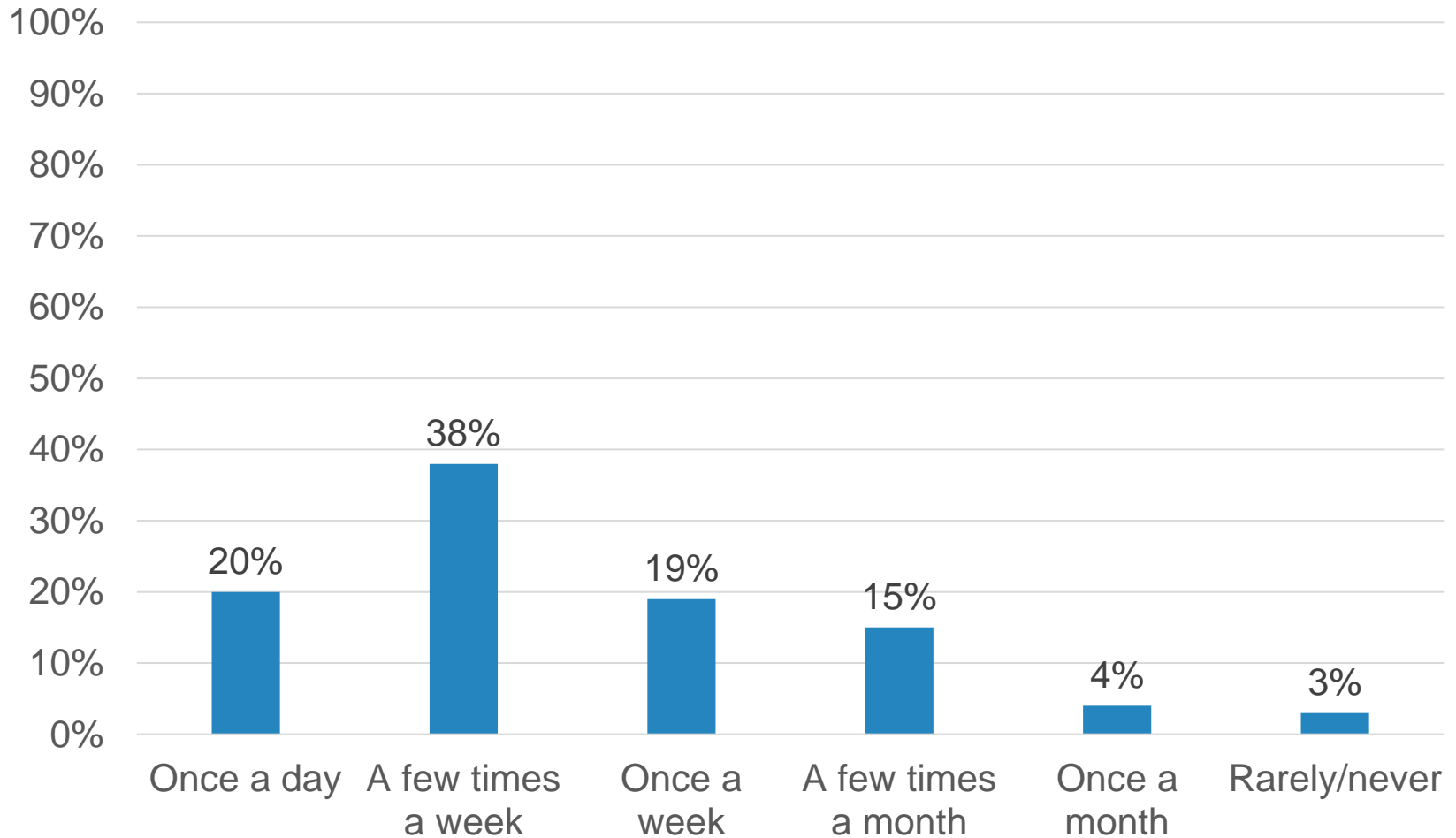
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# 77% of churchgoing parents pray several times a week or more that their student would live and grow in ways found in Scripture



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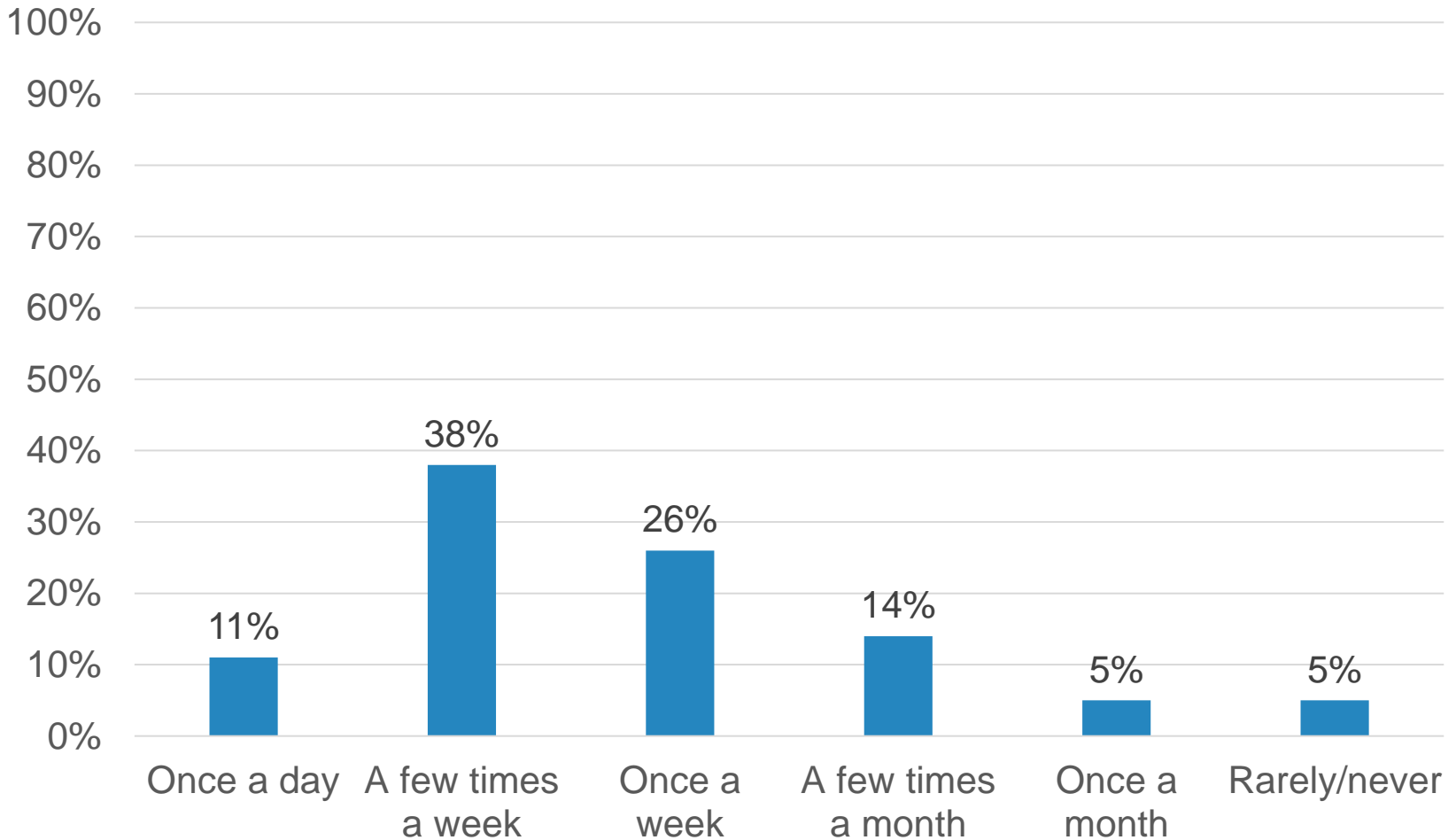
# 59% of churchgoing parents have biblical conversations with their student a few times a week or more



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Q33: "About how often, if at all, do **you** and your student have biblical conversations (meaningful conversation about what the Bible says about life topics)?" n=1,001

