Bible Literacy 2026

A SURVEY OF 2,012 AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CHURCHGOERS

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Methodology

- The online survey of 2,012 Americans was conducted August 12-29, 2026, using a national pre-recruited panel
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational, Catholic, or Orthodox Christian and who attend church in a typical month
- 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 2,012 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed ±2.2% This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

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Definitions

- **Evangelical Beliefs** are defined using the NAE Lifeway Research Evangelical Beliefs Research Definition based on respondent beliefs
- Respondents are asked their level of agreement with four separate statements using a four-point, forced choice scale (strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree). Those who strongly agree with all four statements are categorized as having Evangelical Beliefs
  - The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe
  - It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior
  - Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin
  - Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation

Significant Differences

Gender

Age

Region

Ethnicity

Education Level

Evangelical Beliefs

Religious Traditions

Worship Service Attendance

Personal Bible Reading

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Significant Differences

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

GENDER	AGE	REGION	ETHNICITY	EDUCATION
Male	18-29	Northeast	White	High School graduate or less
Female	30-49	Midwest	African American	Some college
	50-64	South	Hispanic	Bachelor's Degree
	65+	West	Other Ethnicity	Graduate Degree

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations

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Significant Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences on the correct answer among evangelical beliefs, religious tradition, worship service attendance, and personal Bible reading.

EVANGELICAL BELIEFS	RELIGIOUS TRADITION*	WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	PERSONAL BIBLE READING
Yes	Evangelical	1	Every day
No	Black Protestant	2	A few times a week
	Mainline	3	Once a week
	Catholic/Roman Catholic	4 or more	A few times a week
			Once a month
			Rarely/Never

*Total sample includes Orthodox, but there's an insufficient number to report separately

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“When Jesus asked, ‘But whom say ye that I am?’ <u>who</u> answered, ‘Thou art the Christ.’?”

- Those age 50-64 are the least likely to select “Peter” (63%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Peter” (71%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Peter” (51%)
- Catholics (63%) are more likely to select than Mainlines (53%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Peter” (64%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Peter” (78%)

“Which one of the following were chosen by Jesus as one of his twelve disciples?”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Matthew” (69%)
- Those rarely/never personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Matthew” (69%)

“Who was the person whom Pontius Pilate released during Jesus’ trial?”

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select “Barabbas” (68%)
- Those age 18-29 are the least likely to select “Barabbas” (48%)
- Whites (59%) and Hispanics (64%) are more likely to select “Barabbas” than African Americans (49%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Barabbas” (72%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Barabbas” (48%)
- Catholics (63%) are more likely to select “Barabbas” than Black Protestants (52%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select than “Barabbas” (63%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Barabbas” (72%)

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“Who received the 10 Commandments from God?”

- No meaningful differences

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“Who was the first king of Israel?”

- Those age 18-29 (53%) and 30-49 (52%) are more likely to select “Saul” than those 50-64 (39%) and 65+ (39%)
- African Americans (52%) are more likely to select “Saul” than Whites (43%) and Other Ethnicities (41%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Saul” (60%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Saul” than those without evangelical beliefs (50% v. 38%)
- Evangelicals (47%) and Black Protestants (49%) are more likely to select “Saul” than Mainlines (38%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Saul” (50%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Saul” (63%)

"Who interpreted for King Belshazzar the writing on the wall?"

- Those age 18-29 (54%) and 30-49 (50%) are more likely to select "Daniel" than those 50-64 (39%) and 65+ (43%)
- Those in the West (51%) are more likely to select "Daniel" than those in the Midwest (41%)
- African Americans (54%) are more likely to select "Daniel" than Whites (44%) and Other Ethnicities (40%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Daniel" (62%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select "Daniel" than those without evangelical beliefs (53% v. 38%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely "Daniel" (51%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Daniel" (71%)

“Where in the Bible would you find: the Ten Commandments”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Exodus” (71%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Exodus” (51%)
- Evangelicals (62%) and Black Protestants (66%) are more likely to select “Exodus” than Mainlines (55%) and Catholics (53%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (61%) are more likely to select “Exodus” than those who attend once a month (49%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (74%)

