

2025 State of Discipleship **Serving God and Others™**

A SURVEY OF AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHGOERS

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Methodology

- The online survey of 2,130 Protestant churchgoers was conducted March 19–26, 2025 using a national pre-recruited panel
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational and attend religious services at least once a month
- Respondents could complete the survey in English or Spanish
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, education, and denominational affiliation
- The completed sample is 2,130 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed $\pm 2.21\%$ This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Signpost III – Serving God and Others

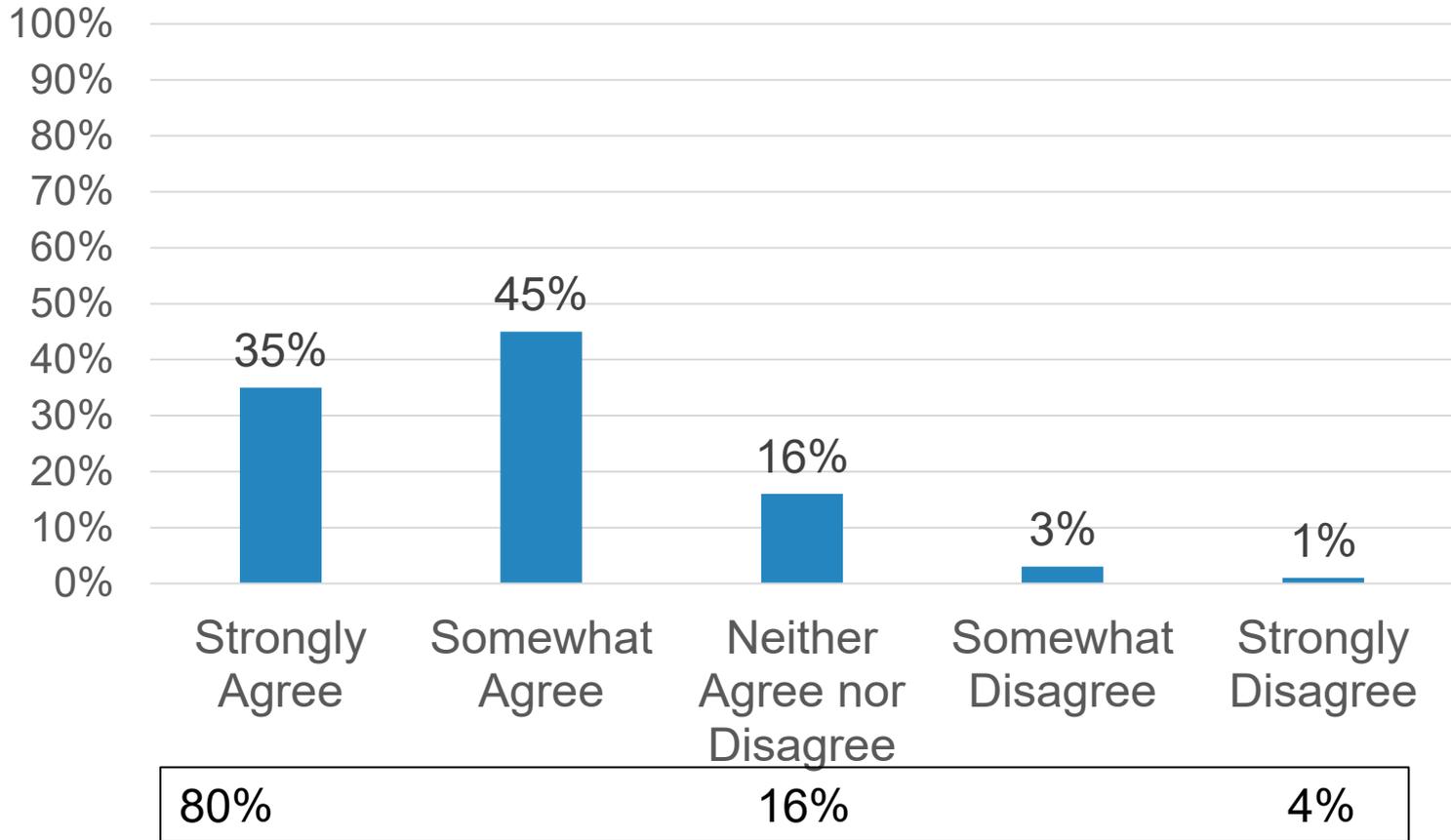
Serving God and Others is one of eight signposts in the DisciplesPath assessment. These six questions form a validated scale*. Together they reliably measure an individual or a group's progress in serving God and others.