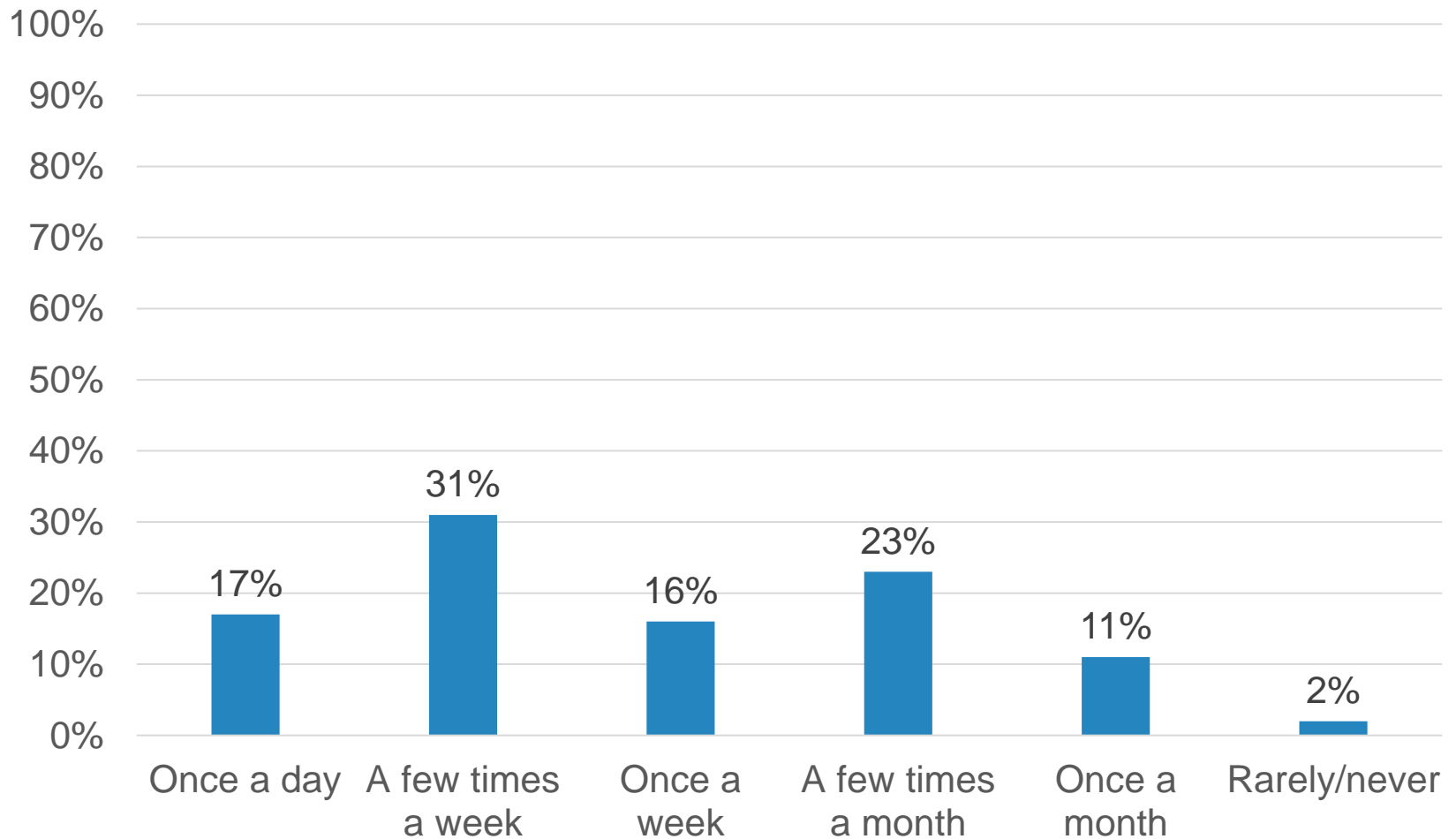
# 50% of churchgoing parents are connected to their local church including with other parents a few times a week or more



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Q34: "About how often, if at all, are you connected to your local church including interacting with other parents?" n=1,001

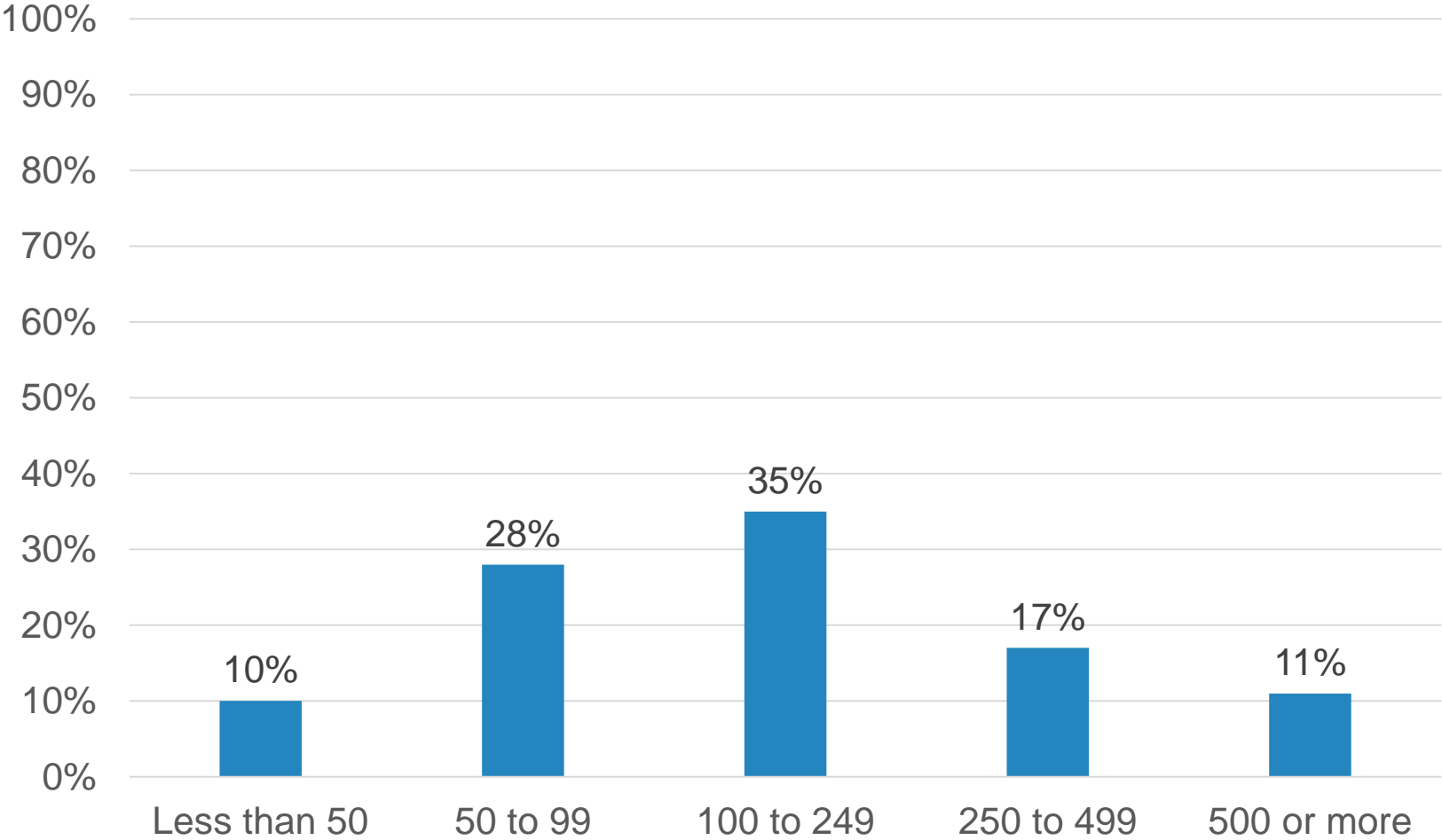
# 48% of churchgoing parents say they celebrate things within their home a few times a week or more



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Q35: "About how often, if at all, do you celebrate things within your home?" n=1,001

