Global Church Member Survey 2023

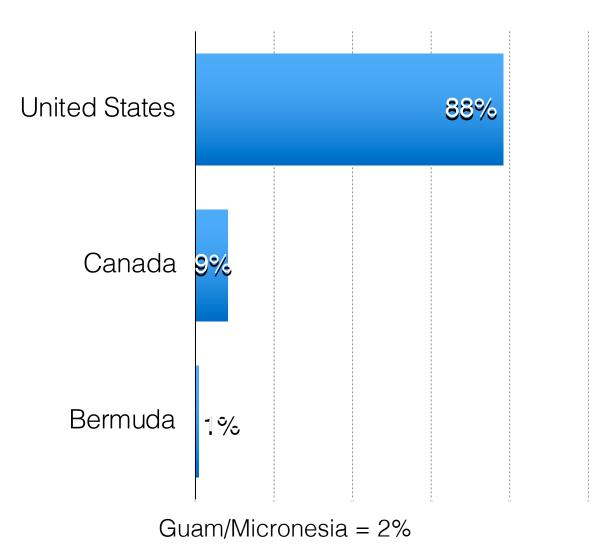
North American Division

N = 1,819; margin of error +/- 2.3%

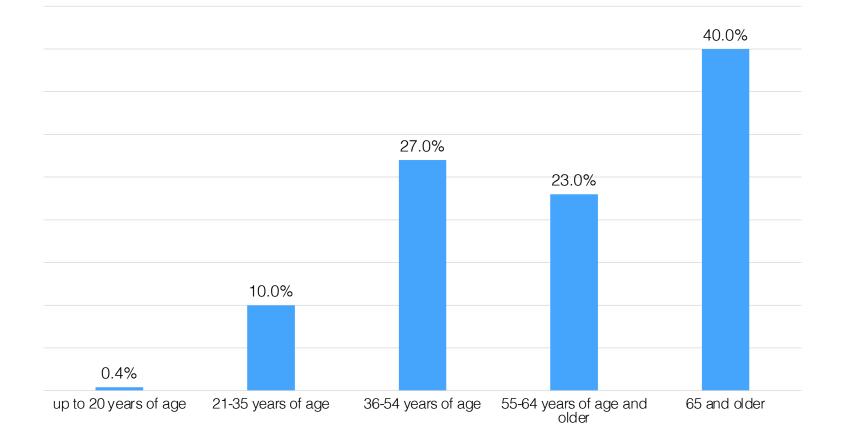


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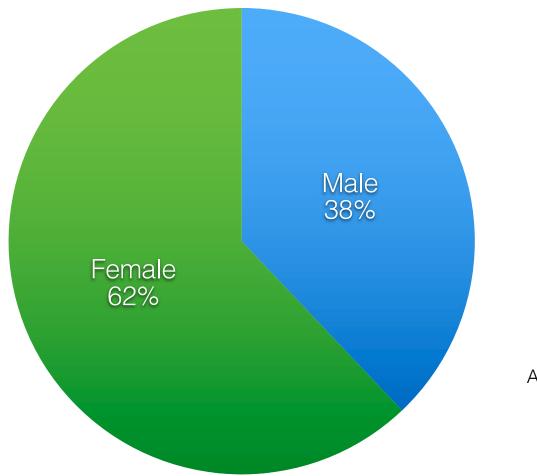
P1. IN WHAT COUNTRY DO YOU LIVE?



AGE RANGE

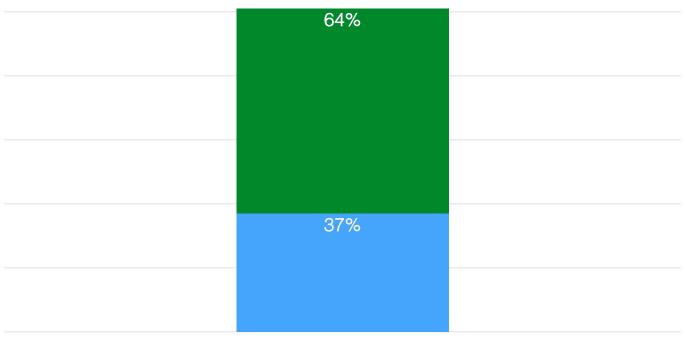


P3. GENDER



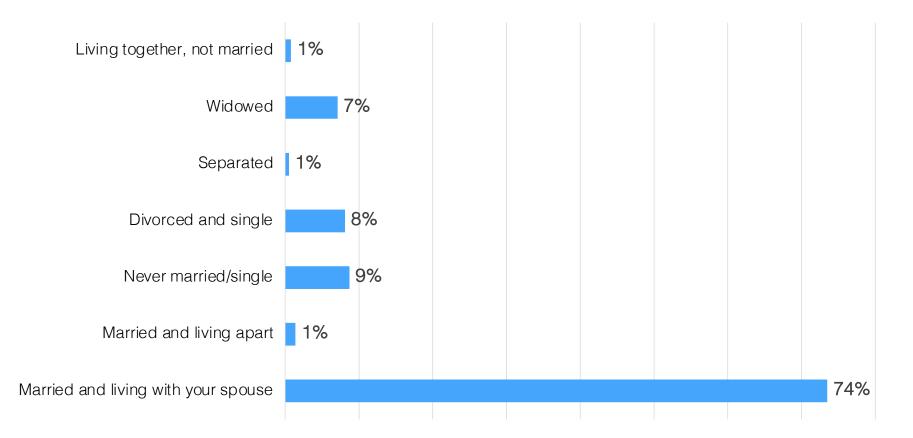
Actual = 57% Female 43% Male

I HAVE ATTENDED AN ADVENTIST SCHOOL.

