

A “Post-Covid” Missiology

Three Ongoing
Realities in Engaging
the Rise of the Nones



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Six Pandemics

1. Disease
2. Distrust in Culture
3. Defamation from Technology
4. Disorientation in Identity
5. Disruption to Mental Health
6. Division in Church

Engaging the
Nones

COVID and Our Cultural Convulsion



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Popular

Latest

The Atlantic

Sign In

IDEAS

AMERICA IS HAVING A MORAL CONVULSION

Levels of trust in this country—in our institutions, in our politics, and in one another—are in precipitous decline. And when social trust collapses, nations fail. Can we get it back before it's too late?

By David Brooks

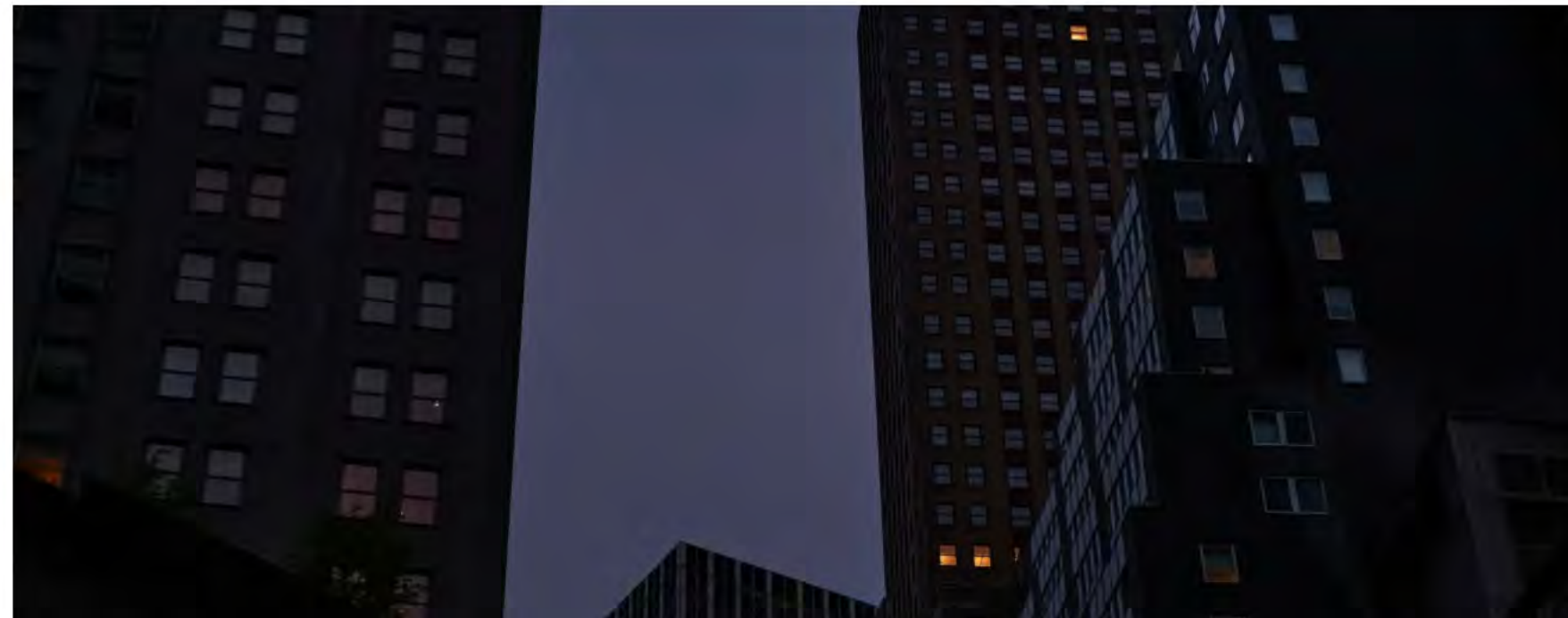
The New York Times

OPINION

Waking Up in 2030

The suspended time of the pandemic has put history on fast-forward.

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COVID and the Great Sort



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COVID and Layers of Dis/Re-engagement



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COVID *and the* Church



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More
Committed
to Church

Hanging On,
Waiting

Disconnected
...Potentially
Permanently

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Who knows, perhaps you have come to
your... position for such as time as this.