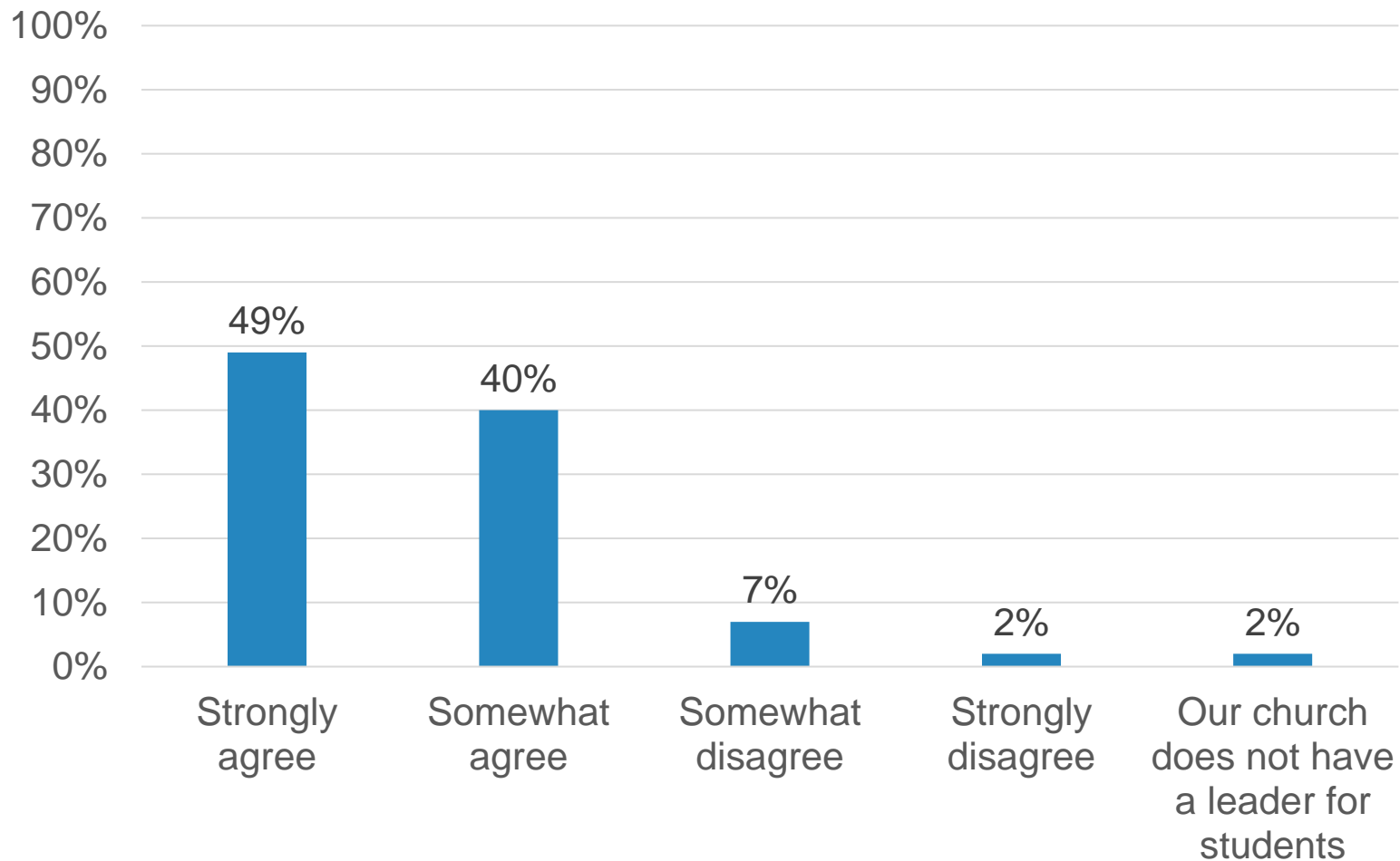
# Average worship attendance of churchgoing parents' churches



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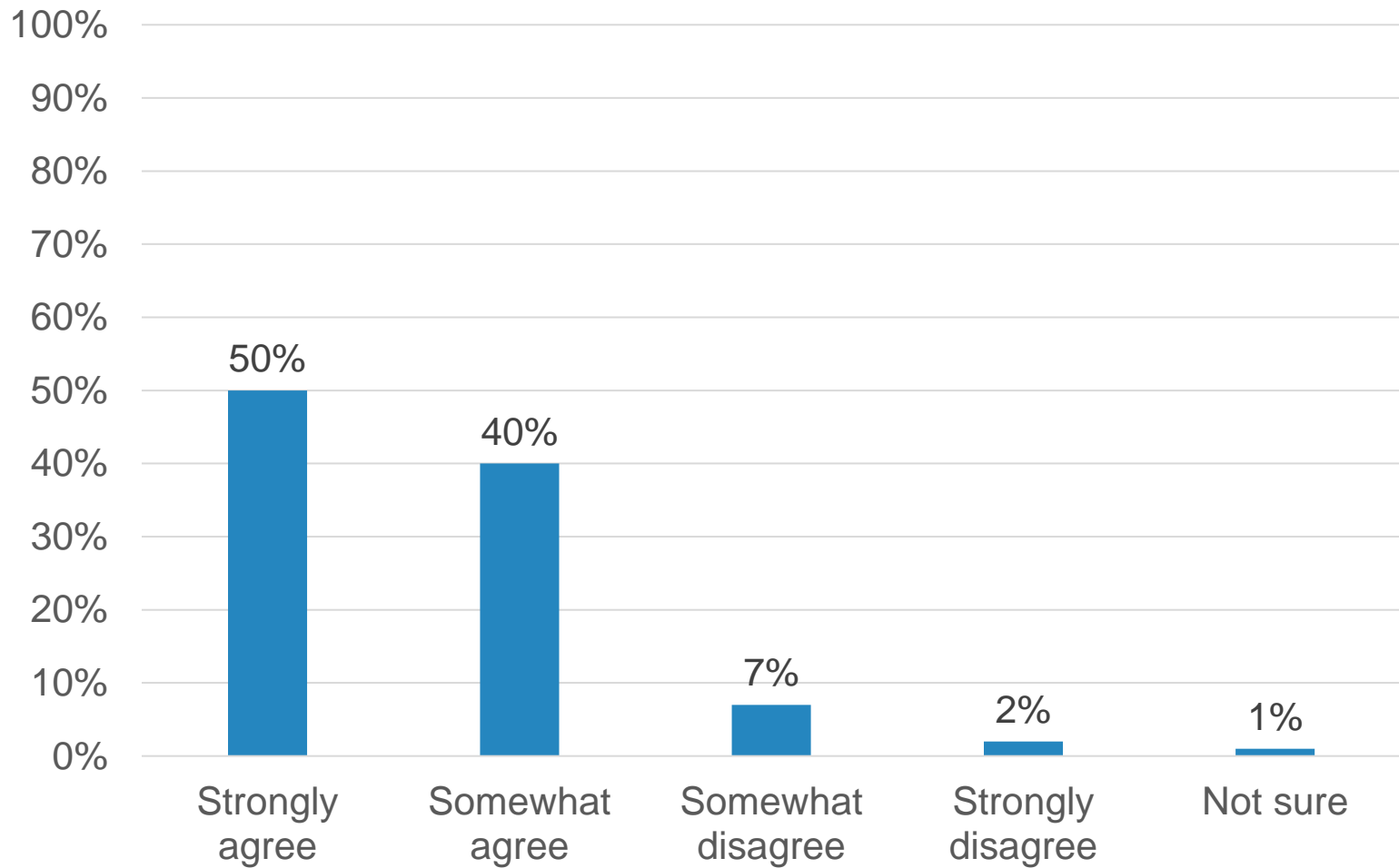
Q36: "What is your church's average worship attendance on a typical weekend (including all ages from babies to adults but not counting anyone twice)? If you are not sure, please make your best estimate." n=1,001

# 89% of churchgoing parents agree their family has a great relationship with the leader of their church's student ministry



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# 90% of churchgoing parents gladly seek to participate in the activities of their church