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"Where in the Bible would you find: the anointing of the first king of Israel"

- Those age 18-29 (48%) and 30-49 (44%) are more likely to select "1 Samuel" than those 50-64 (28%) and 65+ (27%)
- Those in the Northeast (38%) and West (42%) are more likely to select "1 Samuel" than those in the Midwest (30%)
- African Americans (48%) are more likely to select "1 Samuel" than Whites (32%) and Other Ethnicities (35%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "1 Samuel" (51%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select "1 Samuel" than those without evangelical beliefs (40% v. 30%)
- Black Protestants are the most likely to select "1 Samuel" (48%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (35%) or four or more times a month (39%) are more likely to select "1 Samuel" than those who attend once a month (22%) or attend twice a month (27%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "1 Samuel" (53%)

“Where in the Bible would you find: The Great Flood”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Genesis” (76%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Genesis” than those without evangelical beliefs (69% v. 58%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Genesis” (68%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Genesis” (81%)

“Where in the Bible would you find: The Sermon on the Mount”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Matthew” (70%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Matthew” than those without evangelical beliefs (62% v. 48%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Matthew” (60%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Matthew” (75%)

“Where in the Bible would you find: The story of the Good Samaritan”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Luke” (66%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Luke” (55%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Luke” (71%)

“Where in the Bible would you find: The story of Paul’s missionary travels”

- Those age 18-29 (50%) and 30-49 (48%) are more likely to select “Acts” than those 65+ (40%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Acts” (61%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Acts” (36%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Acts” than those without evangelical beliefs (50% v. 39%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (49%) are more likely to select “Acts” than those who attend once a month (29%), attend twice a month (39%), or attend three times a month (42%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Acts” (64%)

"For each of the following books of the Bible, select the major division where it fits."

Deuteronomy

- Those age 30-49 (45%) are more likely to select "Law" than those 50-64 (35%) and 65+ (39%)
- Hispanics (43%) are more likely to select "Law" than Other Ethnicities (32%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to "Law" (55%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select "Law" than those without evangelical beliefs (45% v. 35%)
- Evangelicals (44%) and Mainlines (42%) are more likely to select "Law" than Catholics (33%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Law" (57%)

"For each of the following books of the Bible, select the major division where it fits."

1 Samuel

- Those age 50-64 are the least likely to select "History" (23%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "History" (47%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select "History" (20%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (32%) are more likely to select "History" than those who attend once a month (23%) or attend twice a month (22%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day (45%) or a few times a week (39%) are more likely to select "History" than those who read a few times a month (23%), once a month (16%), or rarely/never read (13%)

“For each of the following books of the Bible, select the major division where it fits.”

Ecclesiastes

- Those age 30-49 (39%) are more likely to select “Poetry/Wisdom Literature” than those 50-64 (27%) and 65+ (32%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Poetry/Wisdom Literature” (52%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Poetry/Wisdom Literature” (22%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Poetry/Wisdom Literature” (36%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Poetry/Wisdom Literature” (51%)
- Those who personally rarely or never read the Bible are the least likely to select “Poetry/Wisdom Literature” (14%)

"For each of the following books of the Bible, select the major division where it fits."

Mark

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "Gospels" (67%)
- Those age 18-29 are the least likely to select "Gospels" (43%)
- Whites (60%) and Other Ethnicities (58%) are more likely to select "Gospels" than African Americans (47%) and Hispanics (47%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Gospels" (75%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select "Gospels" (45%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select "Gospels" (63%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Gospels" (74%)

“For each of the following books of the Bible, select the major division where it fits.”

Joel

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Minor Prophets” (56%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Minor Prophets” (42%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Minor Prophets” (57%)

“For each of the following books of the Bible, select the major division where it fits.”