This report describes the beliefs, desires, and actions of Protestant churchgoers in the United States around serving God and others. On a scale of 0 to 100, the average churchgoer scores 73.1 on Serving God and Others, placing it third among the signposts.

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“I care for strangers”

Among Protestant Churchgoers

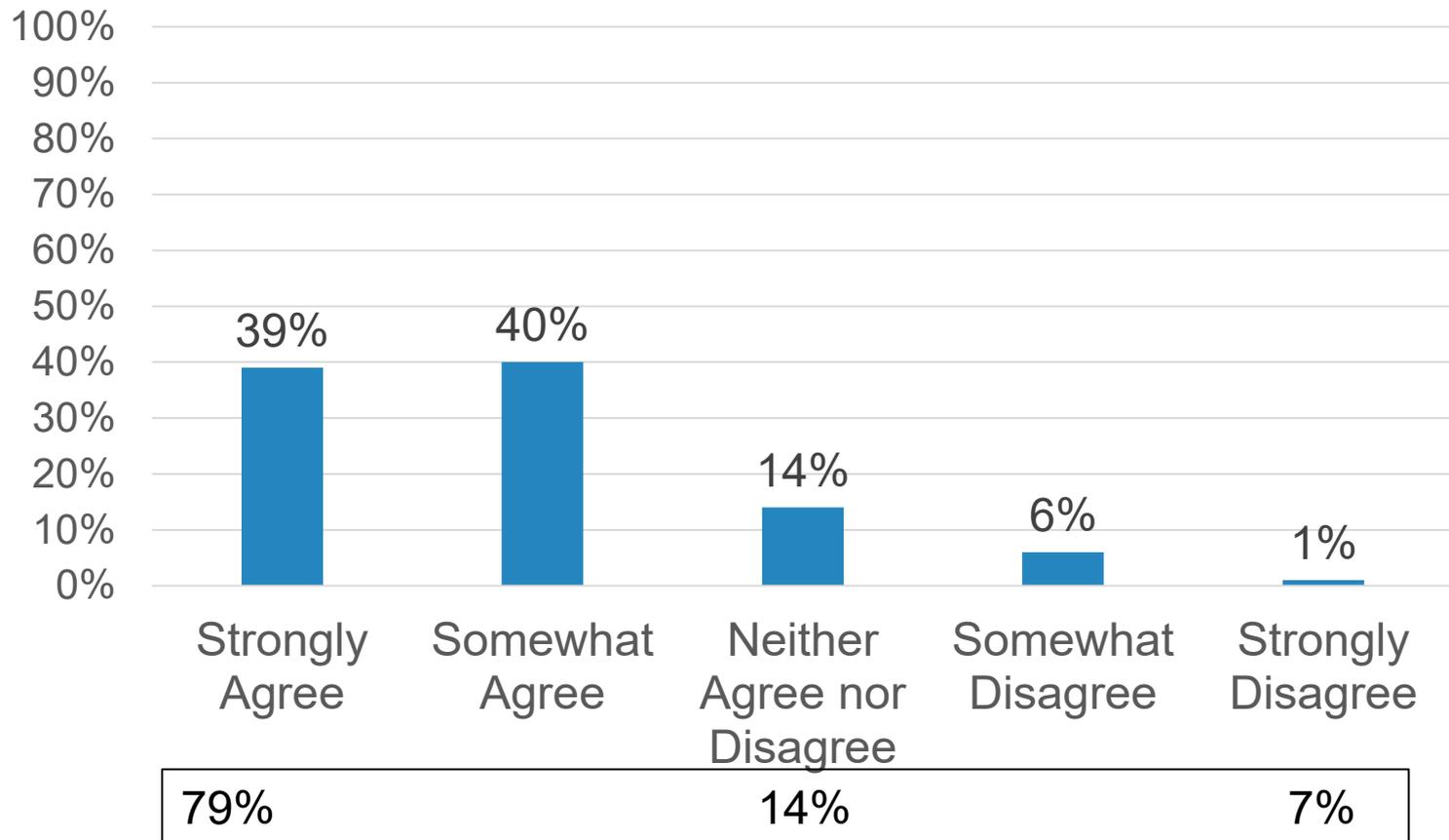


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Q30_6: “I care for strangers” n=2,130

