

2025 State of Discipleship **Building Relationships™**

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 VII – Building Relationships

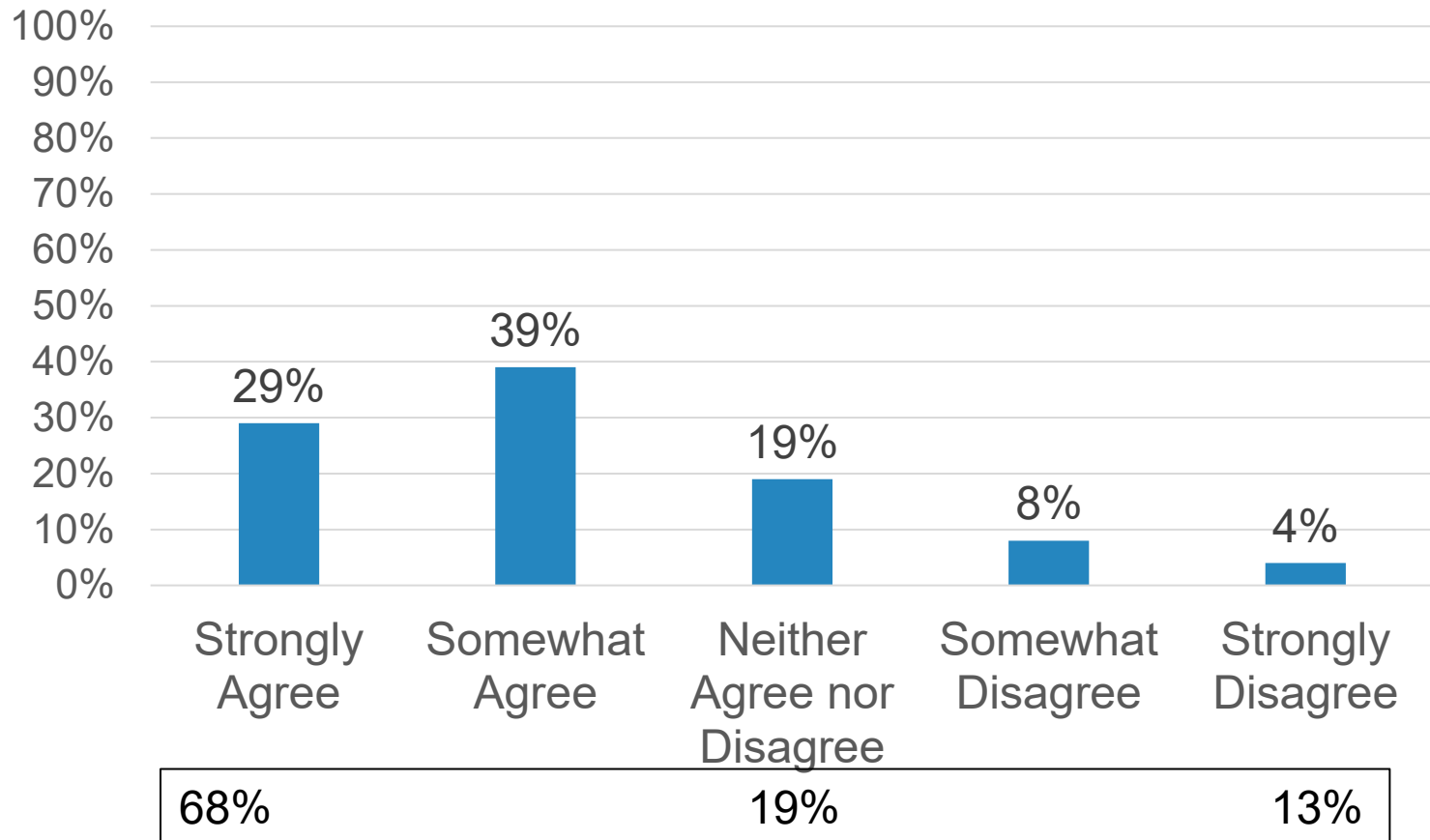
Building Relationships is one of eight signposts in the DisciplesPath assessment. These eight questions form a validated scale*. Together they reliably measure an individual or a group's progress in building relationships.