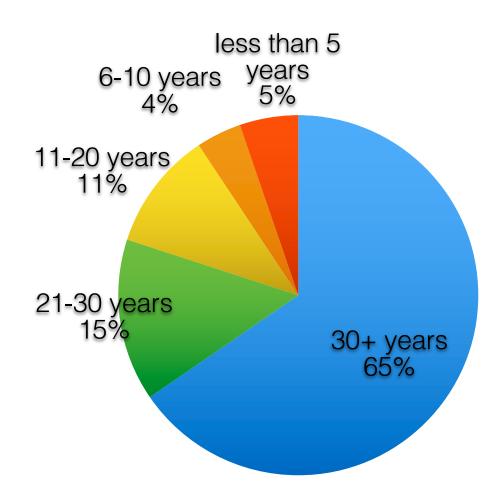


■No ■Yes

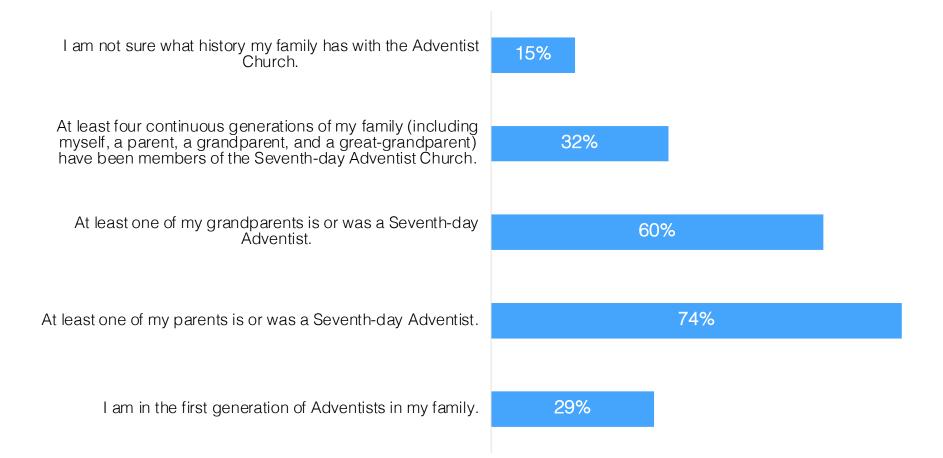
MARITAL STATUS



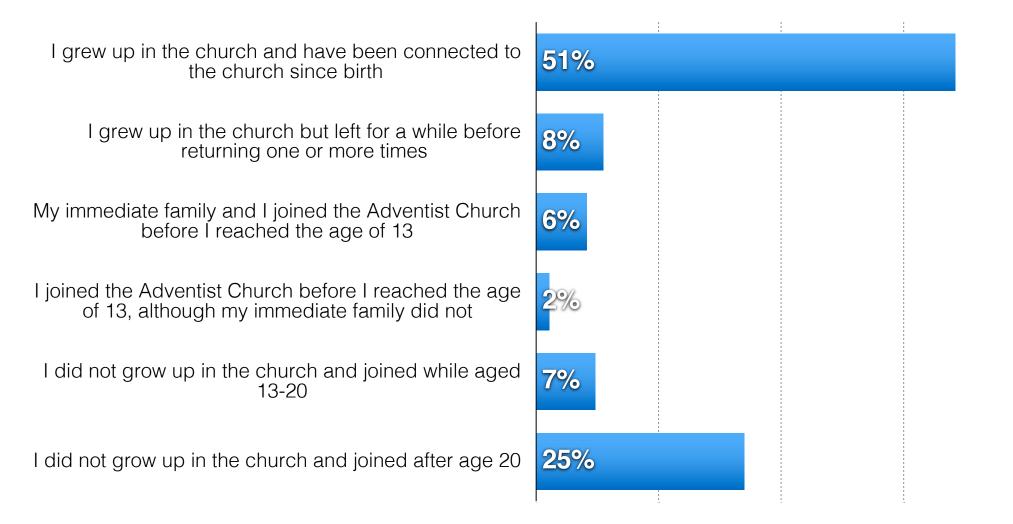
RANGE OF YEARS AS MEMBER (BAPTIZED OR ACCEPTED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH) OF THE SDA CHURCH



HISTORY WITH THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



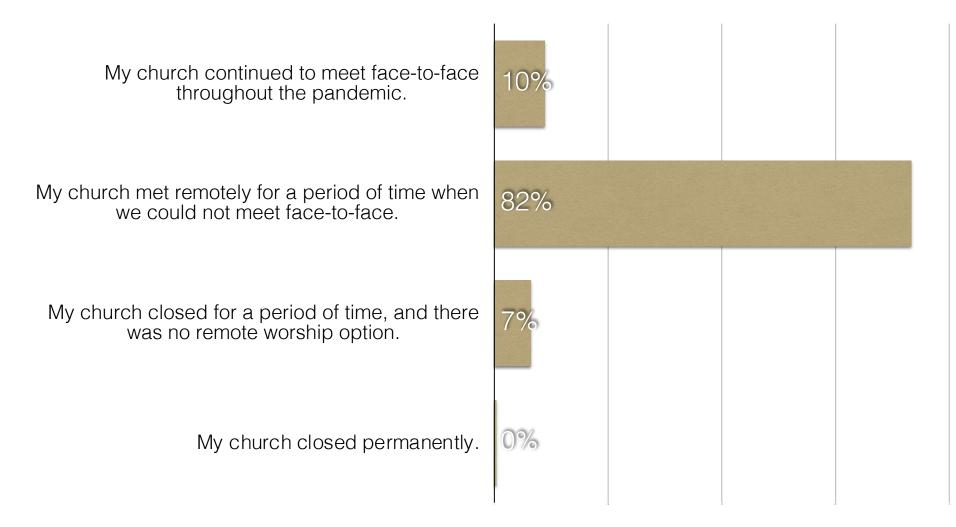
D8. AT WHAT AGE DID YOU JOIN THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH?