Esther 4:14



A POST- PANDEMIC MISSIOLOGY

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Temporarily Deficient
Ecclesiology,
in the Emergency, for
the Sake of the Mission

Principles

- ▶ Elevate your ecclesiology
- ▶ Engage the mission

HEADWINDS

Coming out of COVID

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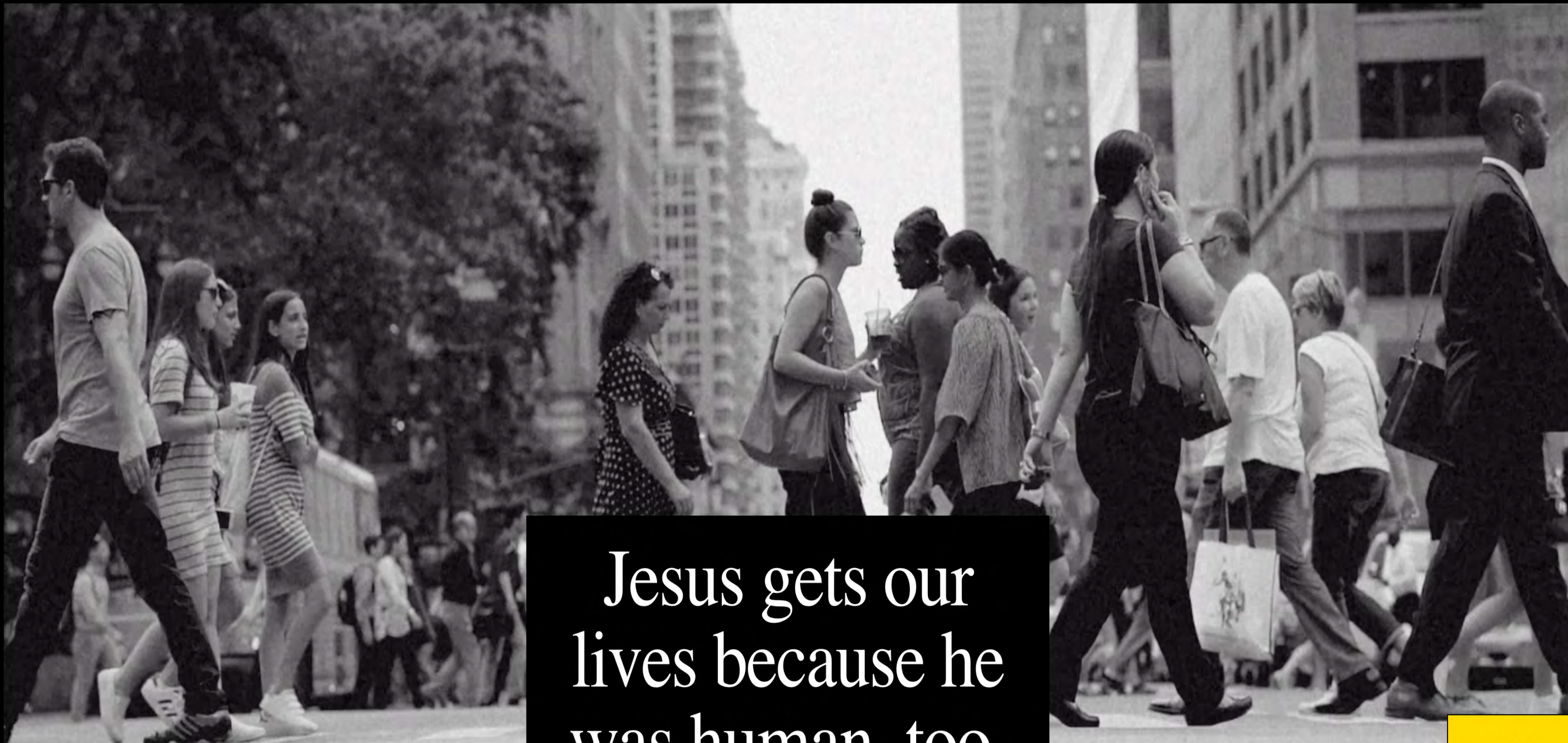


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Image of the evangelicalism





Jesus gets our
lives because he
was human, too.