This report describes the beliefs, desires, and actions of Protestant churchgoers in the United States around building relationships. On a scale of 0 to 100, the average churchgoer scores 64.0 on Building Relationships, placing it sixth among the signposts.

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“I have several Christian friends who keep me accountable”

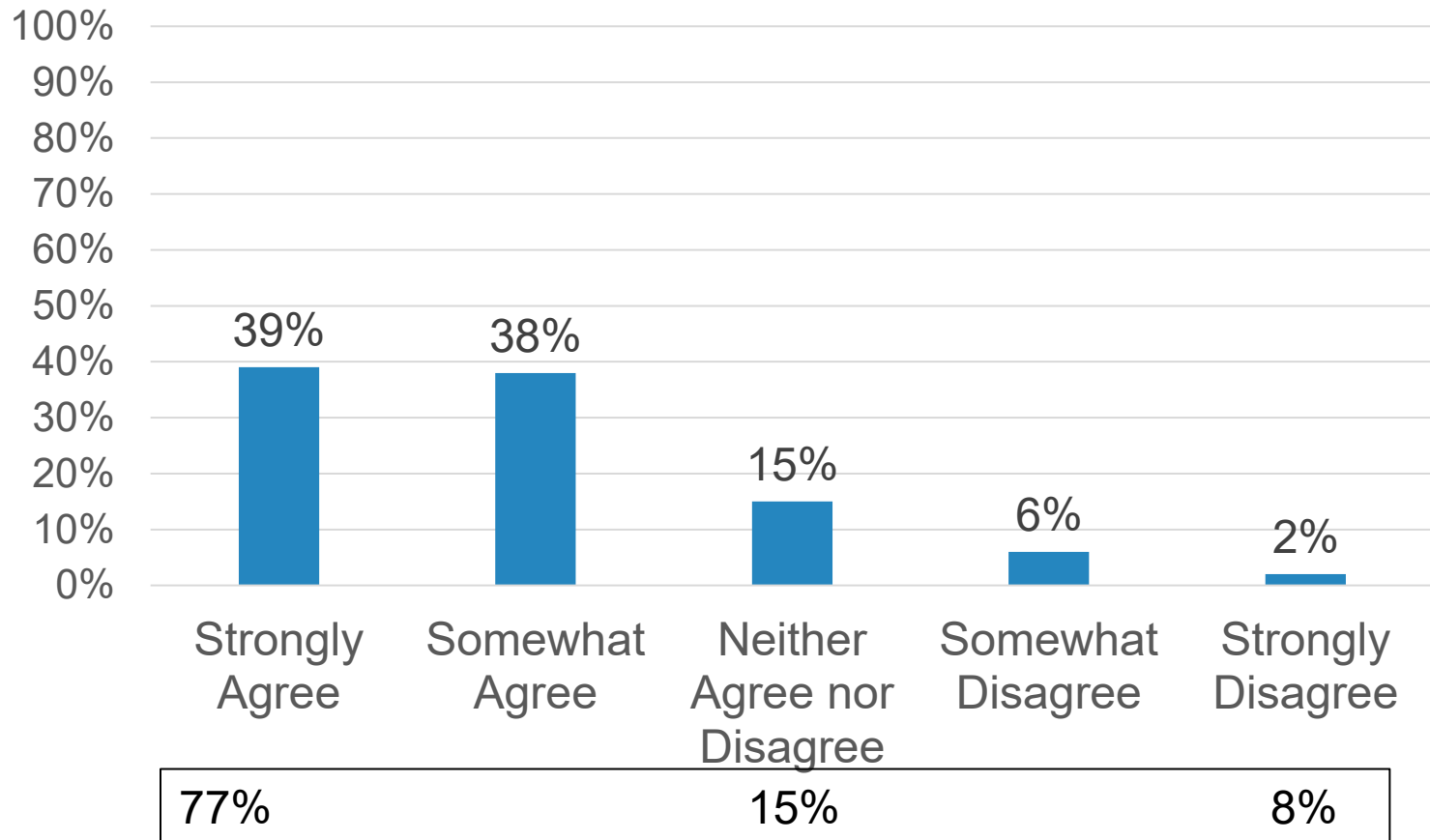
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“I have developed significant relationships with people at my church”

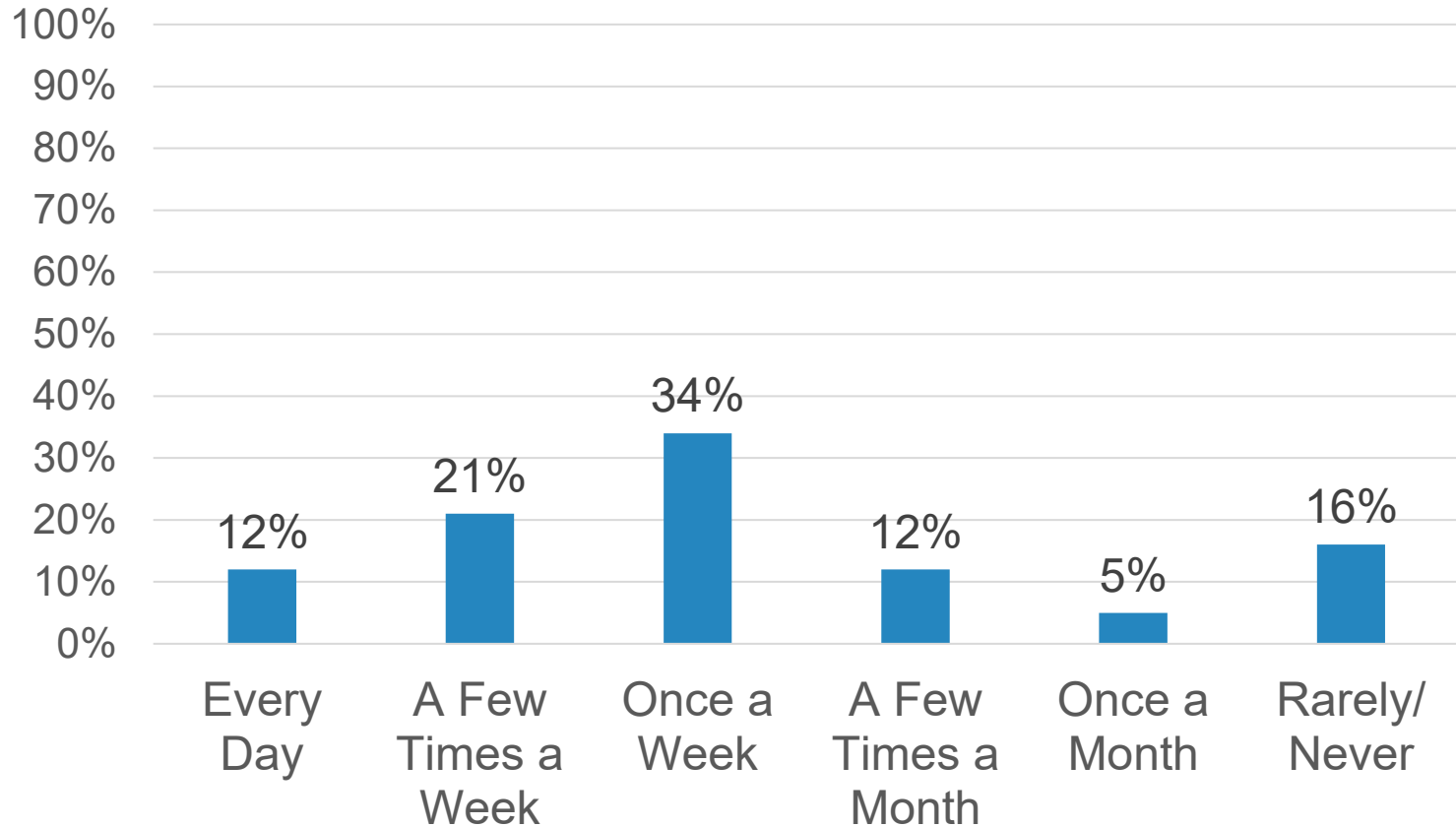