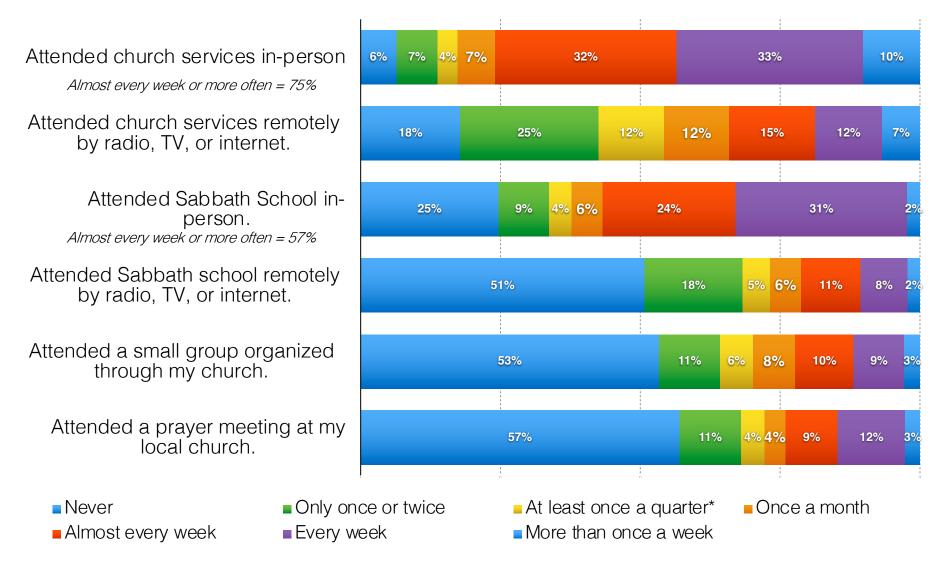
D17. How would you currently describe your involvement in your local church?

I do not attend church or participate at all in church 4% activities. I attend church through recorded or live-streamed This is the highest response of any 10% audio or video but otherwise do not interact with division so far the church. I attend church activities and services but 7% rarely participate or interact with church members. 11% I consider myself a casual participant. 35% I consider myself an active participant. 34% I consider myself an active leader in my church.

D18. DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHAT HAPPENED TO WORSHIP SERVICES AT THE CHURCH THAT YOU ATTENDED?



R1A. HOW OFTEN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS DID YOU ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW?



R1B. HOW OFTEN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS DID YOU ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW?

Attended a public

evangelistic meeting in my area.

Attended a Pathfinder meeting.

Attended a Pathfinder meeting.

Participated in communion service.

Helped with a church ministry on
Sabbath.

Almost every week or more often = 36%

Helped with a church ministry during the week.

65% 20% 6% 12%2%3% 83% 5% 2%3% 4% 2%% 25% 49% 2%2% 13% 9% 13% 16% 17% 3% 5% 40% 15% 9% 9% 11% 10%

At least once a quarter*

Never

Almost every week

Only once or twiceEvery week

More than once a week

Once a month

R2A. HOW OFTEN DO YOU ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW?

World: 75% several times per week; daily 49% Read the Bible. 2% 5% 9% 9% 22% 52% NAD: several times per week 74%; daily 52% Study the Sabbath School lesson. 9% 26% 8% 15% 18% 24% Read the writings of Ellen G. White. 21% 19% 10% 16% 17% Have morning or evening worship 37% 11% 8% 9% 11% 24% with members of my family. Have personal prayer (at times **2%3%**4% 12% 77% other than meals). Read Adventist World magazine or 41% 26% 23% 6% 3%2% website.

Less than once a month.

Never

About once a week.

More than once a week.

Once or a few times a month.

Daily or more than once a day.

Bible Reading:

2023 World baseline: 75% several times per week (49% daily); 7% never/less than once a month

2018 NAD: 79% several times per week (55% daily); 9% never/less than once per month

2023 NAD: 74% several times per week (52% daily); 7% never/less than once a month 2034 World baseline: 64% several times per week (38% daily); 8% never

Study Sabbath School Lesson:

2018 NAD: 38% several times per week (26% daily); 35% never

2023 NAD: 42% several times per week (24% daily); 26% never

A1A. PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

My Sabbath School teachers or leaders care about me.

My pastor cares about me.