TAILWINDS

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Tumult and opportunity (1968)



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GEN X

1965 - 1979



MILLENNIAL

1980 - 1996



GEN Z

1997 - 2015



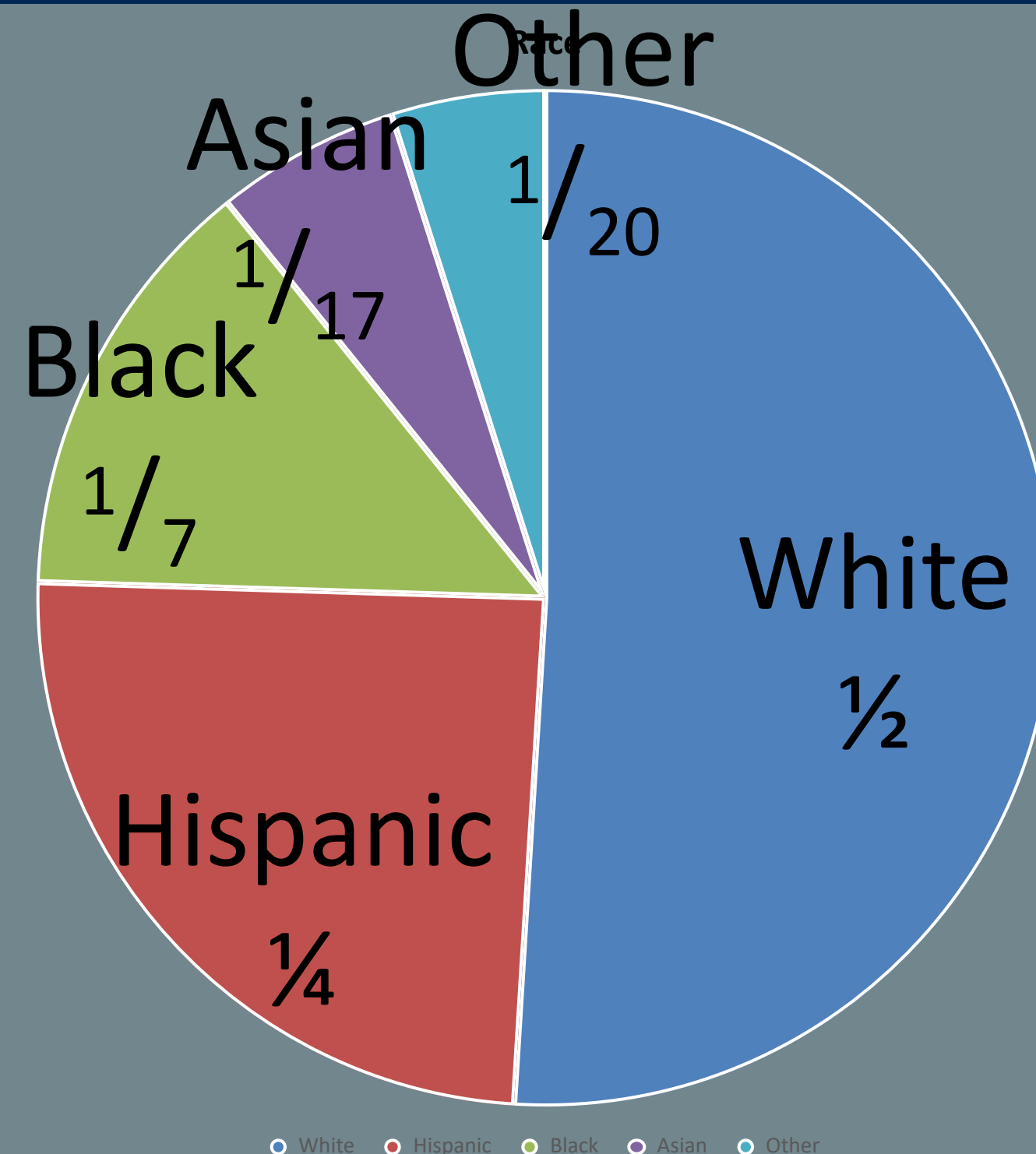
Some Quick Takes on Gen Z: Sex and Gender

- 16% identify as LGBT (11% bisexual)
- 59% say applications/forms ought to have more gender options than “man”/“woman”
- 28% by age 17 have experienced sex abuse.