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About how often do you personally: “Pray in a group with other Christians”

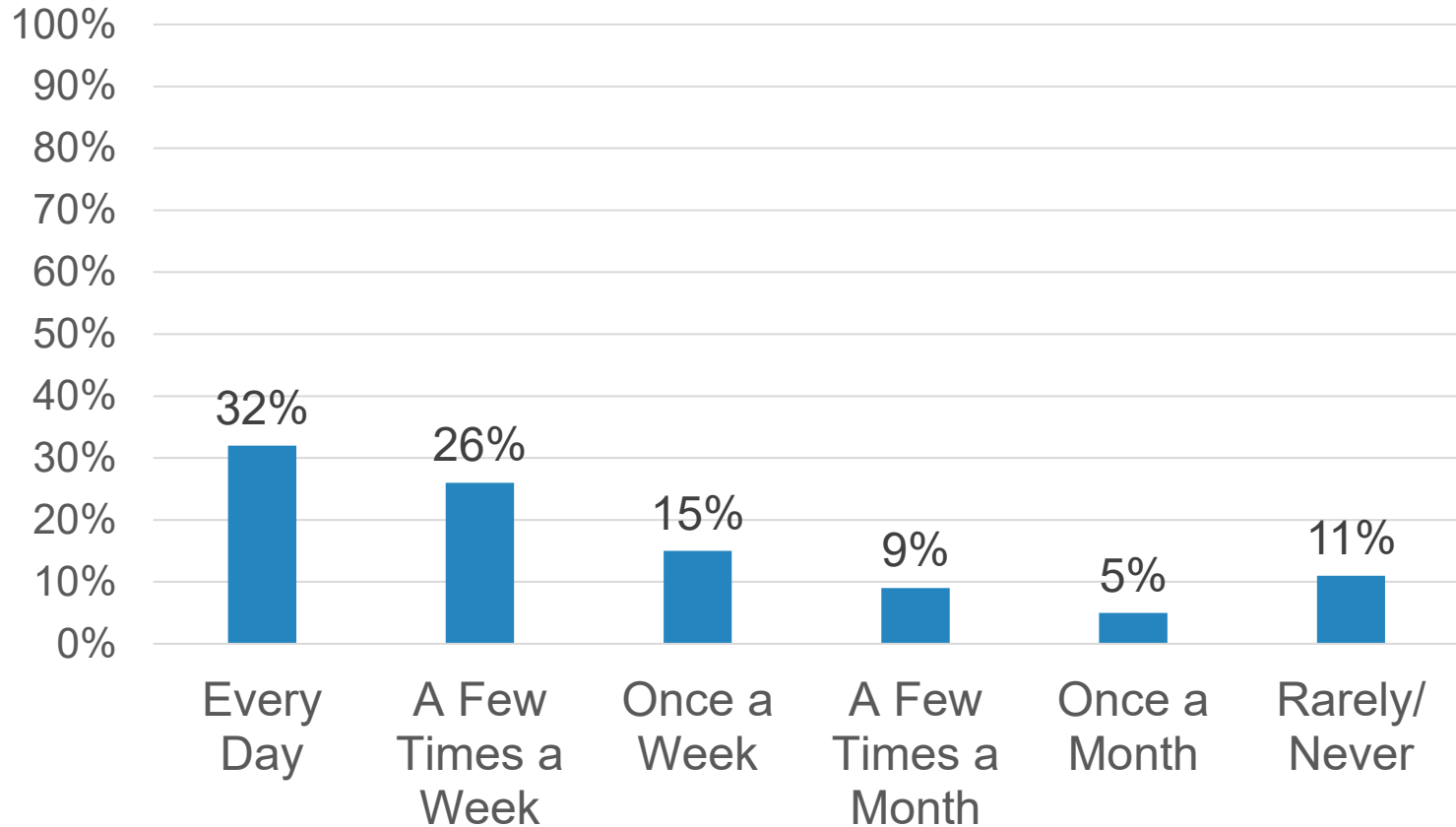
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About how often do you personally: “Pray for the spiritual status of people I know who are not professing Christians”