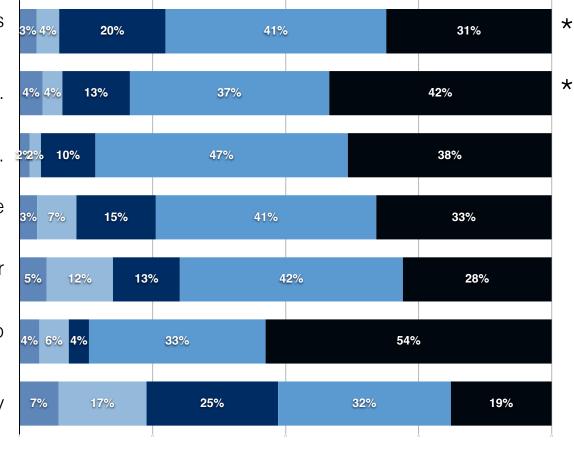
Other people in my church care about me. 222%

I feel proud of my local church and its role and reputation in my community.

I attend a church that plans activities for everyone in my family.

I attend a church that makes worship services available online.

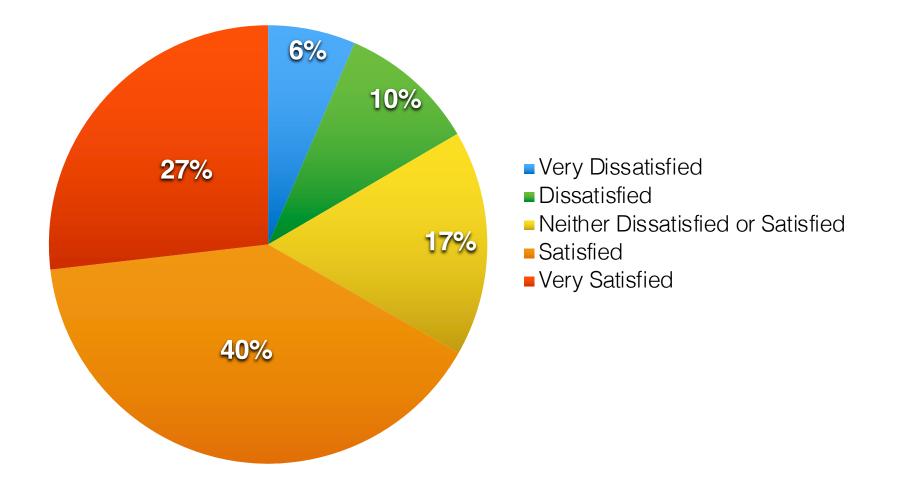
Youth and young adults play an important role in decision-making in my local church.



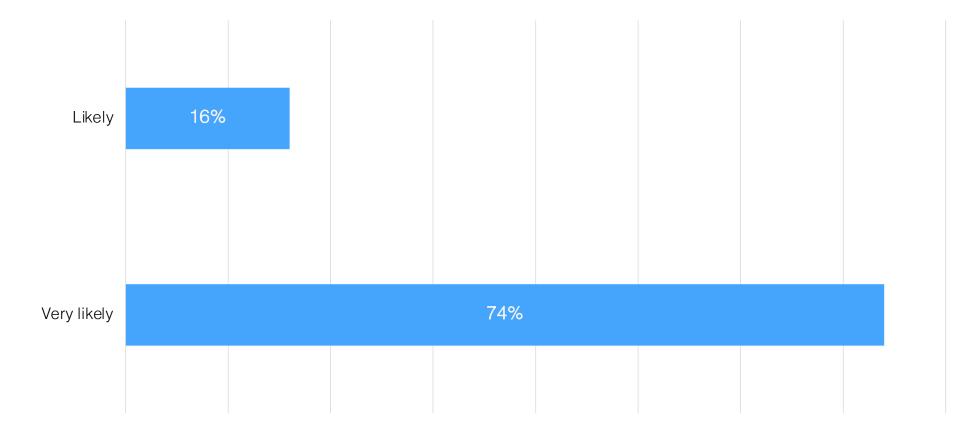
Disagree

I am not sure

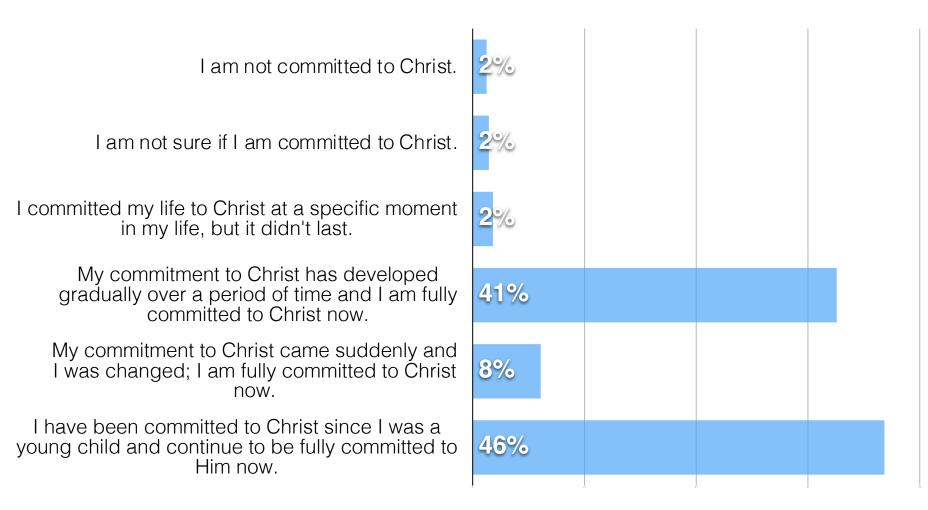
A5. How satisfied are you with YOUR LOCAL CHURCH?



