

THOUGHTS FROM A PEW BABY

Preserving the PAW Legacy by Educating, Empowering and Equipping the
Millennials and Generations to come through Christian Education

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WE CONTINUE!!

- The strength of your personal relationship with God will give you the right perspective on any frustrations with God's people (i.e. the church)
 - Fall in love with Jesus!!
 - Don't make living for God about rules (what you can and can't do)
 - "Having therefore obtained help of God, [we] continue....."
~Acts 26:22
 - There is safety in God's will

LIVE WITH INTEGRITY

- **Millennial voices must be backed up with lives of integrity**
 - We cannot make an impact until we master the fundamentals. What kept the generations before us will keep us too!
 - **PRAYER:** Our most underutilized weapon
 - Ephesians 6:18 MSG: *Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.*
 - **STUDY THE WORD!** Don't just read it.
 - 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
 - **FASTING**
 - Mark 9:29 KJV: *"...this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."*

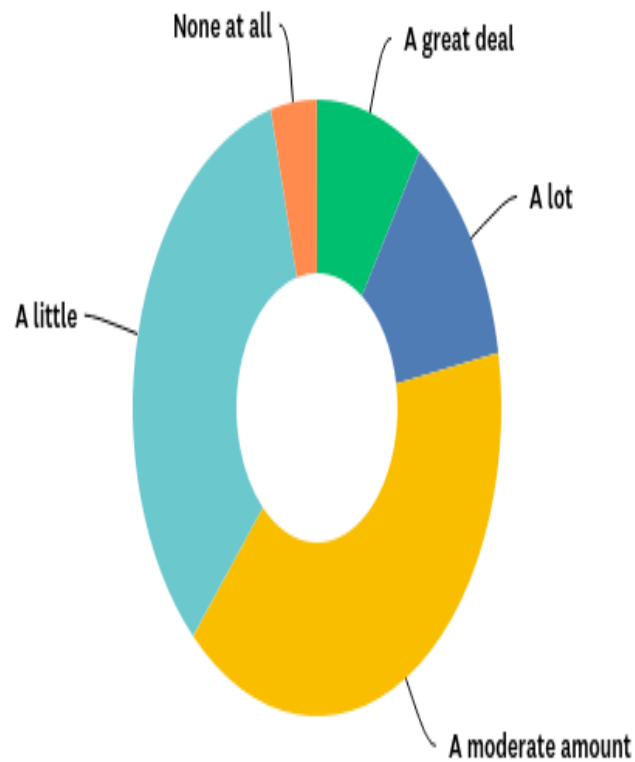
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 - GO TO CHURCH!!
 - Hebrews 10:25 KJV: *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.....”*
 - LIVE HOLY! --- Some things don't need to be debated
 - I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV: *“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in **all your conduct**, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.””*
 - What's “trending” isn't always for the child of God