“I forgive others regardless of whether they ask for forgiveness”

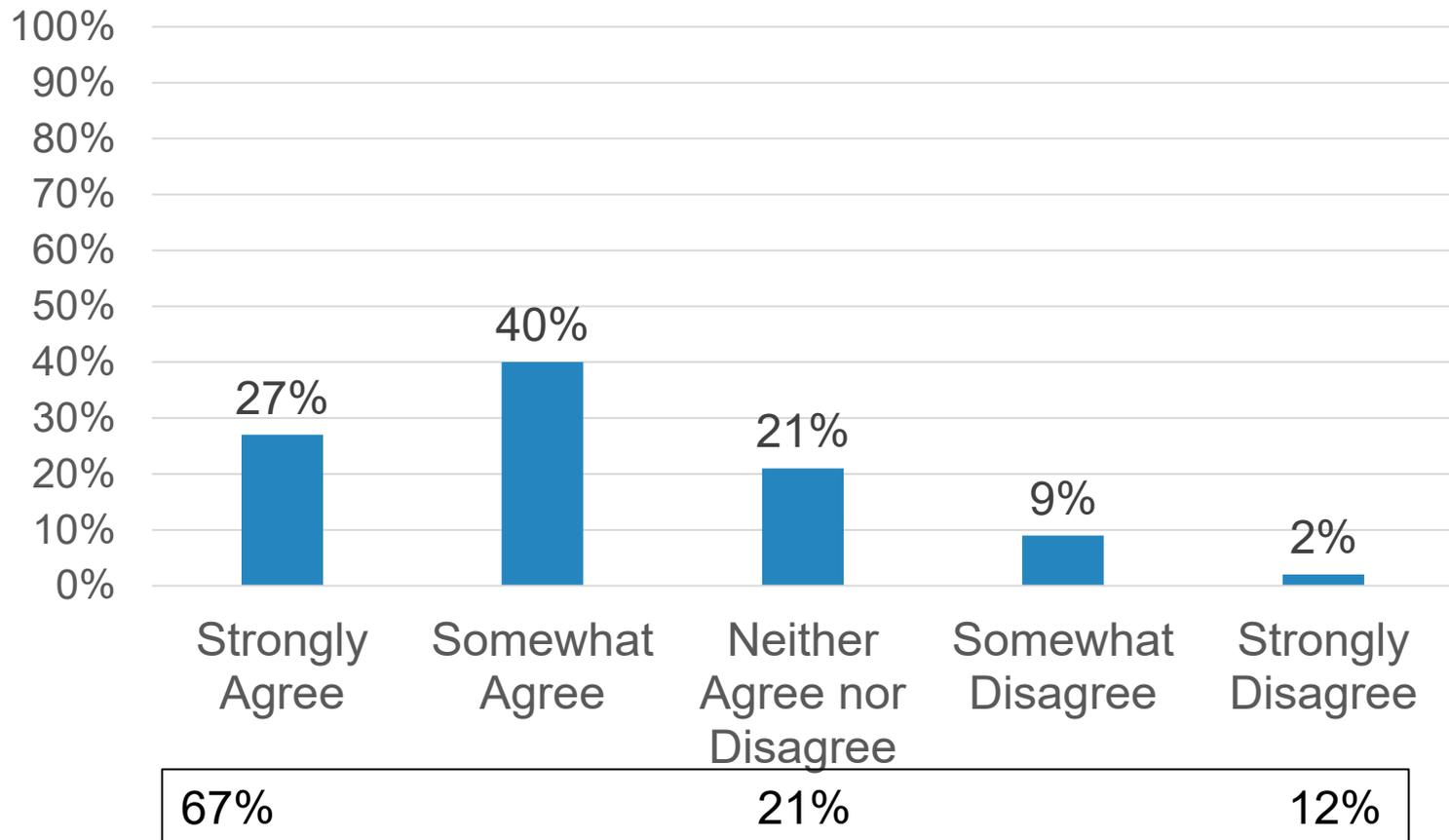
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“I regularly use my gifts and talents to serve/help people in need who are not part of my church”