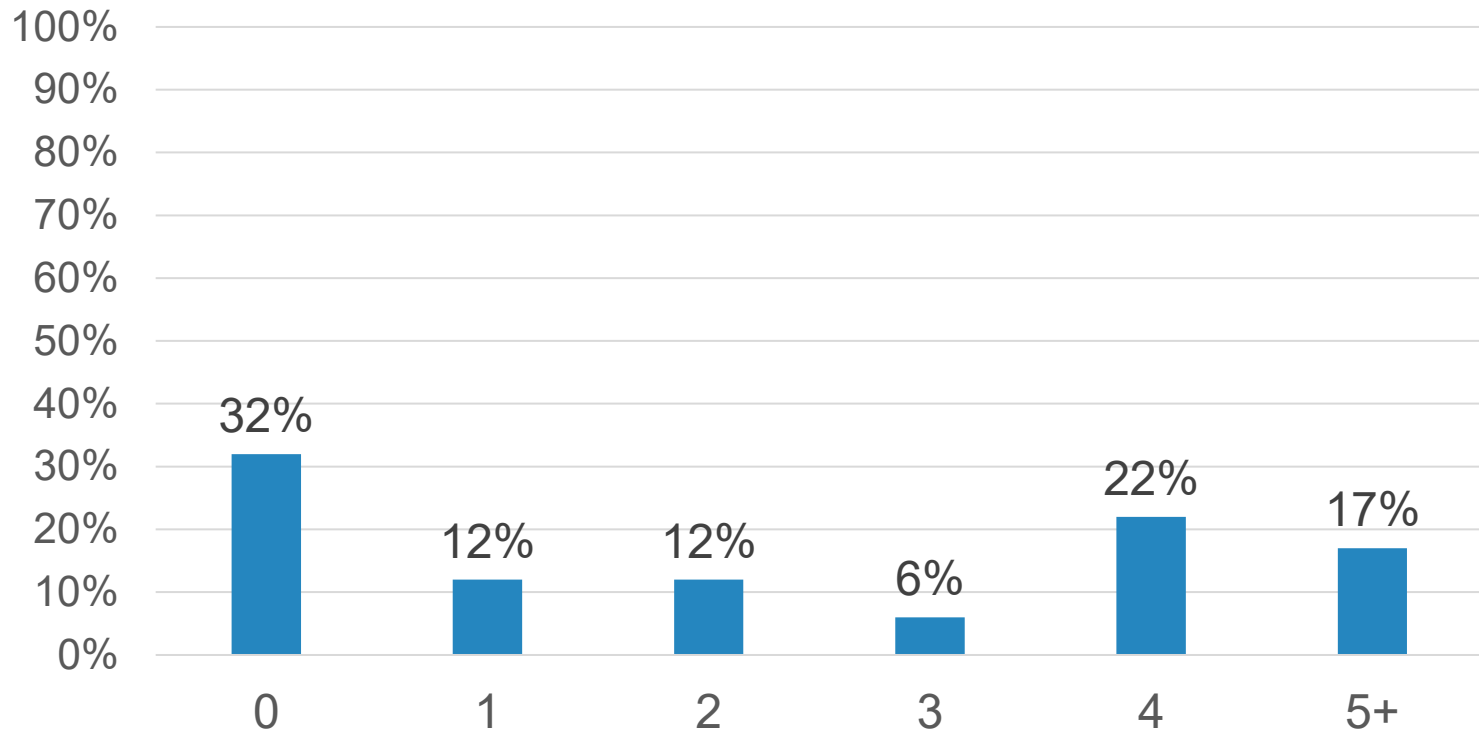
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In a typical month, how many times do you: “Attend small classes or groups for adults from church such as Sunday school, Bible study, small groups, Adult Bible Fellowships, etc.”