APOSTOLIC MILLENNIALS

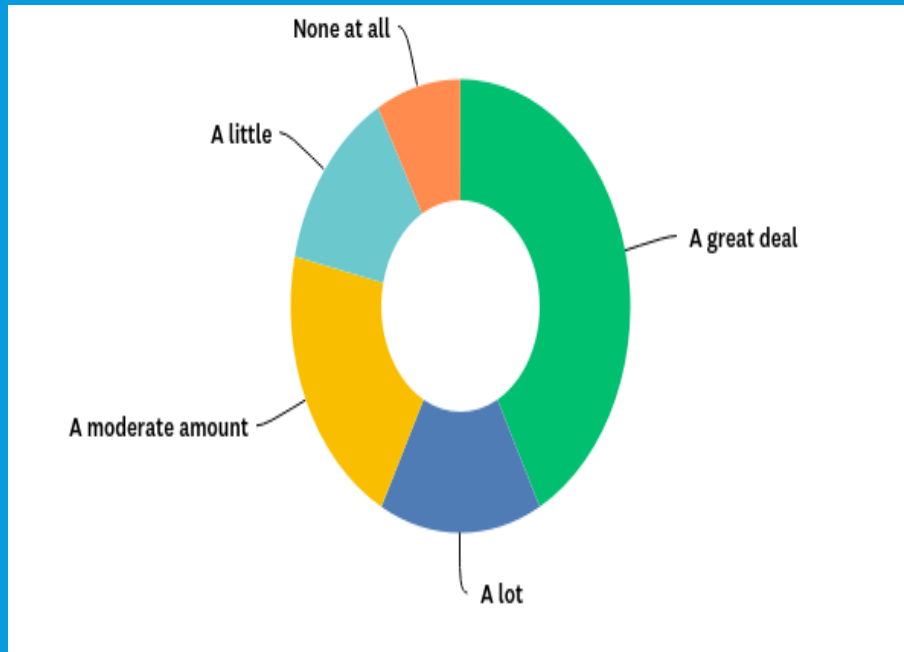
Survey Results

Q1: How often do you invite people to your church?



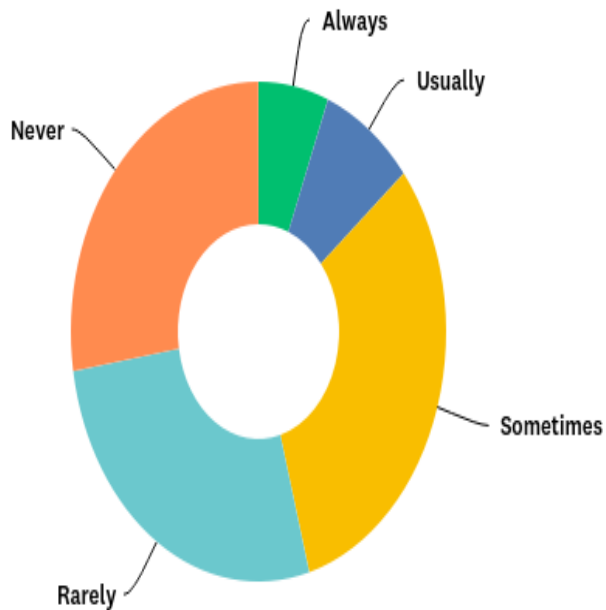
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	9.40%	14
A lot	12.75%	19
A moderate amount	39.60%	59
A little	34.23%	51
None at all	4.03%	6
TOTAL		149

Q2: Do you have open communication with your pastor? (i.e. Comfortable discussing any topic)



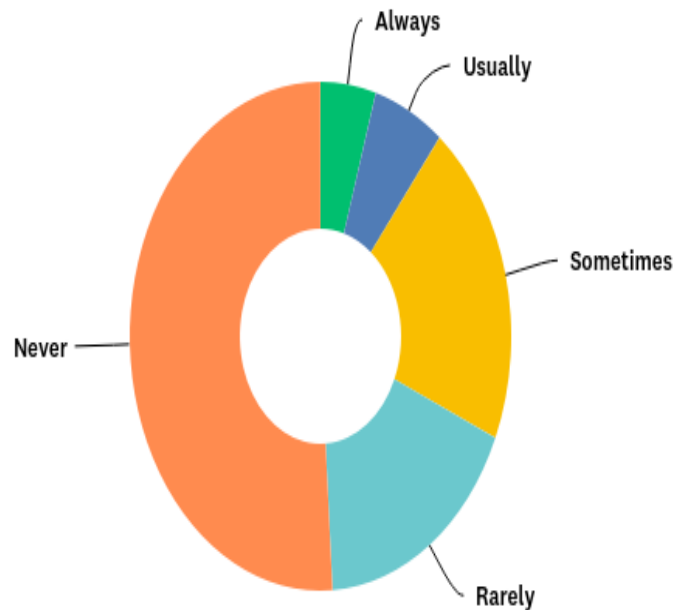
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A great deal	42.28% 63
A lot	15.44% 23
A moderate amount	20.81% 31
A little	13.42% 20
None at all	8.05% 12
TOTAL	149

Q3: Do you ever feel like your spiritual gifts are overlooked or restricted at your church?



