

Life, Faith, and Jesus in the Open Generation



Kickstarter Question:



What would you say is the difference between a “friend” and an “influencer”?



What comes to mind when you hear “Spiritual Conversations”?

Definition:

Predictions

The research into people who have Spiritual Conversations included a question about what it is typically like for them to have these kinds of conversations. They were asked to describe their experience in three words. Which three words do you think they most often used?

Peace Shame Laughter Exhilaration Awkwardness Annoyance Joy
Anxiety Stress Anger Fear Confusion

Part 2: Spiritual Conversations Trivia

What does the research say? Can you guess? Try to answer these trivia questions.

Trivia Questions

1. Approximately how many Spiritual Conversations does the average Christian have in a year?
 - a. 50
 - b. 25
 - c. Less than 10
2. Who is someone most likely to engage in a Spiritual Conversation?
 - a. Pastor
 - b. Parent
 - c. Friend
 - d. Teacher

3. What is the most known fact about Jesus for Gen Z?

- a. He was a great teacher.
- b. He claimed to be God.
- c. He was crucified.
- d. He did miracles.

4. What percent of teens around the world today own a Bible?

- a. Less than 10%
- b. 22%
- c. 38%
- d. 59%

5. What percent of Christians today believe that “when you die you will go to heaven because you confessed your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior”?

- a. 21%
- b. 49%
- c. 78%
- d. 92%

6. **True or False:** More Christian teens than non-Christian teens believe they can make a positive impact on the world.

7. What percent of Christians believe it is their responsibility to share the faith?

- a. Less than 20%
- b. 64%
- c. 82%
- d. 91%

Discussion Question:



Which answer is the most surprising to you?
Which is the least surprising to you?

Part 3: Bible + Group Discussion

For this discussion, we want to look to the Bible to answer two fundamental questions:

1

Why Do Christians Have Spiritual Conversations (Faith, Doubt, God, Jesus, Spiritual Things)?

Instructions: Read each verse and discuss in your groups how they each partially answer the above question. Take notes for each passage in the space below. After discussing each passage, write your own one-sentence answer to the question that you think best summarizes what you learned.

Matthew
22:36-40

Matthew
28:19-20

Deuteronomy
11:18-19

Romans 1:18

2 Corinthians
5:20



Review your notes on the passages above, then summarize them in a one-sentence answer to this question: "Why do Christians have Spiritual Conversations (faith, doubt, God, Jesus, spiritual things)?"

2

What Is So Good About the Good News?

Instructions: Read each verse and discuss in your groups how they each partially answer the above question. Take notes for each passage in the space below. After discussing each passage, write your own one-sentence answer to the question that you think best summarizes what you learned.

John 3:16

John 14:6

1 Peter 3:15

John 10:10

Matthew 4:24

Please provide a one-sentence answer to this question: "What's so good about the Gospel, the 'Good News'?"

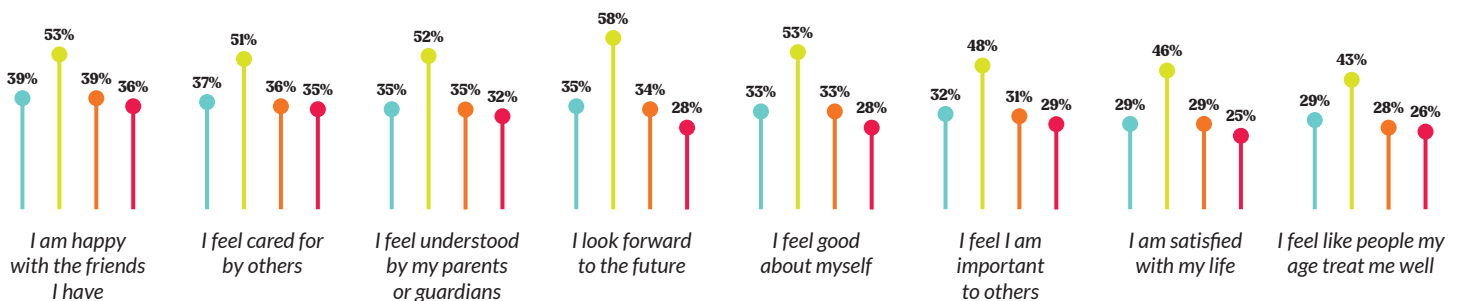


Take a Look at the Data Graphic: Christian teens' vs. non-Christian teens' view of life

A Place in the World

n=24,870 teens ages 13 to 17, July 21-August 24, 2021.

● All teens ● Bible engaged ● Bible open ● Bible unengaged



What does or does not surprise you about this data?



Lesson 1 Exit Ticket



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