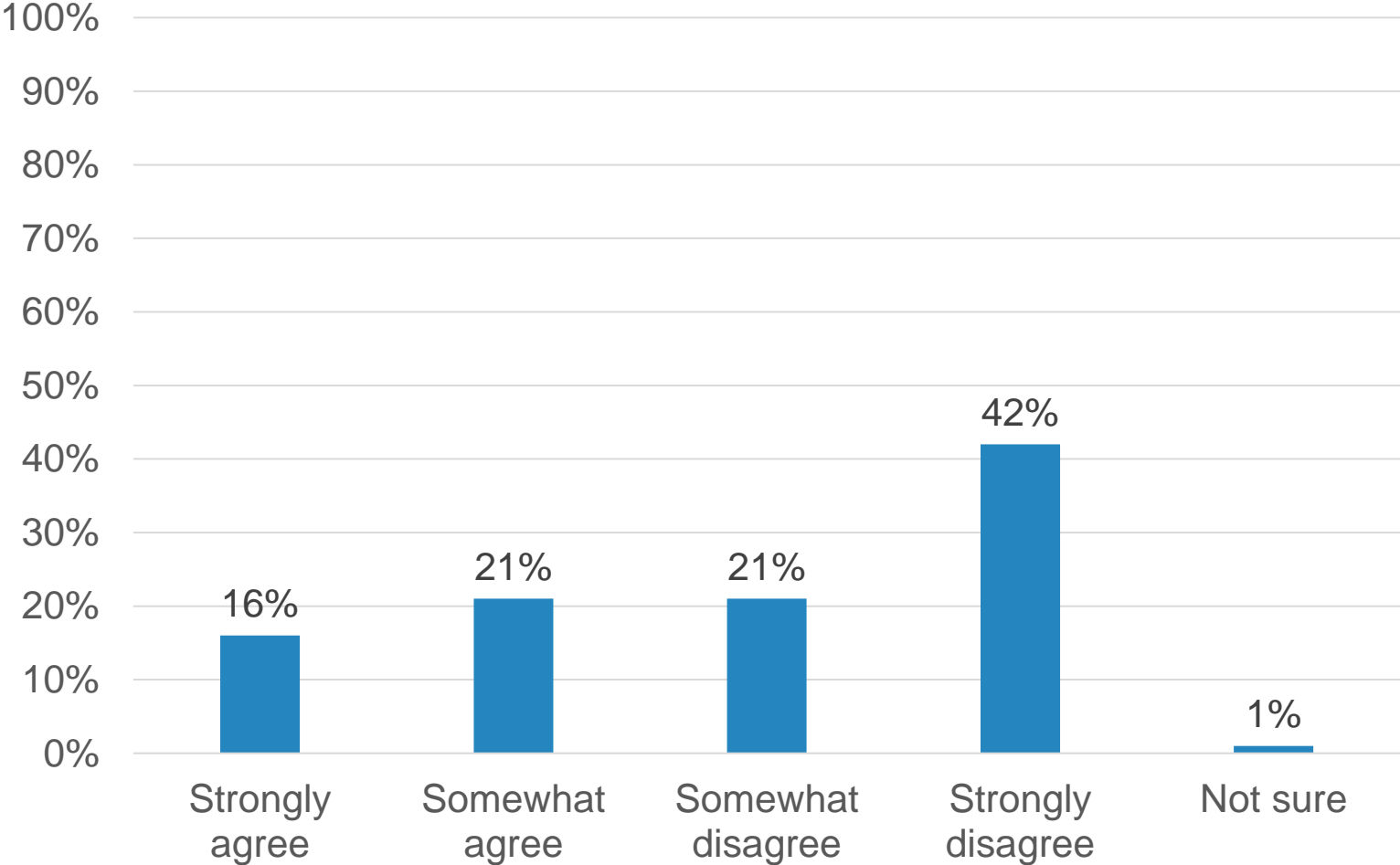


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Q38: "I gladly seek to participate in the activities of our church." n=1,001



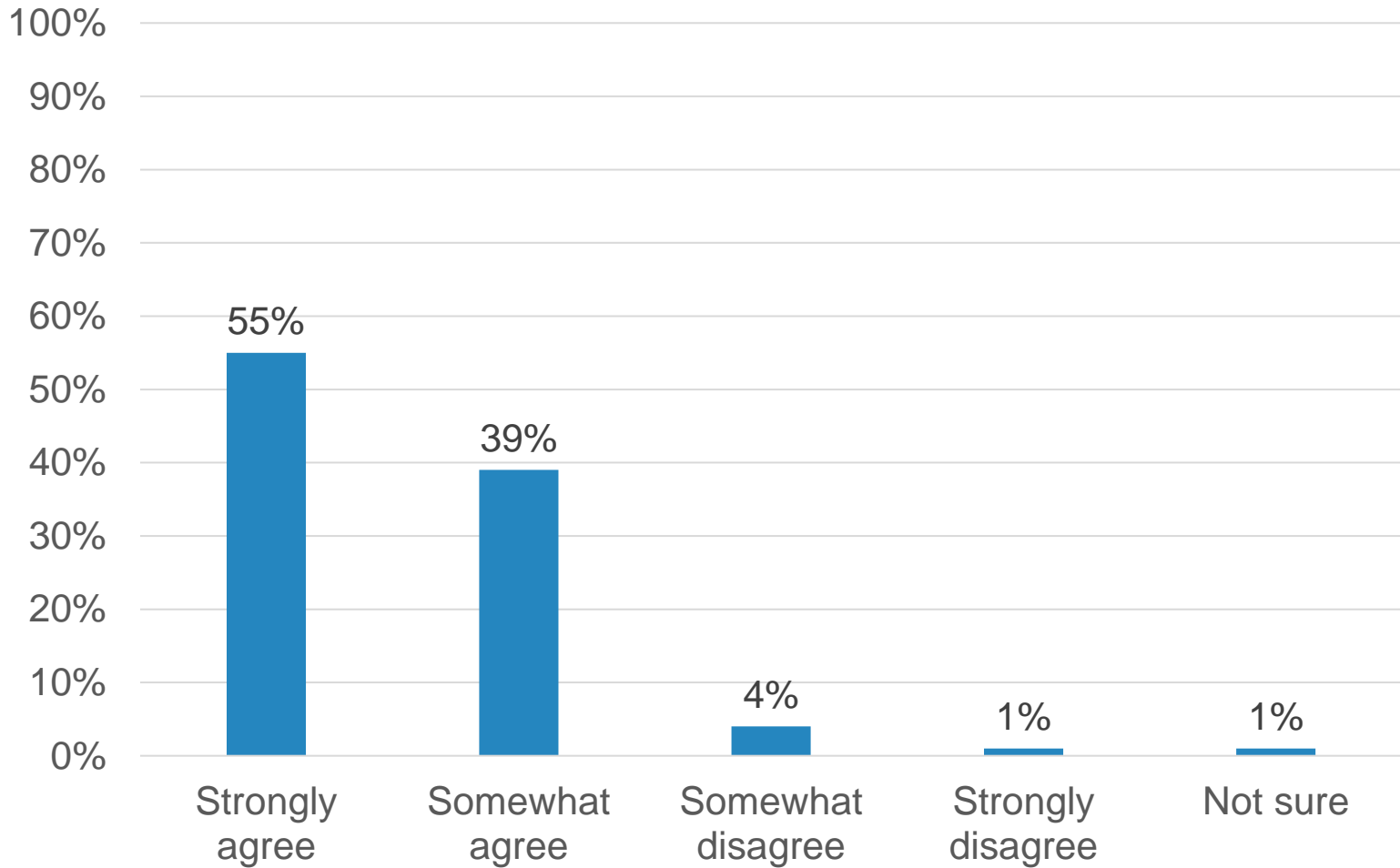
# 36% of churchgoing parents do not feel equipped to help their student develop spiritually



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Q39: "I don't feel equipped to help my student develop spiritually." n=1,001