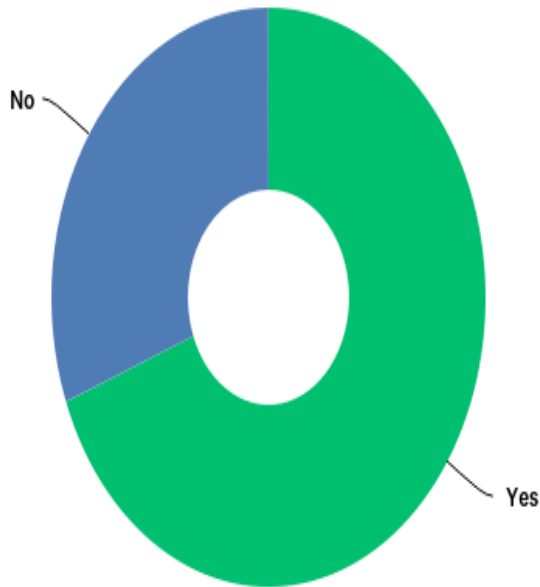
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	6.04% 9
Usually	8.05% 12
Sometimes	31.54% 47
Rarely	26.85% 40
Never	27.52% 41
TOTAL	149

Q4: Do you ever feel like the church only values you because of your gifts?



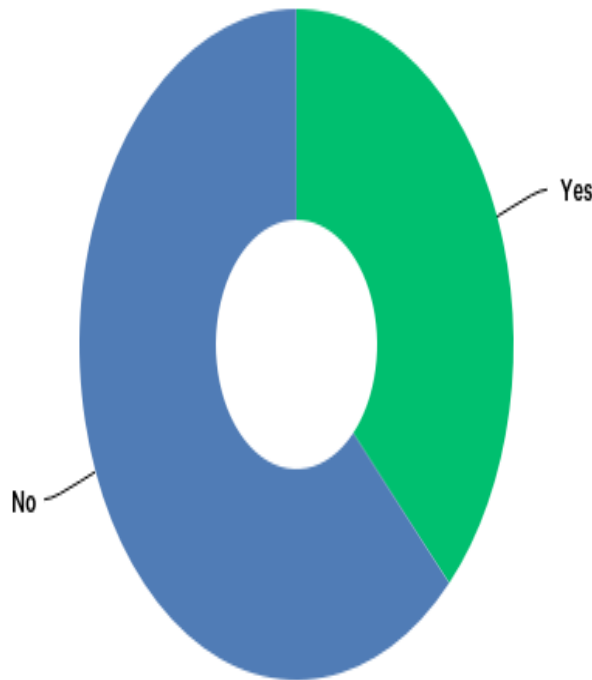
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	4.70%	7
Usually	6.04%	9
Sometimes	20.81%	31
Rarely	17.45%	26
Never	51.01%	76
TOTAL		149

Q5: Have you ever considered leaving your church?



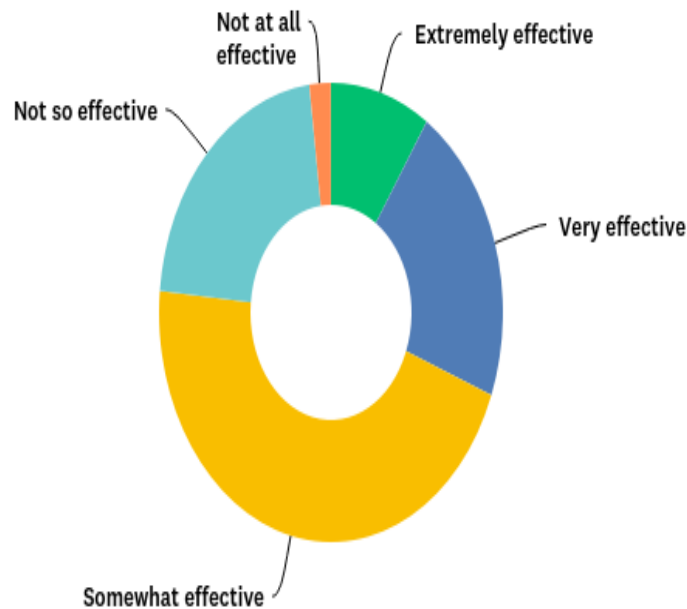
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.13%	103
No	30.87%	46
TOTAL		149

Q6: Would you join a church that was not apostolic?