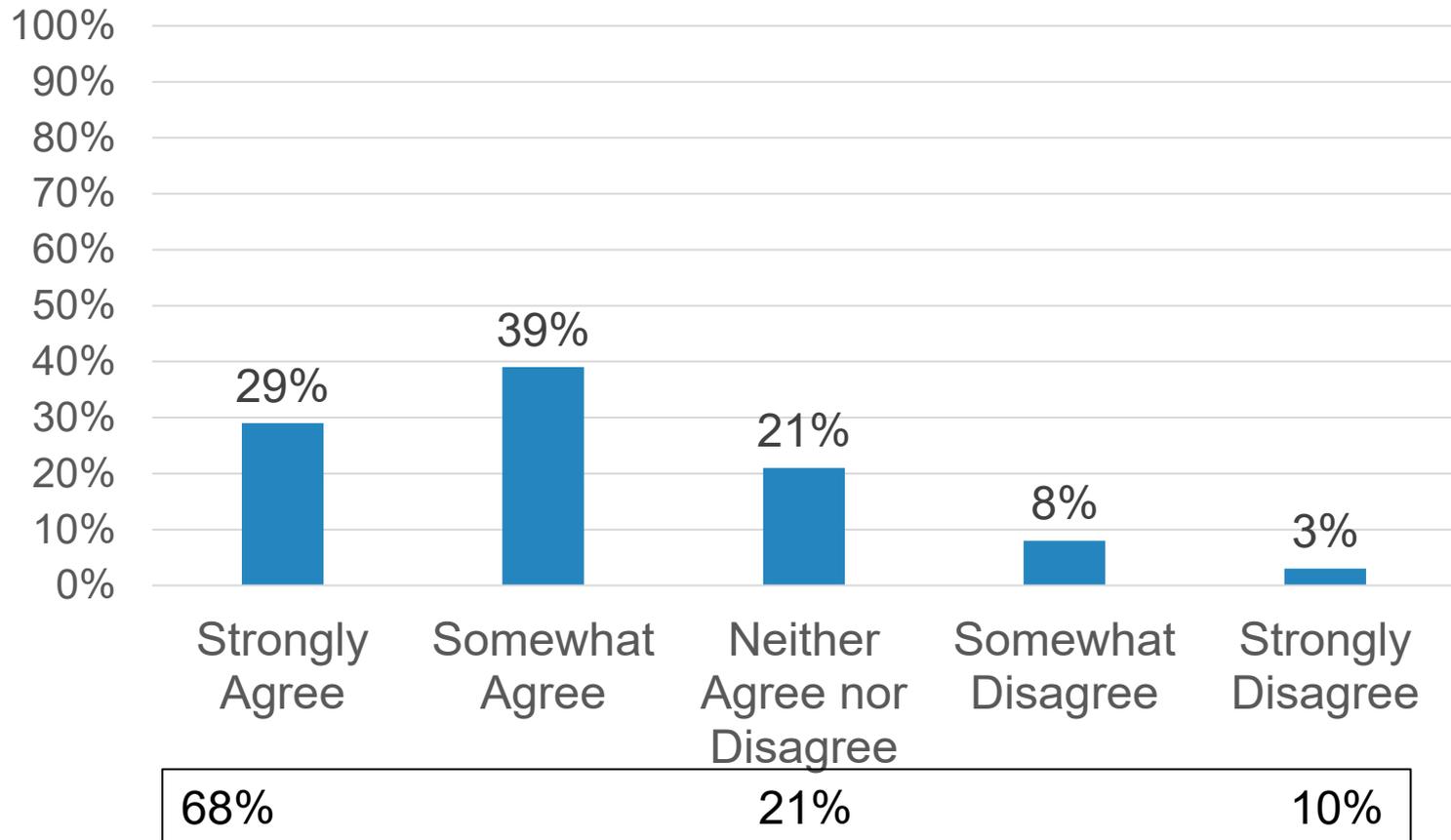
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“I am intentionally putting my spiritual gift(s) to use serving God and others”