Isaiah

- Those in the West (51%) are more likely to select “Major Prophets” than those in the Midwest (43%) and South (41%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Major Prophets” (59%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Major Prophets” (33%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Major Prophets” (49%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Major Prophets” (60%)

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"For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found."

Obadiah

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" (67%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" than those without evangelical beliefs (67% v. 52%)
- Evangelicals (65%) are more likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" than Mainlines (54%) and Catholics (53%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (64%) are more likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" than those who attend twice a month (54%) or attend three times a month (53%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" (81%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" (41%)

"For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found."

Philemon

- Those age 30-49 (52%) are more likely to select "Book in the New Testament" than those 50-64 (39%) and 65+ (42%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (54%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select "Book in the New Testament" than those without evangelical beliefs (52% v. 38%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (48%) are more likely to select "Book in the New Testament" than those who attend once a month (38%) or attend twice a month (39%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (66%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (24%)

"For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found."

1 Corinthians

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (84%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (68%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select "Book in the New Testament" than those without evangelical beliefs (79% v. 69%)
- Evangelicals (78%) and Mainlines (76%) are more likely to select "Book in the New Testament" than Catholics (67%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (78%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select "Book in the New Testament" (61%)

“For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found.”

1 Chronicles

- Those with a Graduate Degree (70%) are more likely to select “Book in the Old Testament” than those who are High School Graduates or less (58%) or with some college (59%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select “Book in the Old Testament” (49%)

“For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found.”

Hezekiah

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Not a book in the Bible” (46%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select “Not a book in the Bible” (42%)
- Those who personally read the Bible a few times a week (35%), once a week (35%), a few times a month (36%), or rarely/never (36%) are more likely to select “Not a book in the Bible” than those who read the Bible once a month (23%)

"For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found."

Gospel of Thomas

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (65%)
- Whites (59%) and African Americans (53%) are more likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" than Hispanics (44%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (69%)
- Evangelicals (62%), Black Protestants (55%), and Mainlines (59%) are more likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" than Catholics (43%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (60%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (68%)

"For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found."

Psalms

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" (79%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" (83%)
- Evangelicals (76%) and Mainlines (76%) are more likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" than Catholics (66%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (75%) are more likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" than those who attend twice a month (65%) or attend three times a month (69%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Book in the Old Testament" (86%)

"For each of the following books, please indicate where in the Bible it is found."

Haggar

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (57%)
- Whites (52%) are more likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" than African Americans (39%) and Other Ethnicities (42%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (59%)
- Evangelicals (50%), Mainlines (52%), and Catholics (48%) are more likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" than Black Protestants (37%)
- Those who rarely/never read the Bible every day are the most likely to select "Not a book in the Bible" (60%)

“How many ways did the devil tempt Jesus during his 40 days in the wilderness?”

- Those age 18-29 (64%) and 30-49 (62%) are more likely to select “Three” than those 50-64 (55%) and 65+ (54%)
- Those in the West (65%) are more likely to select “Three” than those in the Midwest (54%) and South (57%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Three” (70%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “Three” (50%)
- Catholics (64%) are more likely to select “Three” than Evangelicals (57%) and Mainlines (53%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Three” (74%)

“Which word is the feast which celebrates God saving the firstborn of Israel from death?”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Passover” (84%)
- Those who are High School Graduates are the least likely to select “Passover” (67%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day (81%) or read a few times a week (77%) are more likely to select “Passover” than those who read a few times a month (70%) or rarely/never read (69%)

“Which one of the following is not recorded as a miracle of Jesus in the Gospels?”

- Those age 30-49 (47%) are more likely to select “Turning stones to bread” than those 18-29 (40%) and 50-64 (37%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Turning stones to bread” (55%)
- Evangelicals (44%) and Catholics (44%) are more likely to select “Turning stones to bread” than Black Protestants (34%)
- Those who attend a worship service three times a month (41%) or attend four or more times a month (45%) are more likely to select “Turning stones to bread” than those who attend twice a month (33%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Turning stones to bread” (58%)

“Who was the first person killed (martyred) for his witness about Jesus?”