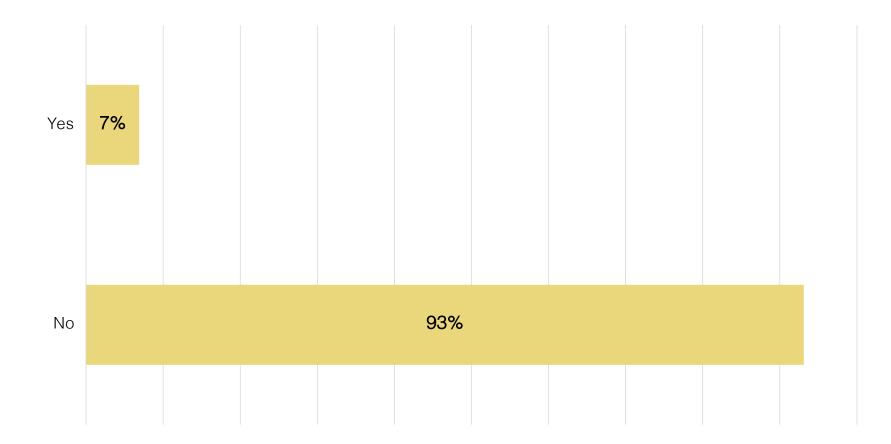
HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?



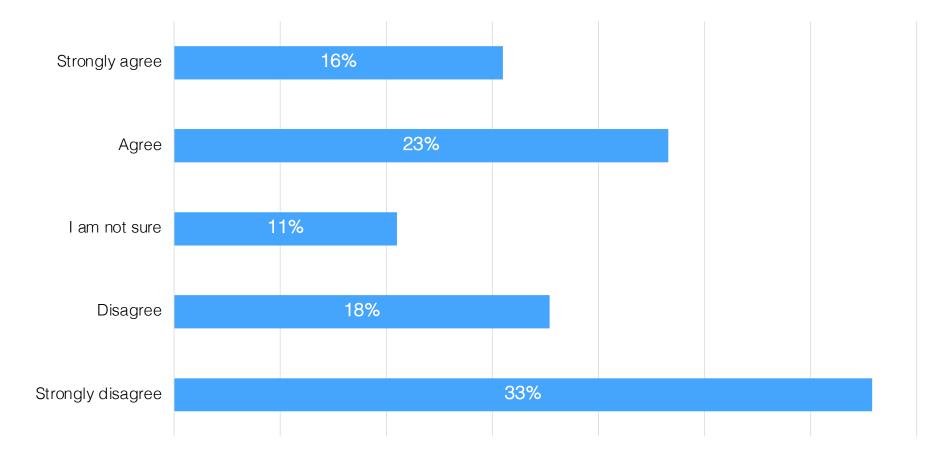
A7 - WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST?



I HAVE HAD SUICIDAL THOUGHTS.



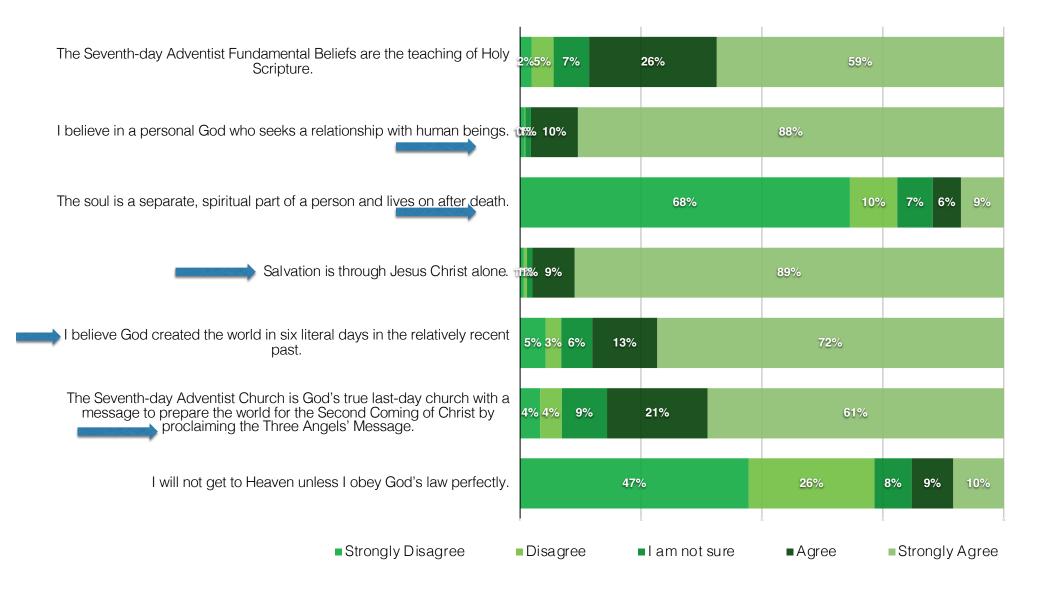
I HAVE BEEN HURT EMOTIONALLY BY LEADERS, PEOPLE, OR INCIDENTS IN MY CHURCH.