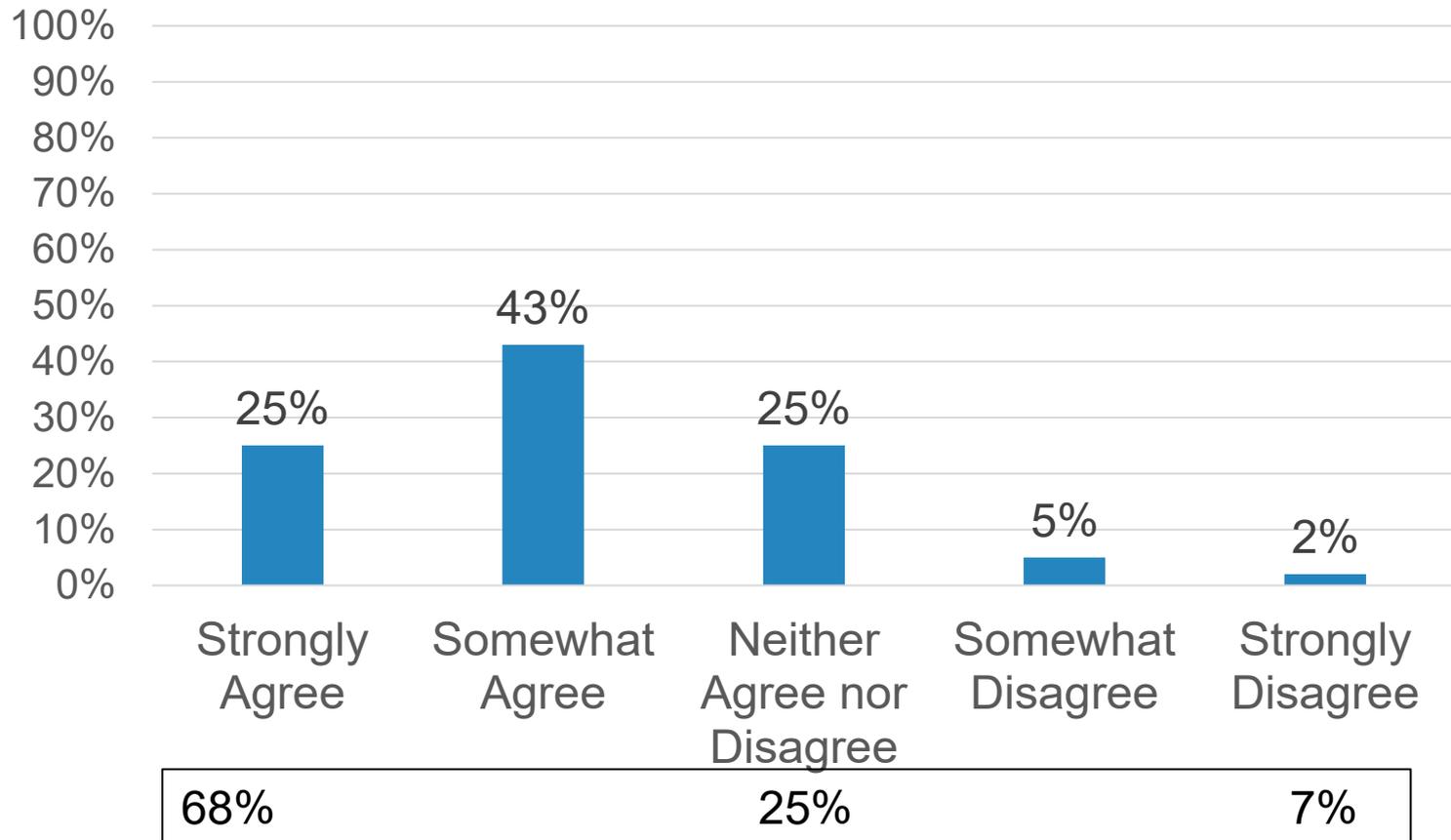
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“I regularly find myself meeting a need without being asked”