- Those age 30-49 (48%) and 65+ (53%) are more likely to select “Stephen” than those 50-64 (40%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Stephen” (62%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Stephen” than those without evangelical beliefs (54% v. 39%)
- Evangelicals (51%) are more likely to select “Stephen” than Mainlines (37%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “Stephen” (54%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Stephen” (73%)

“Who was the mother of Isaac?”

- Those age 18-29 (56%) are more likely to select “Sarah” than those 50-64 (46%) and 65+ (49%)
- African Americans (55%) and Hispanics (53%) are more likely to select “Sarah” than Other Ethnicities (41%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Sarah” (63%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day (60%) or read a few times a week (60%) are more likely to select “Sarah” than those who read once a week (51%), read a few times a month (48%), read once a month (43%), or rarely/never read (37%)

“Is this statement in the Bible? ‘Pride goeth before destruction, And an haughty spirit before a fall.’”

- Those age 18-29 (75%) and 30-49 (77%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 50-64 (68%) and 65+ (67%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select “Yes” (81%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Yes” (78%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Yes” than those without evangelical beliefs (77% v. 65%)
- Evangelicals (76%) and Black Protestants (77%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Mainlines (63%) and Catholics (64%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Yes” (85%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select “Yes” (53%)

“Is this statement in the Bible? ‘Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.’”

- Those in the South (68%) and West (71%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (60%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Yes” (74%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Yes” than those without evangelical beliefs (73% v. 60%)
- Evangelicals (71%) and Black Protestants (73%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Mainlines (52%) and Catholics (63%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Yes” (86%)

“Is this statement in the Bible? ‘God shall help those who help themselves.’”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “No” (65%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “No” than those without evangelical beliefs (56% v. 46%)
- Evangelicals (55%) and Mainlines (57%) are more likely to select “No” than Black Protestants (45%) and Catholics (43%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “No” (55%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “No” (69%)

“Is this statement in the Bible? ‘Charity begins at home.’”

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select “No” (70%)
- Whites (66%) are more likely to select “No” than African Americans (55%) and Other Ethnicities (54%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (70%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (58%) or with some college (60%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select “No” (68%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “No” (75%)

“Is this statement in the Bible? ‘Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.’”

- African Americans are the most likely to select “Yes” (83%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (81%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are High School Graduates or less (70%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (71%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Yes” than those without evangelical beliefs (80% v. 67%)
- Evangelicals (78%) and Black Protestants (83%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Mainlines (68%) and Catholics (66%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (77%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who attend once a month (64%) or attend twice a month (70%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select “Yes” (89%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select “Yes” (57%)

“Is this statement in the Bible? ‘Money is evil.’”

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “No” (79%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select “No” (56%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (69%) are more likely to select “No” than those who attend twice a month (59%) or three times a month (61%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day (74%) are more likely to select “No” than those who read a few times a week (65%), read a few times a month (62%), read once a month (61%), or rarely/never read (63%)

“In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?”

My pastor’s sermon

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (63%)
- Whites are the most likely to select (60%)
- Evangelicals (59%) and Mainlines (60%) are more likely to select than Catholics (49%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select (62%)
- Those who personally read the Bible a few times a month (61%) or read once a month (65%) are more likely to select than those who read once a week (51%) or rarely/never read (52%)

"In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?"

Reading Bible passages or chapters without stopping

- Those age 18-29 (40%) and 30-49 (36%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (25%) and 65+ (25%)
- Whites (30%) and African Americans (36%) are more likely to select than Other Ethnicities (22%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (37% v. 23%)
- Evangelicals (32%) and Black Protestants (39%) are more likely to select than Mainlines (23%) and Catholics (27%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (34%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (22%) or attend twice a month (22%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (53%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (6%)

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“In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?”

Reading devotional material

- Whites (40%) and African Americans (41%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (29%) and Other Ethnicities (29%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (46% v. 29%)
- Evangelicals (42%), Black Protestants (41%), and Mainlines (37%) are more likely to select than Catholics (29%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select (42%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (57%)
- Those who rarely or never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (13%)

"In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?"