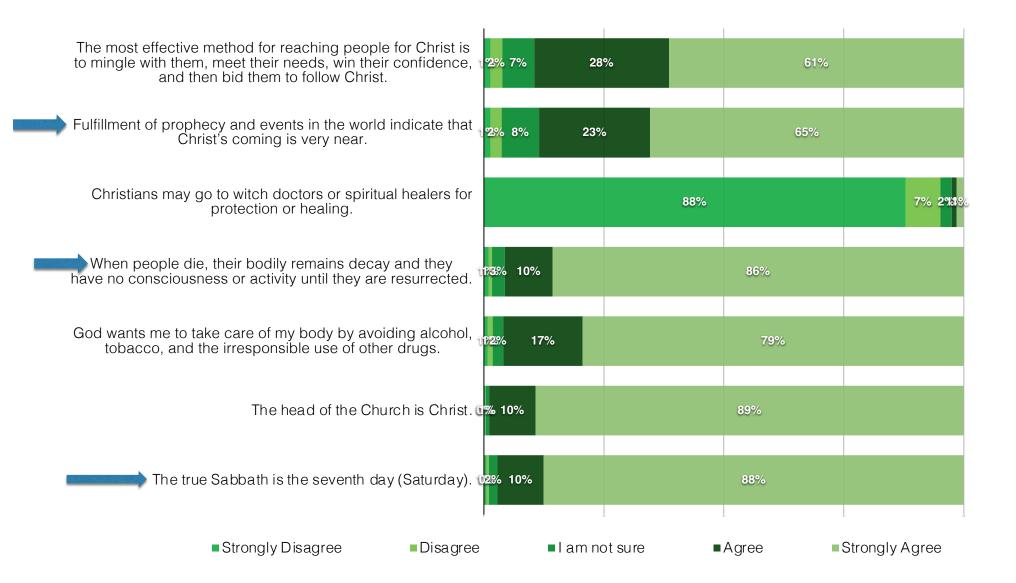
COMPARING 2018: "I HAVE BEEN HURT BY CHURCH LEADERS"

2018: 49% Yes, 45% No 2023: Agree/Strongly Agree 39%

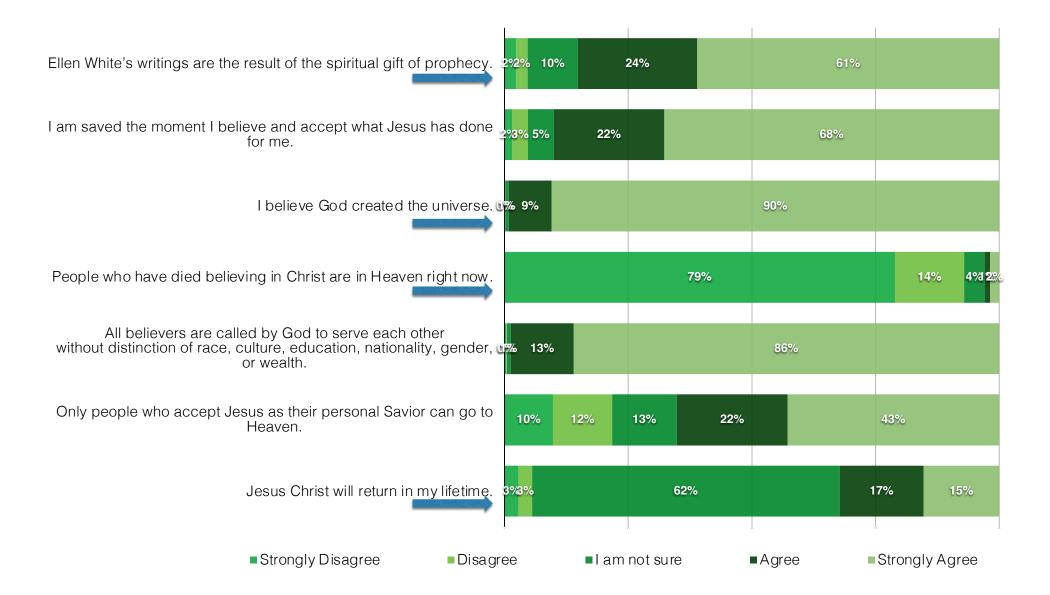
B1A. PLEASE INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOU AGREE WITH EACH OF THE STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOW.



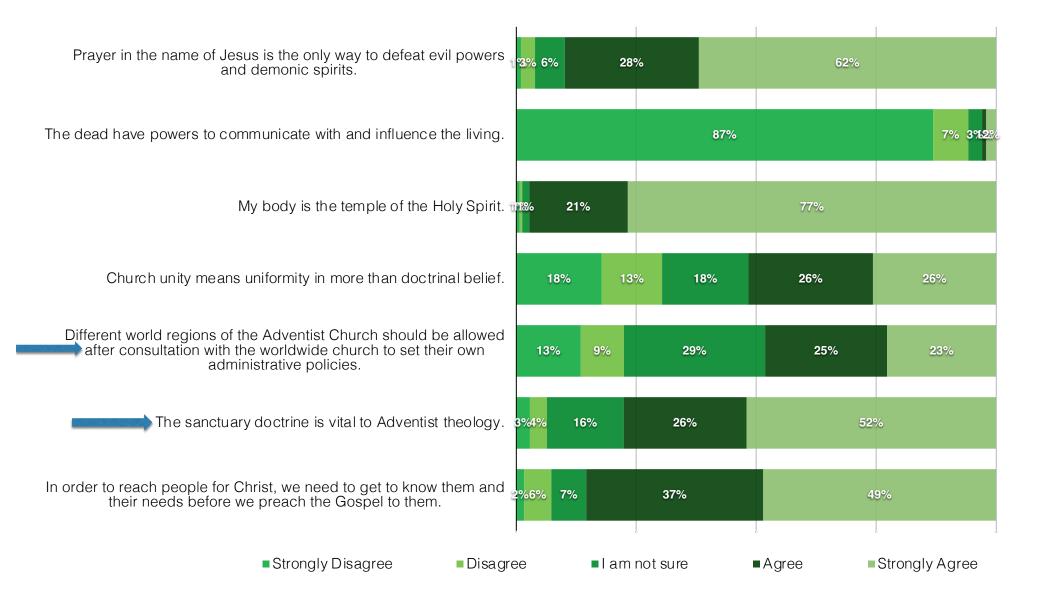
B1B. PLEASE INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOU AGREE WITH EACH OF THE STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOW.