Some Quick Takes on Gen Z:

Race



A better name for Nones is
"the unaffiliated"



In 2020, Gen Z are 45% nones:

- 7% Atheists
- 6% Agnostics
- 31% Nothing in Particular
- (35% Christian)



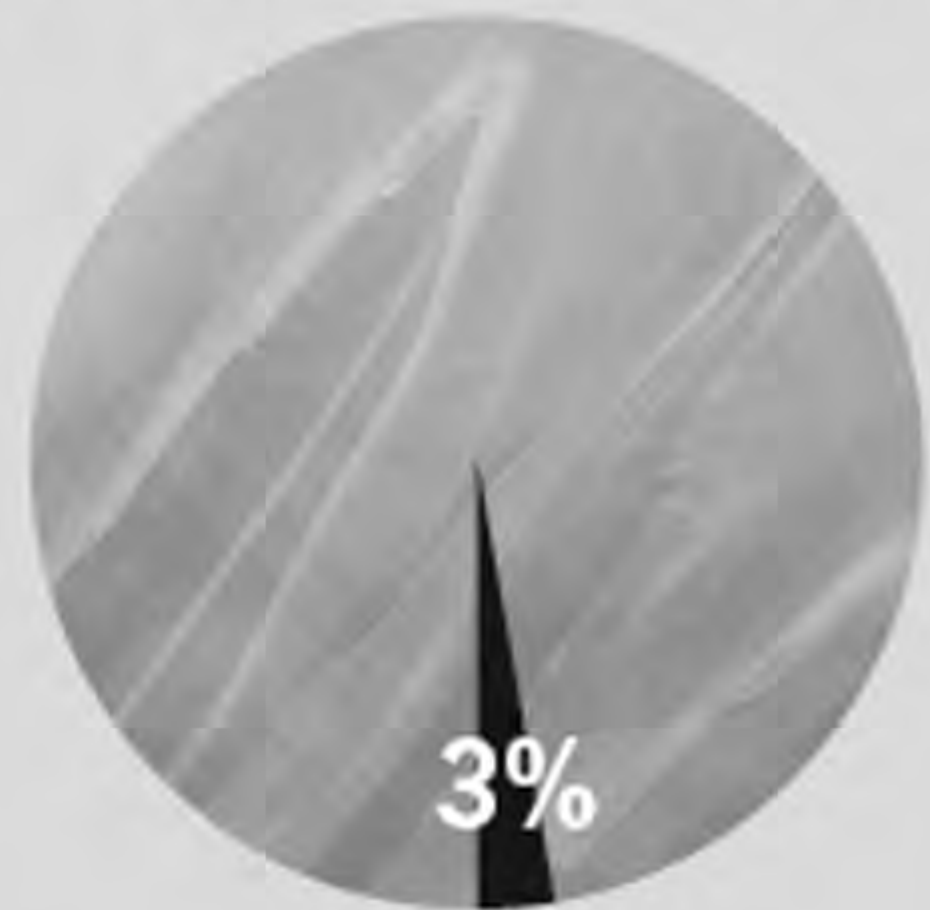
Nones who think that the Christian faith is harmful to society