Studying verses on a topic, theme, or question

- Those age 18-29 (41%) and 30-49 (37%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (26%) and 65+ (20%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (38%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (40%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (35% v. 24%)
- Black Protestants (42%) are more likely to select than Evangelicals (30%), Mainlines (26%), and Catholics (27%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month (33%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (19%) or three times a month (25%)
- Those who rarely/never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (7%)

“In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?”

Slowly studying verse by verse through Bible passages

- Those age 18-29 (40%) and 30-49 (35%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (21%) and 65+ (21%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (35% v. 20%)
- Evangelicals (31%) and Black Protestants (35%) are more likely to select than Mainlines (20%) and Catholics (23%)
- Those who attend a worship service four or more times a month are the most likely to select (32%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (51%)
- Those who rarely/never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (5%)

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“In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?”

Reading articles about the Bible

- Those age 18-29 (29%) and 30-49 (26%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (15%) and 65+ (12%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (30%)
- Black Protestants (29%) are more likely to select than Evangelicals (17%) and Mainlines (18%)
- Those who rarely/never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (7%)

“In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?”

Listening to podcasts about the Bible

- Those age 18-29 (33%) and 30-49 (36%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (17%) and 65+ (11%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (37%)
- Black Protestants (32%) are more likely to select than Evangelicals (22%) and Mainlines (18%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (12%)
- Those who rarely/never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (5%)

"In a typical week, what approaches, if any, do you use to learn the Bible?"

Listening to sermons from other churches

- Those age 18-29 (38%) and 30-49 (34%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (22%) and 65+ (21%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (41%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (33% v. 21%)
- Black Protestants (41%) are more likely to select than Evangelicals (28%), Mainlines (19%), and Catholics (26%)
- Those who personally read the Bible every day (38%) or read a few times a week (34%) are more likely to select than those who read a few times a month (25%), read once a month (19%), or rarely/never read (15%)

"Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?"

To encourage me

- Whites (59%) and African Americans (62%) are more likely to select than Other Ethnicities (50%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (68% v. 47%)
- Evangelicals (61%) and Black Protestants (66%) are more likely to select than Mainlines (54%) and Catholics (49%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (60%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (48%) or attend three times a month (54%)
- Those rarely/never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (41%)

"Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?"

To give me advice for life

- African Americans (59%) are more likely to select than Whites (50%) and Hispanics (47%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (60% v. 41%)
- Black Protestants are the most likely to select (64%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (54%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (40%) or attend twice a month (47%)
- Those rarely/never personally read the Bible are the least likely to select (32%)

“Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?”

To help me know and relate to God

- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (73% v. 50%)
- Evangelicals are the most likely to select (69%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (68%)
- Those personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (81%)

“Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?”

To understand more of the Bible

- Whites (59%) and African Americans (62%) are more likely to select than Other Ethnicities (52%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (68% v. 48%)
- Catholics 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 (62%)
- Those personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (75%)

“Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?”

To prepare for a group Bible study

- Those age 18-29 (25%) and 30-49 (20%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (13%)
- Evangelicals (20%) and Black Protestants (23%) are more likely to select than Catholics (13%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month are the least likely to select (7%)
- Those personally read the Bible every day (25%) or read a few times a week (27%) are more likely to select than those who read a few times a month (15%), read once a month (7%), or rarely/never read (6%)

“Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?”

To understand more of God’s revelation

- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (64% v. 44%)
- Evangelicals (60%) are more likely to select than Mainlines (48%) and Catholics (46%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (59%)
- Those personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (73%)

“Which of the following reasons describe why you engage with the Bible?”

To show me how to lead a life pleasing to God

- Whites (54%) and African Americans (56%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (45%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (64% v. 41%)
- Evangelicals (61%) and Black Protestants (54%) are more likely to select than Mainlines (41%) and Catholics (42%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select (58%)
- Those personally read the Bible every day are the most likely to select (73%)