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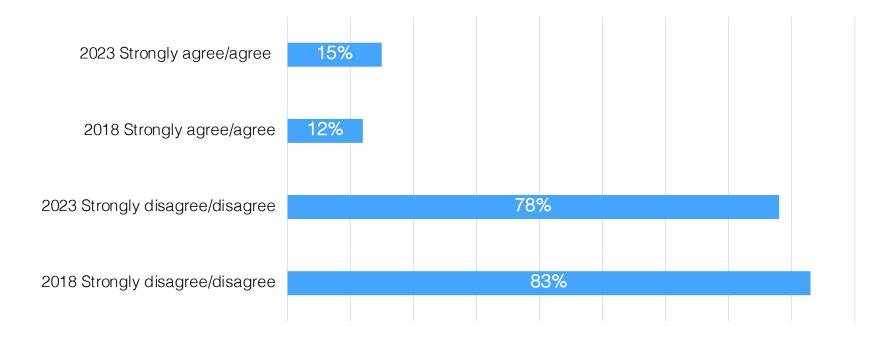
B1E. PLEASE INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOU AGREE WITH EACH OF THE STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOW.

The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs as a whole reflect the loving and gracious character of God.	3% 9%	32%		55%	
Because Jesus was able to live without sinning, it is possible for believers to grow in Christian maturity so that in the final days of Earth's history we will reach a state of sinless perfection.	22%	19%	20%	19%	20%
The Holy Spirit is God's power in the world, not a Person.	31%	16%	11%	17%	24%
People who have rejected Christ are burning in Hell right now.		87	7%		9% 201%
In order to receive God's grace, I must first live by His rules.		54%		23%	6% 9% 7%
The more that I follow Adventist health and lifestyle standards, the more likely I will be saved.		52%		28%	8% 8% 4%
I am loved by God even when I sin. 1	0% 16%		. 82	%	
Strongly Disagree Disagree	■I am no	ot sure	■Agree	S	trongly Agree

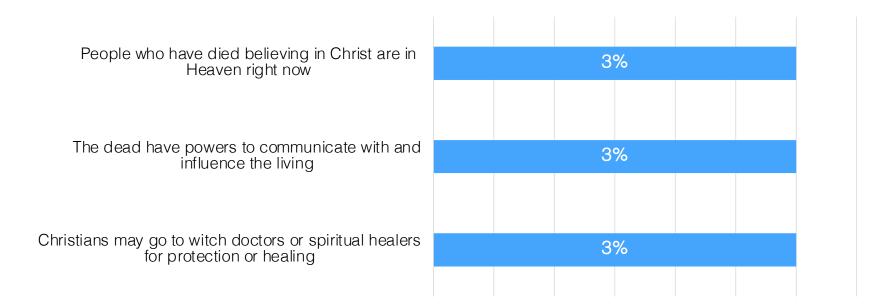
B1F. PLEASE INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOU AGREE WITH EACH OF THE STATEMENTS THAT FOLLOW.

The reason that I do good works is because I have been saved by grace.	4% 7%	7%	29%	52	%
People have a certain amount of faith and they really cannot do much to change it.			55%	34%	7% 3%%
There are very distinct theological and worldview differences between what is being taught in a public or government school and what is being taught in a Seventh-day Adventist school.	%3% 10%	6	36%	5	0%
Every local church should either operate or contribute to the operation of a school.	5% 109	% 2	23%	36%	26%
Tithing is still required of all people by God.	2%3% 8%	,	27%	59%	
The Bible teaches that sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage.	22% 6%	26%		65%	
The Bible teaches that marriage is a union between an adult man and an adult woman.	372%5%	18%		73%	
Strongly Disagree	2	I am not	sure .	Ågree ∎S	Strongly Agree