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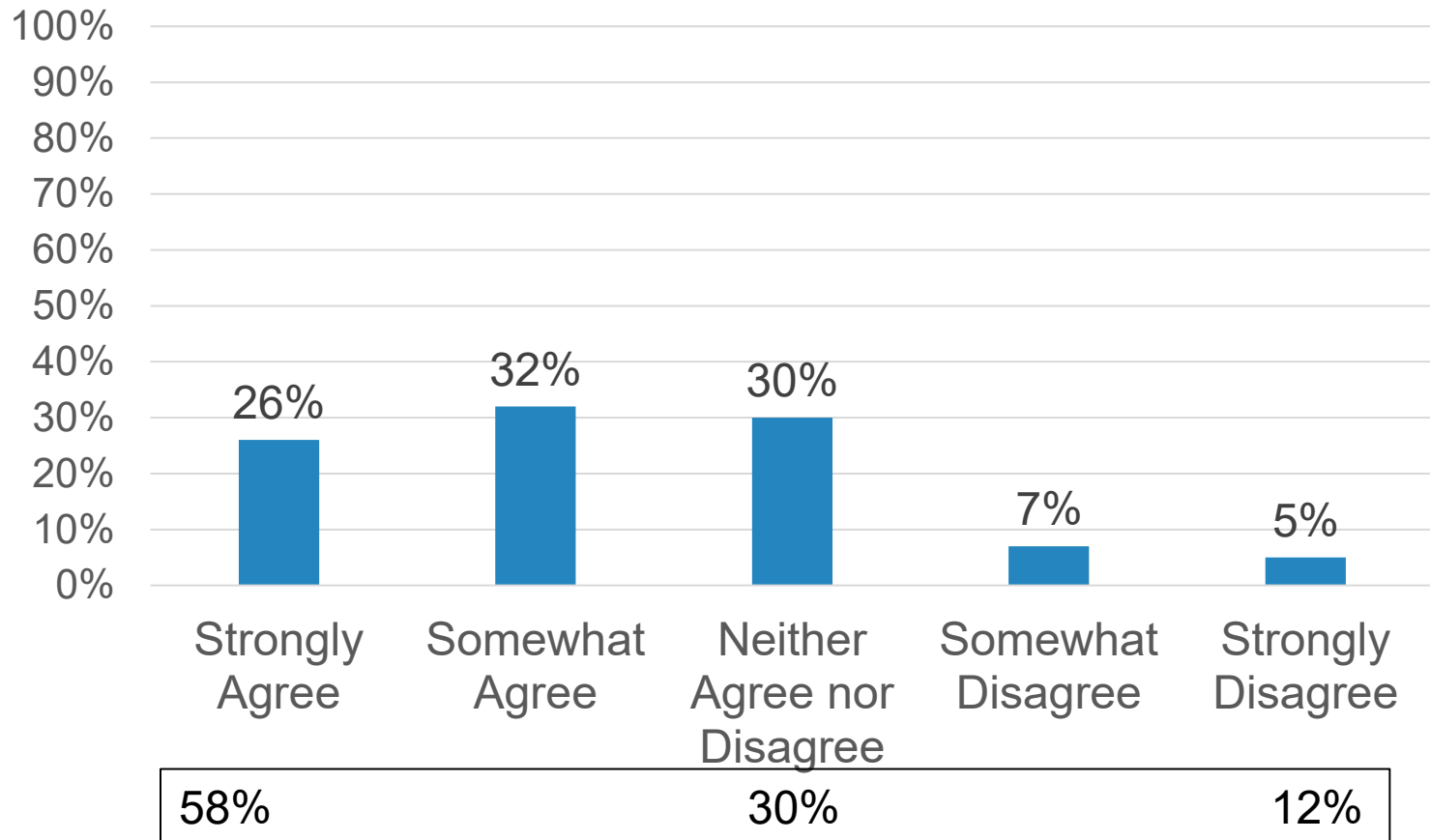
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“I intentionally try to be a peacemaker at church”