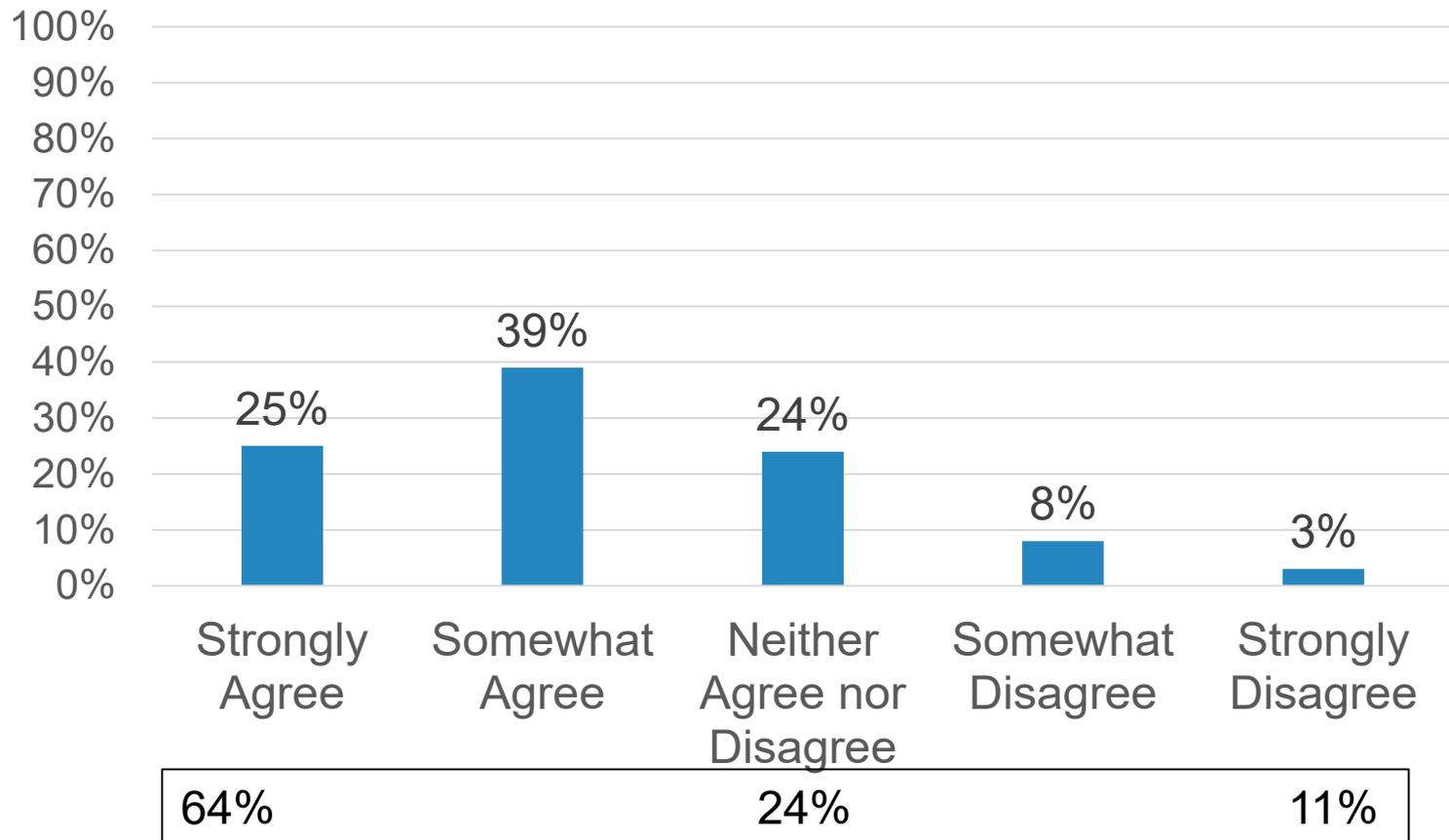
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“I intentionally try to serve people outside my church who have tangible needs”

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