**Atheistic
Nones**



**Agnostic
Nones**



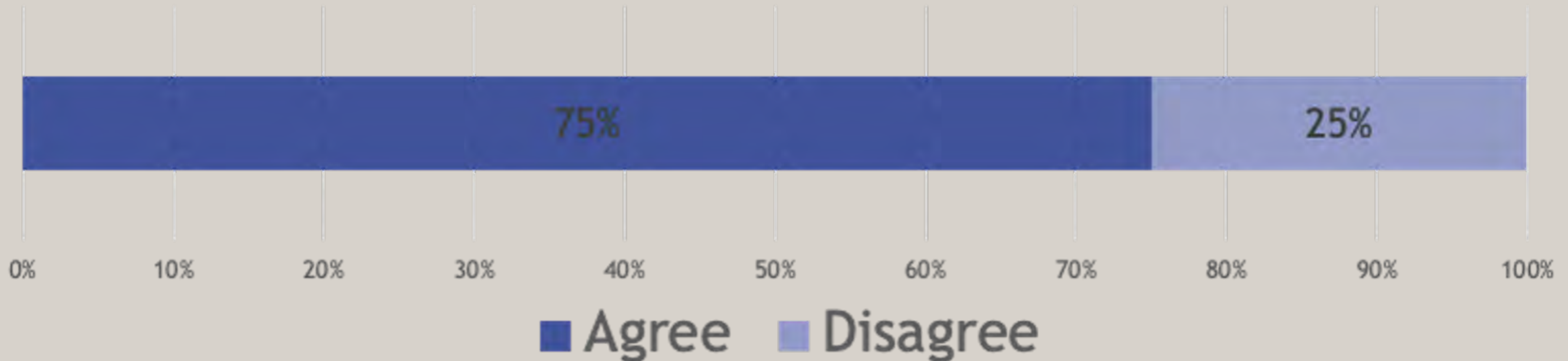
**Nothing in
Particulars**

Source: This data comes from additional analysis conducted by the Billy Graham Center Institute on the data from the *Unchurched Study*

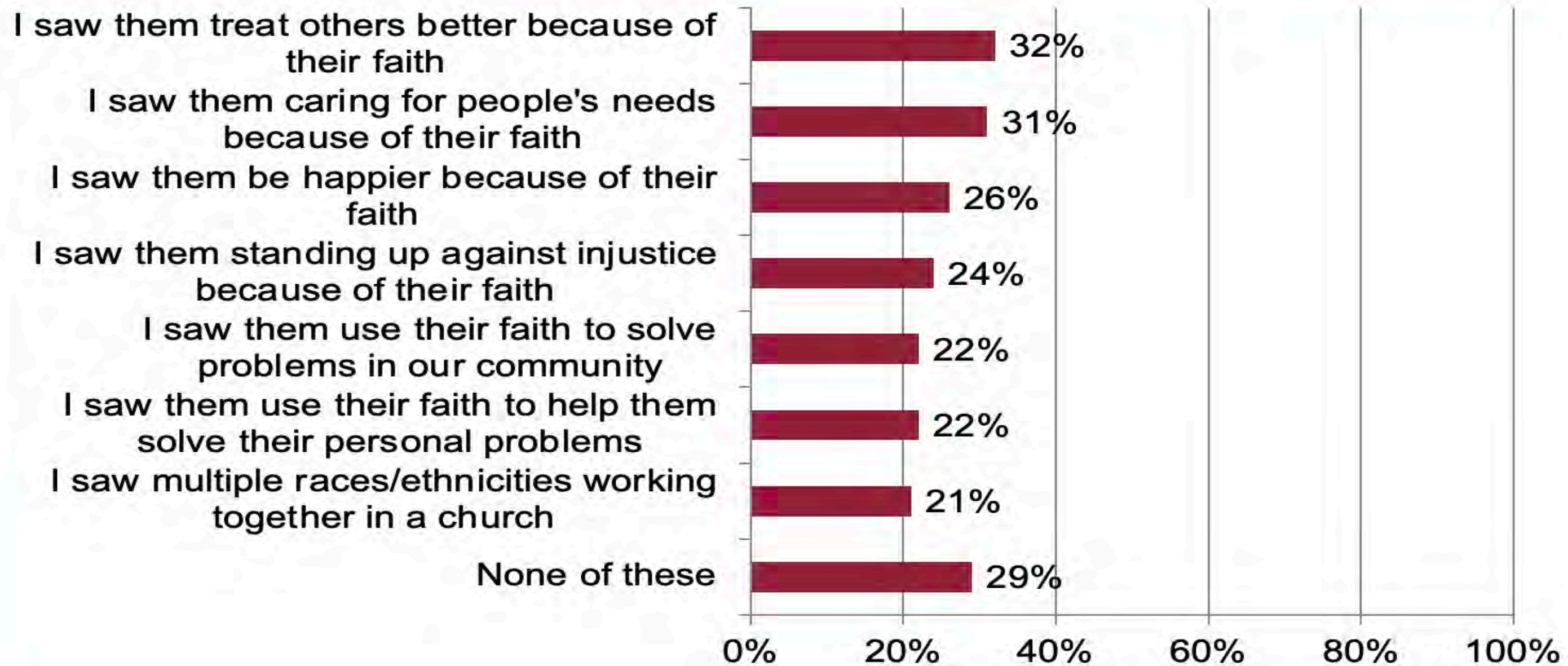
Figure 4.3. Unchurched nones who think that the Christian faith is harmful to society

Nones: Receptivity

If a friend of mine really values their faith, I don't mind them talking about it.