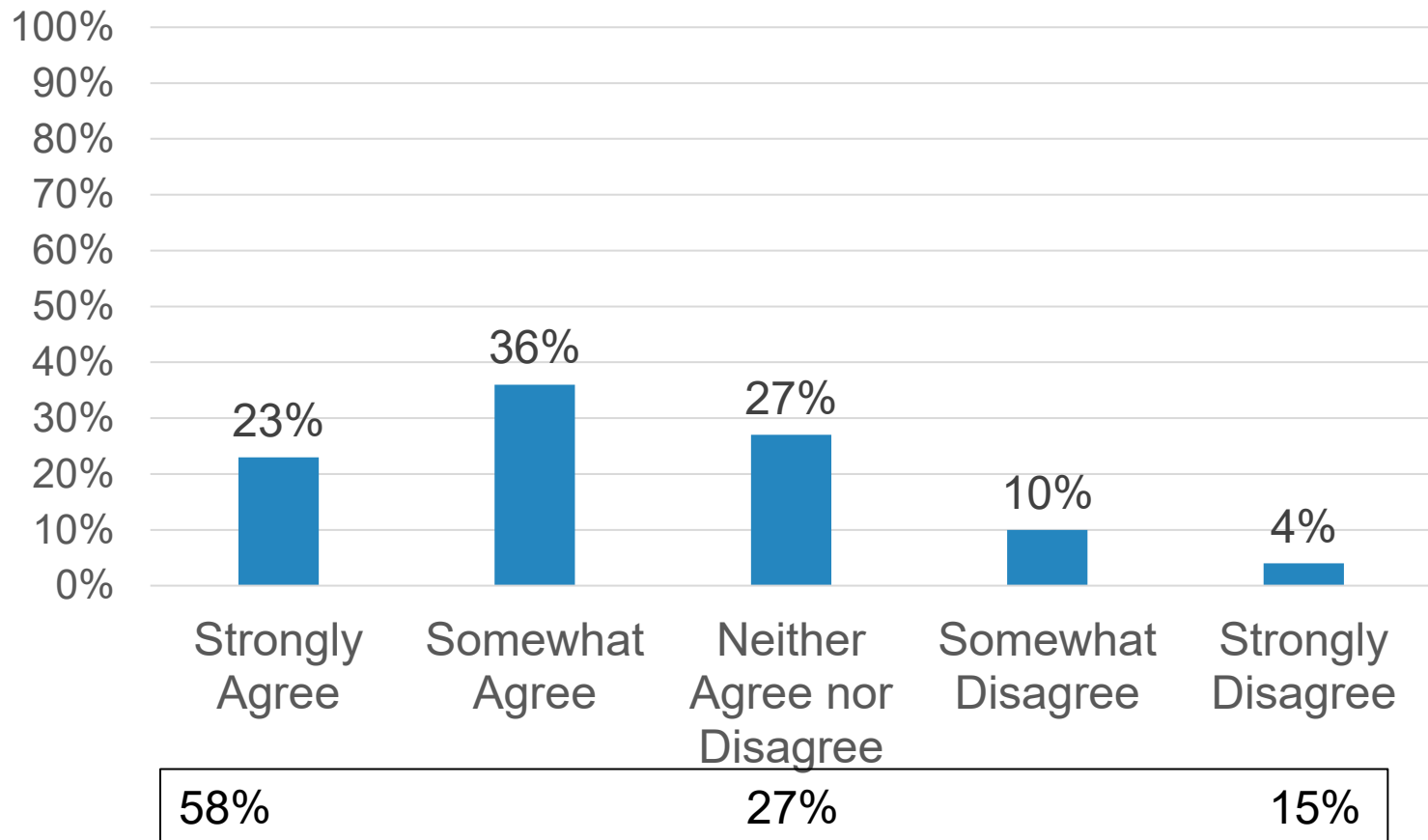
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“I intentionally spend time with other believers in order to help them grow in their faith”