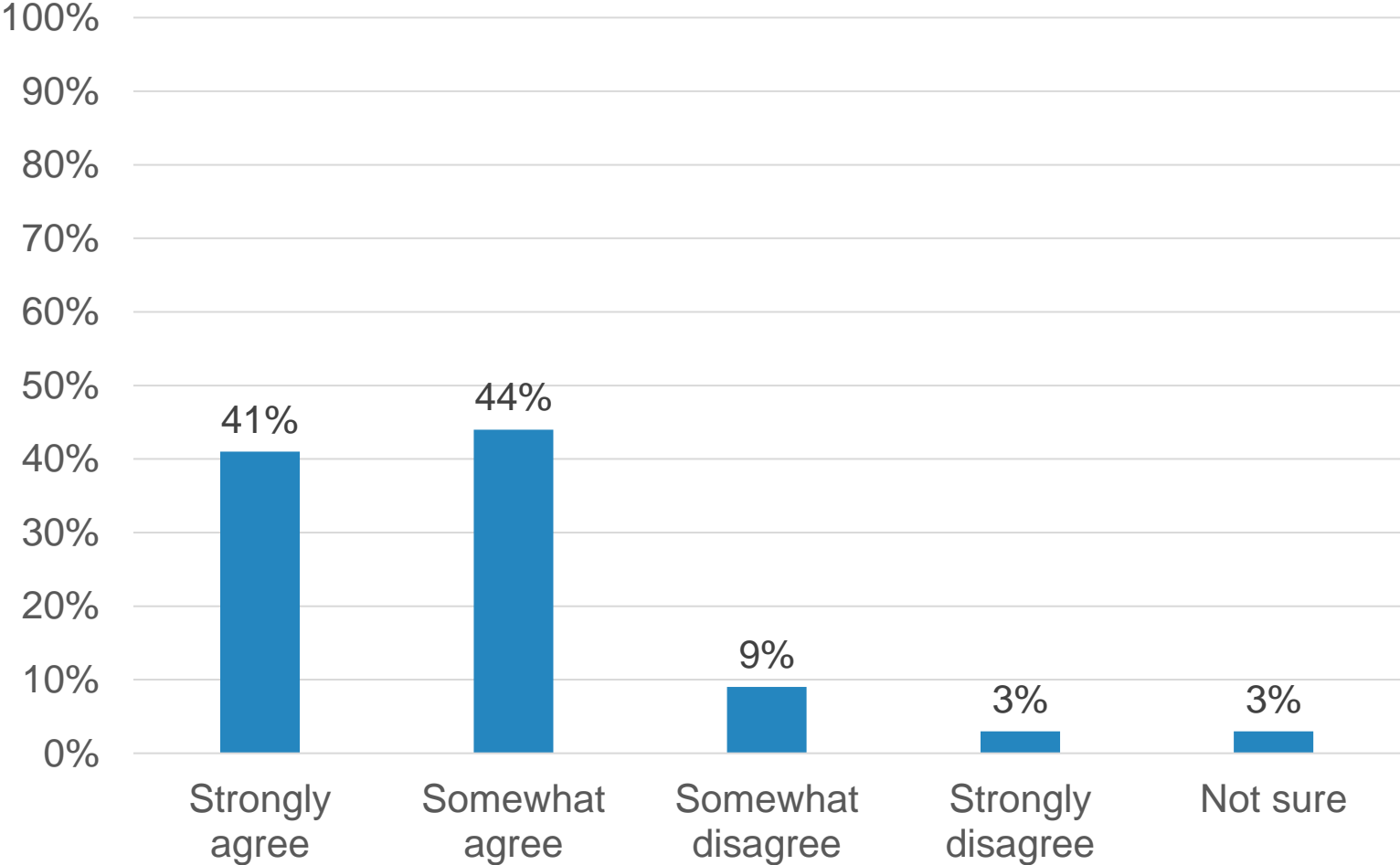
# 94% of churchgoing parents want to become more equipped to help their student develop spiritually



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Q40: "I want to become more equipped to help my student develop spiritually." n=1,001

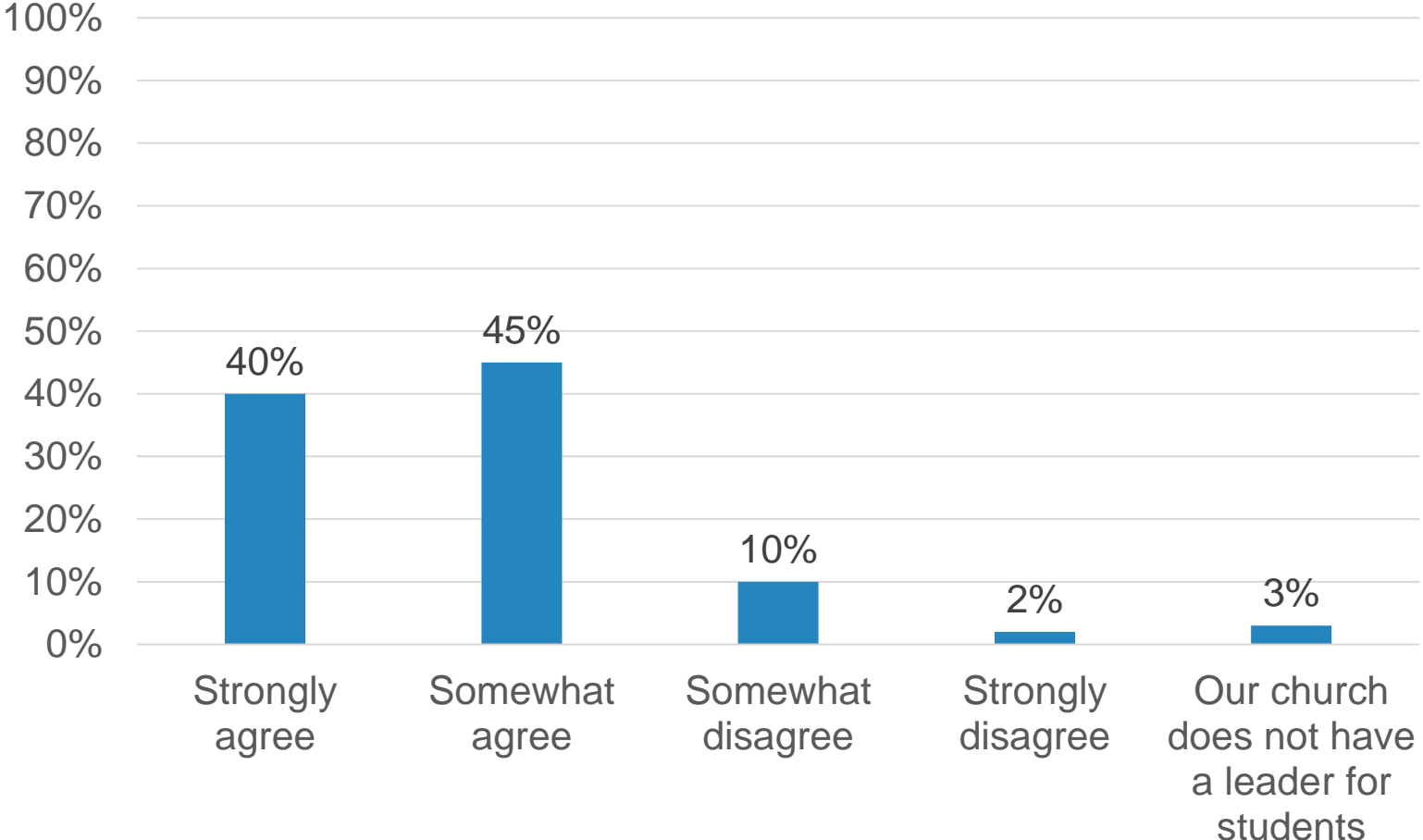
# 85% of churchgoing parents are connected in a spiritual community with other parents



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Q41: "I am connected in spiritual community with other parents." n=1,001

# 85% of churchgoing parents say that their church's student leaders provide information that consists of times, dates, and descriptions of upcoming events



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Q42: "The information provided by the student leader(s) at our church primarily consists of times, dates, and descriptions of upcoming events." n=1,001

# Significant Differences

Gender

Age

Ethnicity

Region

Education Level

Worship Service Attendance

Church Size

# Significant Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among gender, age, ethnicity, region, and education.

GENDER	AGE	ETHNICITY	REGION	EDUCATION
Male	18-34	White	Northeast	High School graduate or less
Female	35-44	African American	Midwest	Some college
	45+	Hispanic	South	Bachelor's Degree
		Other Ethnicities	West	Graduate Degree

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations

# Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among worship service attendance and church size.