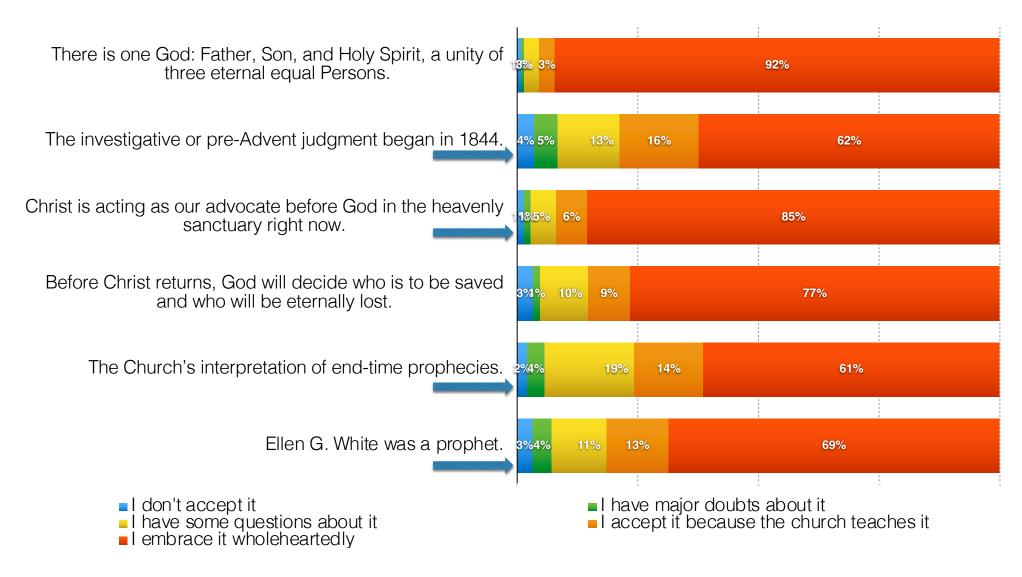
THE SOUL IS A SEPARATE PART OF A PERSON AND LIVES ON AFTER DEATH: 2018 GCMS vs 2023 GCMS



STATE OF THE DEAD: STRONGLY AGREE/AGREE RESPONSES



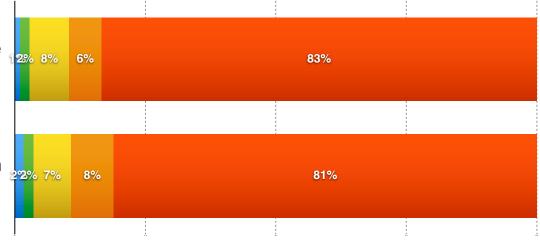
B6A. TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TEACHINGS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH?



B6B. TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TEACHINGS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH?

Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of drugs.

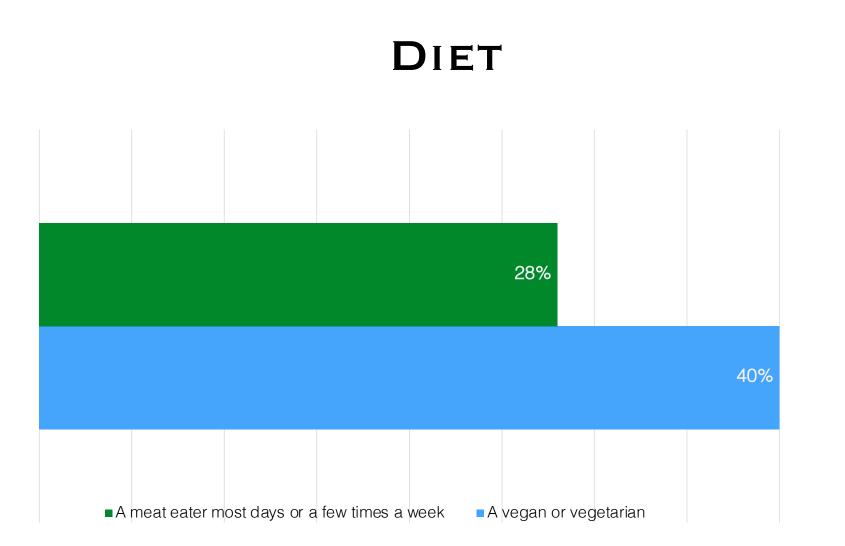
Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture.



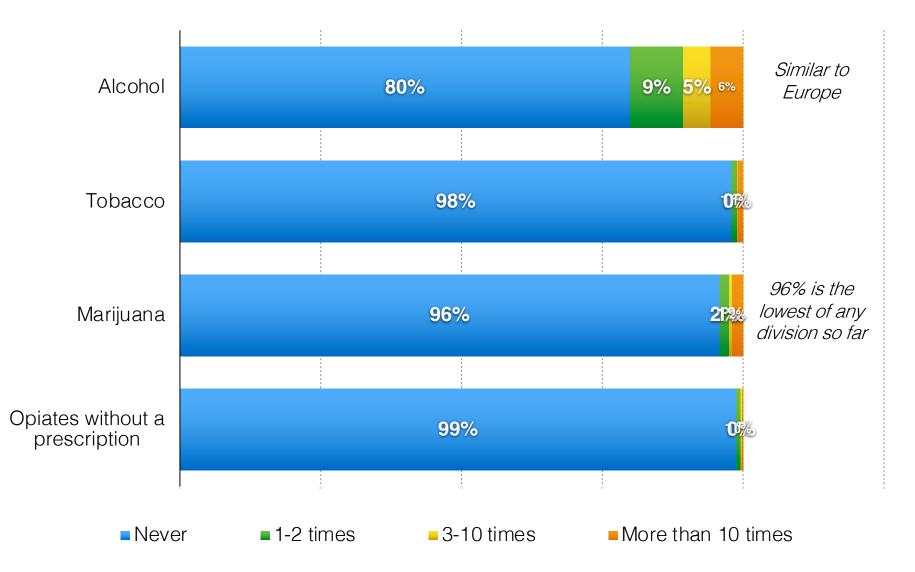
I have major doubts about it

I accept it because the church teaches it

- I don't accept it
- I have some questions about it
- I embrace it wholeheartedly



H2. HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU USED WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS



H6. THE FINAL SET OF STATEMENTS WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT CHURCH MEMBERS BELIEVE ABOUT THE ADVENTIST HEALTH MESSAGE.