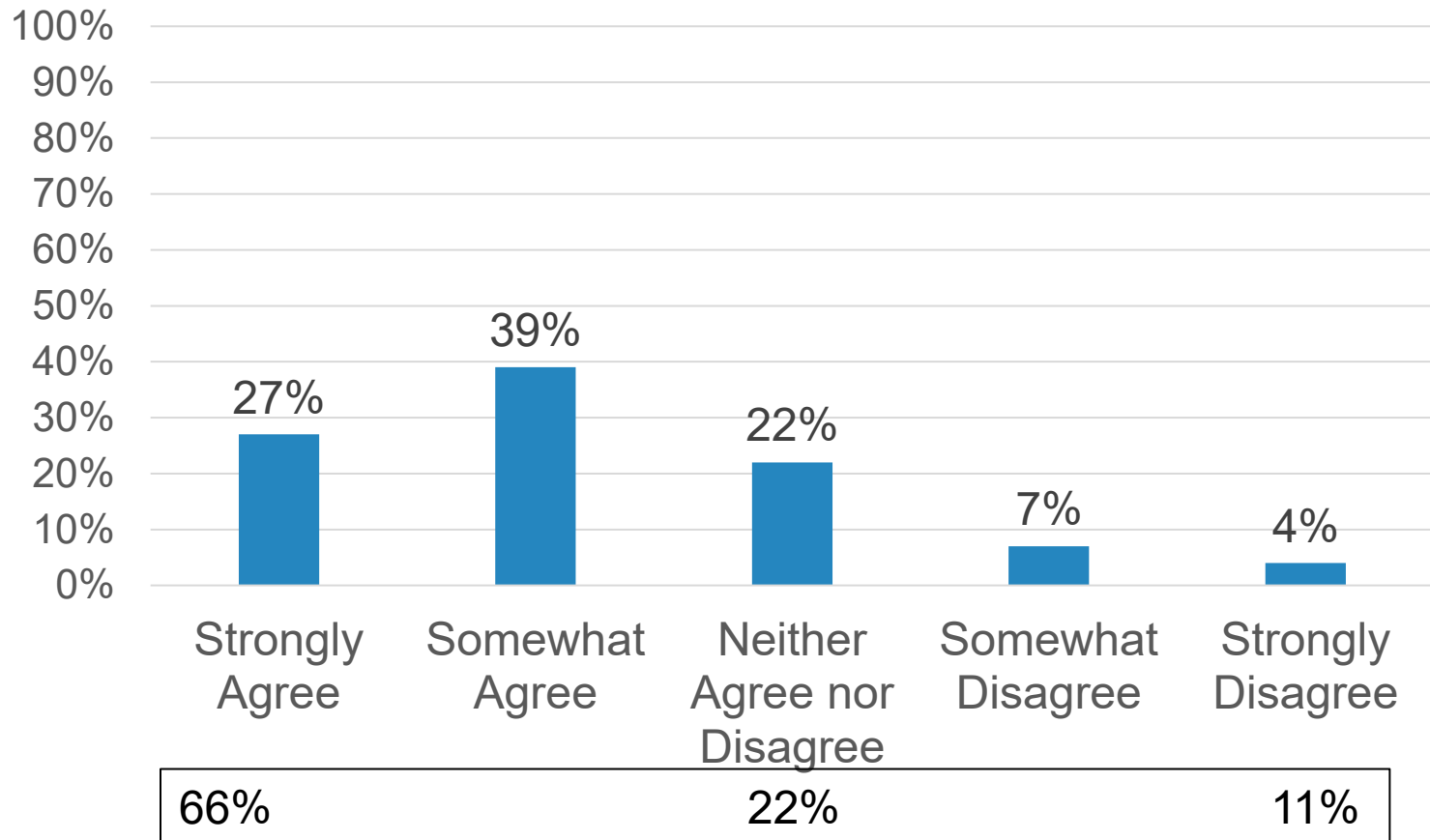
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“I intentionally try to get to know new people I meet at church”

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