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	CHURCH SIZE
Once a month	Less than 50
Twice a month	50 to 99
Three times a month	100 to 249
4 or more times a month	250 to 499
Not sure	500 or more

**“Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student’s future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)”**

### **Emotional well-being**

- Females are more likely to select than males (76% v. 55%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month (75%) are more likely to select than those who attend three times a month (60%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (72%), 100 to 249 (68%), and 500 or more (73%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (57%)



**“Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student’s future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)”**

### **Relational well-being**

- Males are more likely to select than females (30% v. 20%)
- Whites (25%) and Hispanics (31%) are more likely to select than African Americans (17%)

**“Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student’s future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)”**

## **Financial well-being**

- Males are more likely to select than females (52% v. 40%)
- Whites (46%) and African Americans (52%) are more likely to select than Other Ethnicities (28%)
- Those in the Northeast (52%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (40%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (51%) or with a Graduate Degree (53%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (41%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (55%) are more likely to select than those who attend 4 or more times a month (41%)

**“Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student’s future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)”**

## **Spiritual well-being**

- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (60%)
- Those in the Northeast (79%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (69%) and West (69%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (74%) or a Graduate Degree (78%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (64%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (72%) or 4 or more times a month (77%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (57%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (77%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (63%) and 100 to 249 (67%)

**“Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student’s future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)”**

### **Physical well-being**

- African Americans (67%) and Other Ethnicities (68%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (53%)
- Those with some college are the most likely to select (67%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (67%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (55%)

**“Please rank your three biggest priorities for your student’s future. (Please type 1, 2, and 3 next to your appropriate choices with 1 being the biggest priority.)”**

**Having a profession they enjoy**

- No meaningful significant differences

## **“My student giving into peer pressure from their friends.”**

- Males are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than females (58% v. 35%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (56%)
- Hispanics (54%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than African Americans (39%)
- Those in the Northeast (53%) and West (63%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those in the Midwest (35%) and South (42%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (57%)
- Those who attend a worship service twice a month (48%) or 4 or more times a month (47%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend once a month (31%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (49%) and 250 to 499 (51%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend a church of less 50 (36%) and 500 or more (33%)

## **“My student becoming distracted by worldly things around them.”**

- Males are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than females (60% v. 41%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (60%)
- Whites (52%) and Hispanics (57%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than African Americans (41%) and Other Ethnicities (36%)
- Those in the Northeast (57%) and West (66%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those in the Midwest (40%) and South (46%)
- Those with some college (51%) or a Graduate Degree (59%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who are High School Graduates or less (42%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (53%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend once a month (35%) or three times a month (45%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (55%) and 250 to 499 (57%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (41%), 50 to 99 (45%), and 500 or more (41%)

## **“My student feeling unsure about their faith.”**

- Males are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than females (56% v. 31%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (53%)
- Whites (43%) and Hispanics (52%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than African Americans (34%)
- Those in the Northeast (54%) and West (62%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those in the Midwest (31%) and South (37%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (55%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (46%) or 4 or more times a month (43%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend once a month (26%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (52%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (27%), 50 to 99 (39%), and 500 or more (38%)



## **“My student regularly attending church once they move out of our home.”**

- Males are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than females (55% v. 32%)
- Those age 45+ (28%) are more likely to select “Moderately Concerned” than those 35-44 (18%)
- Whites (44%) and Hispanics (48%) are more likely to select than African Americans (32%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (61%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (54%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the most likely to select “Not Concerned at All/A Little Concerned”(54%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (45%) and 250 to 499 (52%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (32%) and 500 or more (31%)

## **“My student focusing more on their spiritual growth as an adult while neglecting their professional success.”**

- Males are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than females (52% v. 21%)
- Those age 45+ are the most likely to select “Not Concerned at All/A Little Concerned” (61%)
- Those in the Northeast (44%) and West (55%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those in the Midwest (25%) and South (30%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (49%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month (60%) are more likely to select “Not Concerned at All/A Little Concerned” than those who attend three times a month (45%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 are the most likely to select “Not Concerned at All/A Little Concerned” (72%)

## **“My student focusing more on professional success as an adult while neglecting their spiritual growth.”**

- Males are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than females (57% v. 34%)
- Those age 45+ are the most likely to select “Not Concerned/A Little Concerned” (42%)
- Hispanics (52%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than African Americans (40%)
- Those in the Northeast (51%) and West (61%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those in the Midwest (36%) and South (40%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” (54%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the most likely to select “Not Concerned/A Little Concerned”(56%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (53%) are more likely to select “Concerned/Very Concerned” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (36%) and 500 or more (34%)

## **“Which one of the following best describes your primary approach to your children’s spiritual development.”**

- Females are more likely to select “I encourage my student to be engaged in the Christian faith” than males (38% v. 28%)
- Those age 35-44 (42%) are more likely to select “I strongly encourage my student to be engaged in the Christian faith” than those 18-34 (32%)
- Other Ethnicities (21%) are more likely to select “I leave their spiritual development up to my student” than Whites (11%) and Hispanics (6%)
- Those in the Midwest are the most likely to select “I encourage my student to be engaged in the Christian life” (42%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “I strongly encourage my student to be engaged in the Christian faith” (51%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select “I strongly encourage my student to be engaged in the Christian faith” (44%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (43%) are more likely to select “I strongly encourage my student to be engaged in the Christian faith” than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (33%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Told them I was praying for them (and did pray for them)**

- Females are more likely to select than males (52% v. 33%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (36%)
- African Americans (51%) are more likely to select than Whites (41%)
- Those in the Midwest (46%) and South (48%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (30%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (48%) or with some college (52%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (38%) or a Graduate Degree (36%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (48%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (37%) or three times a month (37%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (59%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (36%) and 100 to 249 (42%)

# “Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”

## Prayed with them

- Females are more likely to select than males (56% v. 43%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (59%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (63%), 100 to 249 (54%), and 250 to 499 (60%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (37%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Encouraged them to pray on their own**

- Females are more likely to select than males (57% v. 40%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (41%)
- Those in the South (54%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (38%) and West (45%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (54%) are more likely to select than those who attend three times a month (42%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (65%) and 250 to 499 (61%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (42%) and 100 to 249 (44%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Encouraged them to read their Bible**

- Females are more likely to select than males (48% v. 36%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (49%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (39%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (54%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (56%) and 250 to 499 (51%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (34%) and 500 or more (38%)



## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Read the Bible together**

- Those age 35-44 (39%) are more likely to select than those 45+ (29%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (43%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (32%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (33%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (45%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (40%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (30%)

**“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

**Looked up answers in the Bible to spiritual questions together**

- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (33%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (33%) and 250 to 499 (32%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (20%)

**“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Encouraged them to attend church services**

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (56%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (58%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 are the least likely to select (36%)

**“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

**Encouraged them to attend activities at church for students**

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (49%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (47%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (45%) and 500 or more (49%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (31%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Created a safe space for open communication at home**

- Females are more likely to select than males (52% v. 32%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (51%)
- Those in the Midwest (48%) and South (44%) are more likely to select than those in the West (35%)
- Those with some college (50%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (38%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (55%), 250 to 499 (48%), and 500 or more (56%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (37%), 100 to 249 (38%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Helped them find support from a pastor or student leader**

- Those age 35-44 (23%) are more likely to select than those 45+ (13%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (29%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (22%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (6%) or three times a month (14%)

**“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

**Been transparent about my own challenges**

- Females are more likely to select than males (42% v. 28%)
- Those with some college are the most likely to select (45%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (46%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (29%) and 100 to 249 (33%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Provided guidance when they struggled**

- Females are more likely to select than males (55% v. 32%)
- African Americans (53%) are more likely to select than Whites (43%) and Hispanics (41%)
- Those in the Midwest (52%) and South (46%) are more likely to select than those in the West (34%)
- Those with some college are the most likely to select (55%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (61%) and 500 or more (54%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (35%) and 100 to 249 (42%)



**“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

**Sought to appreciate their contemporary culture**

- Other Ethnicities (22%) are more likely to select than African Americans (11%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (8%)

## **“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Initiated spiritual conversations with them**

- Females are more likely to select than males (42% v. 28%)
- Other Ethnicities (52%) are more likely to select than Whites (32%) and African Americans (36%)
- Those in the South (38%) and West (36%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (25%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (42%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (44%) and 250 to 499 (42%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (31%) and 100 to 249 (31%)

**“Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last 2 weeks to help your student spiritually?”**

### **Encouraged them with affirmations**

- Females are more likely to select than males (40% v. 28%)
- African Americans (43%) are more likely to select than Whites (32%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (46%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (30%) and 100 to 249 (31%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Regular Bible teaching

- Females are more likely to select than males (64% v. 49%)
- Whites (59%) and African Americans (61%) are more likely to select than Other Ethnicities (44%)
- Those in the Midwest (63%) and South (59%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (49%) and West (50%)
- Those with some college (63%) are more likely to select than those with Bachelor’s Degree (54%) or a Graduate Degree (53%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (65%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (52%) or three times a month (44%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (70%), 100 to 249 (58%), and 250 to 499 (60%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (50%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Youth group social activities

- Females are more likely to select than males (69% v. 47%)
- Those age 45+ (65%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (54%)
- African Americans (66%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (54%)
- Those in the Midwest (67%) and South (62%) are more likely to select than those in the West (47%)
- Those with some college are the most likely to select (69%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (64%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (48%) or three times a month (53%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 are the least likely to select (49%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Large group worship for youth