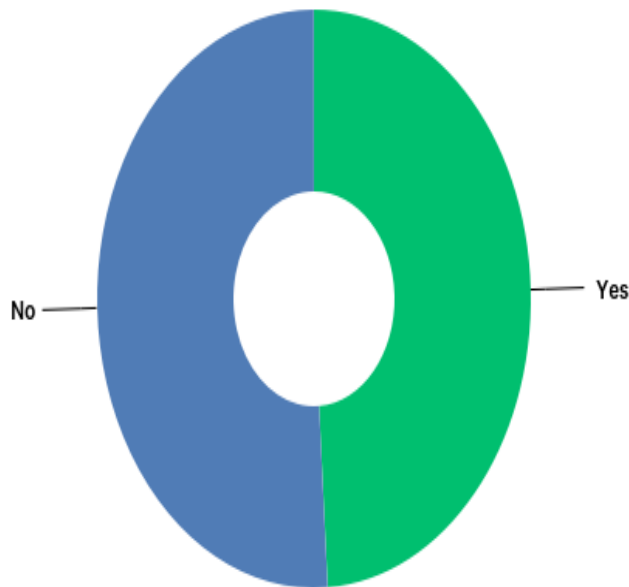
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.58%	56
No	62.42%	93
TOTAL		149

Q7: How effective is your church in ministering to youth and young adults?



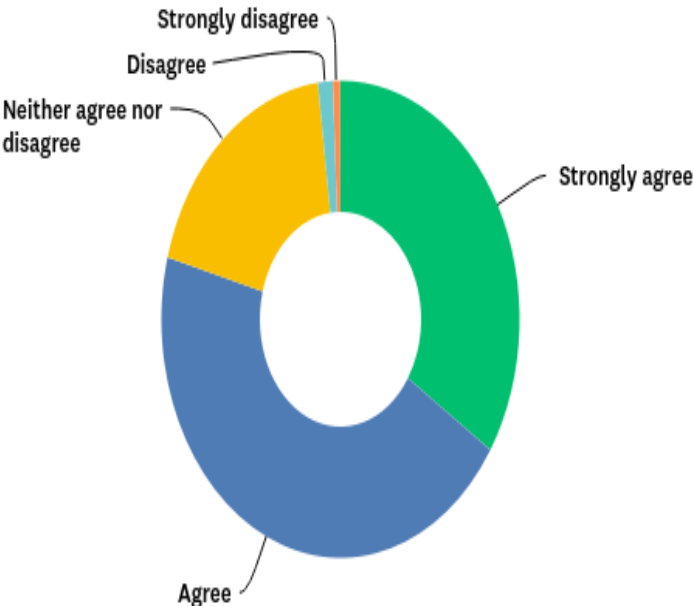
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely effective	9.40%	14
Very effective	21.48%	32
Somewhat effective	45.64%	68
Not so effective	21.48%	32
Not at all effective	2.01%	3
TOTAL		149

Q8: Are any of the key leaders at your church under the age of 40? (Besides a youth pastor/youth leader)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.99%	73
No	51.01%	76
TOTAL		149

Q9: Considering all the frustrations young people have with the church today, are you hopeful the state of the church will get better?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	34.23%	51
Agree	44.97%	67
Neither agree nor disagree	18.79%	28
Disagree	1.34%	2
Strongly disagree	0.67%	1
TOTAL		149

HELP US HELP YOU

- **Millennial frustrations with the church must be viewed as opportunities to serve**
 - The Pew Babies are no longer babies!!
 - Trust what you've taught us and don't overlook the fact that we're still here
 - We want and need to bring our expertise to the kingdom
 - Don't let the world validate and encourage us more than the church
 - Don't be intimidated by what we know, we're here to serve
 - PLEASE take the time to pour into us

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

- The innovation and creativity Millennials bring to the church cannot be used as an excuse to compromise what we've been taught and what we believe
- **Ephesians 6:1-4 The Message (MSG)**
 - 6¹⁻³ Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right. "Honor your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely, "so you will live well and have a long life". 4 Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.
- Mutual respect between all generations

EMPOWER US

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 KJV

⁷ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

⁸ And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.