- Females are more likely to select than males (50% v. 39%)
- Those in the South (49%) are more likely to select than those in the West (39%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (49%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (35%) or twice a month (39%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (58%) and 500 or more (59%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (29%), 50 to 99 (35%), and 100 to 249 (47%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Opportunities to serve others

- Those in the Midwest (51%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (37%) and West (39%)
- Those with some college (50%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (37%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more are the most likely to select (59%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Apps and tools to help students with their faith

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (31%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (27%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (15%) or three times a month (18%)



# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Emotional support

- Females are more likely to select than males (50% v. 39%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (49%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (33%) or twice a month (39%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (52%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (41%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Providing a sense of community

- Those with some college (58%) are more likely to select than those with Bachelor’s Degree (45%) or a Graduate Degree (43%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (55%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (42%) or three times a month (42%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Giving them access to mentors

- African Americans (48%) are more likely to select than Whites (38%)
- Those with some college (46%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (35%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (37%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (45%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (29%) or twice a month (27%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (51%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (35%) and 50 to 99 (31%)

**“What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”**

**Week of summer camp**

- No meaningful significant differences

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## A weekend of spiritual emphasis

- Those in the South (27%) and West (33%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (19%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (31%) or a Graduate Degree (32%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (22%) or with some college (19%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (30%) are more likely to select than those who attend three times a month (20%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (27%), 250 to 499 (38%), and 500 or more (30%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (15%) and 50 to 99 (20%)

# “What resources or activities has your church provided for your student?”

## Confirmation or new Christian classes

- Those in the Midwest are the least likely to select (15%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (33%) are more likely to select than with some college (20%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (8%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 are the most likely to select (34%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Regular Bible teaching**

- Males are more likely to select than females (76% v. 66%)
- Those age 35-44 are the most likely to select (77%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (79%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (64%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (77%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (72%) and 500 or more (77%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (62%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Youth group social activities**

- Hispanics (87%) are more likely to select than African Americans (72%) and Other Ethnicities (64%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to select (87%)



**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Large group worship for youth**

- Whites (70%) and Hispanics (73%) are more likely to select than African Americans (53%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (76%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (61%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

**Opportunities to serve others**

- No meaningful significant differences

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

**Apps and tools to help students with their faith**

- Males are more likely to select than females (67% v. 54%)
- Those age 54+ are the least likely to select (43%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Emotional support**

- No meaningful significant differences

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Providing a sense of community**

- Those age 35-44 (80%) are more likely to select than those 45+ (64%)
- Those who attend a worship service twice a month (83%) are more likely to select than those who attend three times a month (64%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (84%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (69%) and 100 to 249 (70%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Giving them access to mentors**

- Those in the West (78%) are more likely to select than those in the South (64%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (84%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (64%) and 100 to 249 (66%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

**Week of summer camp**

- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (78%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (61%) and 100 to 249 (58%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **A weekend of spiritual emphasis**

- Those in the South (74%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (53%) and West (55%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (70%) or 4 or more times a month (73%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (41%)



**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

### **Confirmation or new Christian classes**

- Those in the Midwest are the least likely to select (48%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (73%) or a Graduate Degree (79%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (54%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (76%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (49%) or three times a month (56%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (90%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (61%), 50 to 99 (60%), and 100 to 249 (63%)

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

**None of the resources or activities had a positive impact**

- No meaningful significant differences

**“Which, if any, of the resources or activities provided by your church have had a positive impact on your student’s spiritual growth?”**

**Not sure if any of the resources or activities had a positive impact**

- No meaningful significant differences

**“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

**Affirm biblical principles taught at church**

- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (35%) or 4 or more times a month (40%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (19%) or twice a month (23%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (37%), 250 to 499 (41%), and 500 or more (42%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (28%)

**“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

### **Teach Bible stories and principles at home**

- Females are more likely to select than males (48% v. 38%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (51%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (51%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (38%)

**“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

**Discuss life events with my student considering what the Bible has to say on the topic**

- Those with a Graduate Degree (48%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (38%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (39%) or 4 or more times a month (47%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (24%)

**“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

**Pray that my student would grow in ways found in Scripture**

- Those in the Northeast (51%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (37%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (50%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (54%) and 500 or more (49%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (36%)

# **“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

## **Pray together with my student**

- Females are more likely to select than males (56% v. 45%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (56%) are more likely to select than those with Bachelor’s Degree (46%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (58%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (55%) and 500 or more (60%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (45%)



**“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

**Regularly read the Bible myself**

- Those in the South (51%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (38%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (57%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 are the least likely to select (40%)

# **“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

## **Pray during meals we eat together**

- Females are more likely to select than males (49% v. 38%)
- African Americans (54%) are more likely to select than Whites (43%) and Other Ethnicities (31%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (53%) are more likely to select than those with Bachelor’s Degree (39%) or a Graduate Degree (39%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (54%) and 250 to 499 (51%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (40%) and 100 to 249 (42%)

# **“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

## **Take my student to church**

- Females are more likely to select than males (61% v. 47%)
- Those in the West are the least likely to select (45%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (60%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (64%), 250 to 499 (60%), and 500 or more (59%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (47%)

# **“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

## **Be involved in church activities myself**

- Females are more likely to select than males (55% v. 41%)
- Those in the Midwest (52%) and South (53%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (38%) and West (40%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (55%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (58%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (43%) and 100 to 249 (45%)

**“Which, if any, of the following are expectations your church has placed on parents of students?”**

**Encourage celebration in our home**

- Those in the South (39%) and West (38%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (26%)

# “When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”

## When we are at home

- Females are more likely to select than males (65% v. 52%)
- Those age 45+ (64%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (54%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (69%)
- Those in the West are the least likely to select (48%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month (69%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (52%) and three times a month (54%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (74%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (53%), 100 to 249 (56%), and 250 to 499 (62%)

# **“When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”**

## **When we are with friends**

- Males are more likely to select than females (28% v. 11%)
- Hispanics (30%) are more likely to select than Whites (17%) and African Americans (13%)
- Those in the Northeast (25%) and West (25%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (15%) and South (16%)
- Those with a Graduates Degree are the most likely to select (28%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (6%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (23%) and 100 to 249 (21%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (6%) and 500 or more (11%)

# “When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”

## During special events

- Males are more likely to select than females (27% v. 13%)
- Those age 45+ are the least likely to select (13%)
- Whites (20%) and Hispanics (24%) are more likely to select than African Americans (13%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select (28%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (6%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (23%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (7%) and 500 or more (13%)



# **“When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”**

## **During a daily commute**

- Those with a Graduate Degree (44%) are more likely to select than those with some college (33%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (43%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (32%)

# **“When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”**

## **When my student has questions**

- Females are more likely to select than males (71% v. 49%)
- Those age 45+ are the most likely to select (68%)
- Those in the Midwest (64%) and South (65%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (52%) and West (51%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the least likely to select (48%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 are the most likely to select (83%)

# **“When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”**

## **When I have something I want to discuss**

- Those with some college (44%) or a Graduate Degree (46%) are more likely to select than those with Bachelor’s Degree (35%)

# **“When are you most likely to talk about spiritual matters with your student outside of church?”**

## **Immediately following a worship service**

- Hispanics (41%) are more likely to select than African Americans (29%)
- Those in the West (39%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (28%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (38%) or a Graduate Degree (38%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (27%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (36%) or 4 or more times a month (37%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (19%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (38%) and 250 to 499 (41%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (25%) and 50 to 99 (29%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They are feeling good with a positive attitude**

- Those who attend a worship service twice a month (42%) are more likely to select than those who attend 4 or more times a month (29%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

### **They encourage others to follow Jesus Christ**

- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (23%) or 4 or more times a month (30%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (12%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (33%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (23%)

## **“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

### **They pray or talk about faith topics on their own initiative**

- Hispanics (45%) are more likely to select than African Americans (34%) and Other Ethnicities (26%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (44%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (42%) and 100 to 249 (39%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (31%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They willingly help others without being asked**

- Those age 45+ (40%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (30%)



**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They behave in ways that align with biblical beliefs**

- Those with some college (34%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (33%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (24%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (38%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less 50 to 99 (28%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They interact with and include various peers beyond just their close friends**

- Those with some college (24%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (13%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They use positive language and encourage others with their words**

- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (37%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (24%) and 500 or more (22%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They interpret current issues in light of their faith**

- Other Ethnicities (30%) are more likely to select than Whites (17%) and African Americans (16%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (29%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (8%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They empathize with and care for others in difficulty**

- Those who attend a worship service twice a month (37%) are more likely to select than those who attend 4 or more times a month (26%)

**“Please select the 3 best indicators whether your student is doing well spiritually?”**

**They take the initiative to study the Bible on their own**

- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (30%) and 500 or more (33%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 (19%) and 50 to 99 (22%)

## **“Which of the following best describe your student’s overall spiritual maturity?”**

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “My student has a well-developed belief in Jesus Christ that he/she consistently lives out” (38%)
- Whites (34%) are more likely to select “My student has a well-developed belief in Jesus Christ that he/she consistently lives out” than African Americans (23%) and Hispanics (24%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select “My student has a well-developed belief in Jesus Christ that he/she consistently lives out” (41%)
- Those with some college (45%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (46%) are more likely to select “My student has some good foundations of belief in Jesus Christ that he/she often lives out” than those with Graduate Degree (34%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select “My student has a well-developed belief in Jesus Christ that he/she consistently lives out” (38%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (38%) are more likely to select “My student has a well-developed belief in Jesus Christ that he/she consistently lives out” than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (27%) and 100 to 249 (28%)

# “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”

## Personal Bible study

- Those in the Northeast (45%) and South (40%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (31%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (40%) or a Graduate Degree (42%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (31%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (45%)



**“Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”**

### **Group Bible study**

- Hispanics (45%) are more likely to select than Whites (35%)
- Those in the Northeast (45%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (32%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (13%)

# “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”

## Personal prayer time

- Females are more likely to select than males (50% v. 39%)
- African Americans (54%) are more likely to select than Whites (43%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (50%) are more likely to select than those with Bachelor’s Degree (40%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (50%) are more likely to select than those who attend three times a month (38%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (49%) and 500 or more (54%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (39%)

# “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”

## Praying for others

- Females are more likely to select than males (54% v. 43%)
- Whites (51%) and Hispanics (53%) are more likely to select than African Americans (41%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (54%) are more likely to select than those who attend twice a month (44%) and three times a month (45%)

# “Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”

## Youth group participation

- Those in the Midwest (51%) and South (52%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (33%)
- Those with some college (54%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (40%) or with a Graduate Degree (44%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (21%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (58%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (42%) and 100 to 249 (47%)

**“Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”**

### **Church worship service participation**

- Whites (52%) and African Americans (54%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (41%)
- Those in the South (55%) are more likely to select than those in the West (43%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (60%)
- Those who attend a church 50 to 99 are the least likely to select (42%)

**“Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”**

## **Volunteering**

- No meaningful significant differences

# **“Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”**

## **Encouraging others in their faith**

- African Americans (37%) are more likely to select than Other Ethnicities (23%)
- Those in the West (42%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (31%) and South (33%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (34%) or 4 or more times a month (41%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (19%) or twice a month (22%)

**“Which, if any, spiritual activities are typically part of your student’s normal routine?”**

### **Inviting others to church or youth events**

- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (34%) or 4 or more times a month (39%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (19%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (44%) are more likely to select than those in churches of less than 50 (30%) 50 to 99 (31%) and 100 to 249 (33%)



## **“How willing are you to partner with your church’s student leader(s) to help your student grow spiritually?”**

- Females are more likely to select “Very willing/Somewhat willing” than males (80% v. 63%)
- Those age 35-44 (76%) are more likely to select “Very willing/Somewhat willing” than those 18-34 (65%)
- Other Ethnicities are the least likely to select “Very willing/Somewhat willing” (56%)
- Those in the Midwest (80%) and South (75%) are more likely to select “Very willing/Somewhat willing” than those in the Northeast (61%) and West (63%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month (78%) or 4 or more times a month (81%) are more likely to select “Very willing/Somewhat willing” than those who attend three times a month (56%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 are the most likely to select “Very willing/Somewhat willing” (91%)

## **“In a typical month, how many times do you attend a small group Bible study or adult Sunday School class?”**

- Females are more likely to select “0” than males (21% v. 6%)
- African Americans (17%) and Hispanics (15%) are more likely to select “1” than Whites (6%)
- Those in the Northeast (35%) and West (31%) are more likely to select “4 or more” than those in the Midwest (21%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “4 or more” (47%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select “4 or more” (48%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the most likely to select “0” (49%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 are the most likely to select “3” (30%)

## **“About how often, if at all, do you model spending time in the Word (reading and studying the Bible)?”**

- Those age 35-44 (46%) are more likely to select “A few times a week” than those 45+ (36%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select “Once a day” (37%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more (39%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (17%) and 100 to 249 (28%)

## **“About how often, if at all, do you pray that your student would live and grow in specific positive ways found in Scripture?”**

- Females are more likely to select “Once a day” than males (47% v. 33%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (47%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those with Bachelor’s Degree (38%) or a Graduate Degree (36%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month (44%) or 4 or more times a month (49%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those who attend twice a month (27%) or three times a month (28%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 (61%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (31%), 100 to 249 (38%), and 250 to 499 (45%)

## **“About how often, if at all, do you and your student have biblical conversations (meaningful conversation about what the Bible says about life topics)?”**

- Those age 18 to 34 are the most likely to select “Once a day” (27%)
- Hispanics (46%) are more likely to select “A few times a week” than African Americans (30%) and Other Ethnicities (28%)
- Those in the West (28%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those in the Midwest (18%) and South (18%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (46%) are more likely to select “A few times a week” than with some college (35%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (37%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (18%) or 4 or more times a month (26%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those who attend once a month (6%) or twice a month (10%)
- Those who attend a church of 250 to 499 (26%) or 500 or more (29%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (15%) and 50 to 99 (17%)

## **“About how often, if at all, are you connected to your local church including interacting with other parents?”**

- Males are more likely to select “Once a day” than females (17% v. 7%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Once a day” (21%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to select “A few times a week” (55%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (42%) or a Graduate Degree (46%) are more likely to select “A few times a week” than those with some college (33%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (15%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those who attend once a month (4%) or three times a month (5%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the most likely to select “Once a month” (34%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (29%) and 100 to 249 (29%) are more likely to select “Once a week” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (18%) and 250 to 499 (18%)

## **“About how often, if at all, do you celebrate things within your home?”**

- Females are more likely to select “A few times a month” than males (29% v. 17%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Once a day” (25%)
- Hispanics (36%) are more likely to select “A few times a week” than African Americans (25%)
- Those in the West (26%) are more likely to select “Once a day” than those in the Midwest (13%) and South (15%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (28%) or with some college (26%) are more likely to select “A few times a month” than those with a Graduate Degree (18%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month (35%) are more likely to select “A few times a month” than those who attend three times a month (21%) or 4 or more times a month (22%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 (34%) are more likely to select “A few times a week” than those who attend a church of less than 50 (23%)

## **“Our family has a great personal relationship with the leader of our church’s student ministry.”**

- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (89%) or 4 or more times a month (92%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a month (74%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (92%) and 250 to 499 (92%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend a church of less than 50 (77%) and 500 or more (84%)



## **“I gladly seek to participate in the activities of our church.”**

- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to Agree (94%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (94%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend a church of 500 or more (83%)

## **“I don’t feel equipped to help my student develop spiritually.”**

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (45% v. 29%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (51%)
- Hispanics (42%) and Other Ethnicities (48%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (30%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to Agree (54%)
- Those with some college (43%) are more likely to Agree than those with Bachelor’s Degree (34%) or a Graduate Degree (31%)
- Those who attend a worship service twice a month (46%) or three times a month (48%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a month (15%) or 4 or more times a month (31%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the most likely to Disagree (80%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (44%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend a church of less than 50 (25%), 50 to 99 (33%), and 100 to 249 (34%)

## **“I want to become more equipped to help my student develop spiritually.”**

- Those who attend a worship service twice a month (95%) or 4 or more times a month (96%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a month (84%)

## **“I am connected in spiritual community with other parents.”**

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (91% v. 79%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the most likely to Disagree (27%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 (89%) and 250 to 499 (90%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend a church of less than 50 (72%) and 500 or more (77%)

**“The information provided by the student leader(s) at our church primarily consists of times, dates, and descriptions of upcoming events.”**

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (90% v. 80%)
- Those in the West (92%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (84%) and South (82%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (93%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 are the most likely to select “Our church does not have a leader for students” (13%)

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