“Which, if any, of the following would make you more interested in listening to what Christians had to say?”



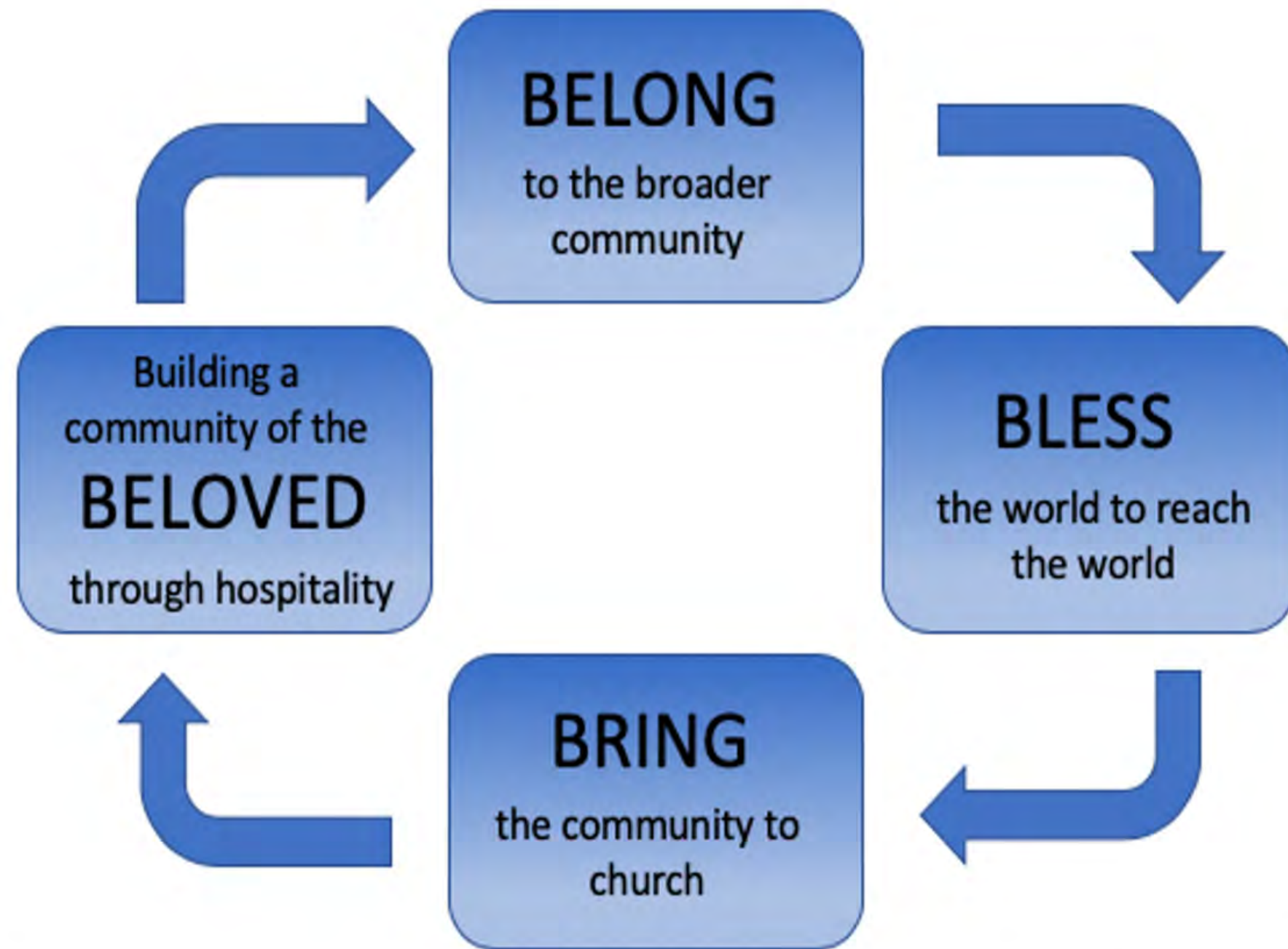
The top qualities they would look for in a person with whom to talk about faith are “listens without judgment” (62%) and “does not force a conclusion” (50%).

However, only a minority would say the Christians they know personally possess these qualities (34% listens without judgment; 26% does not force a conclusion).



The AAA conversation Approach

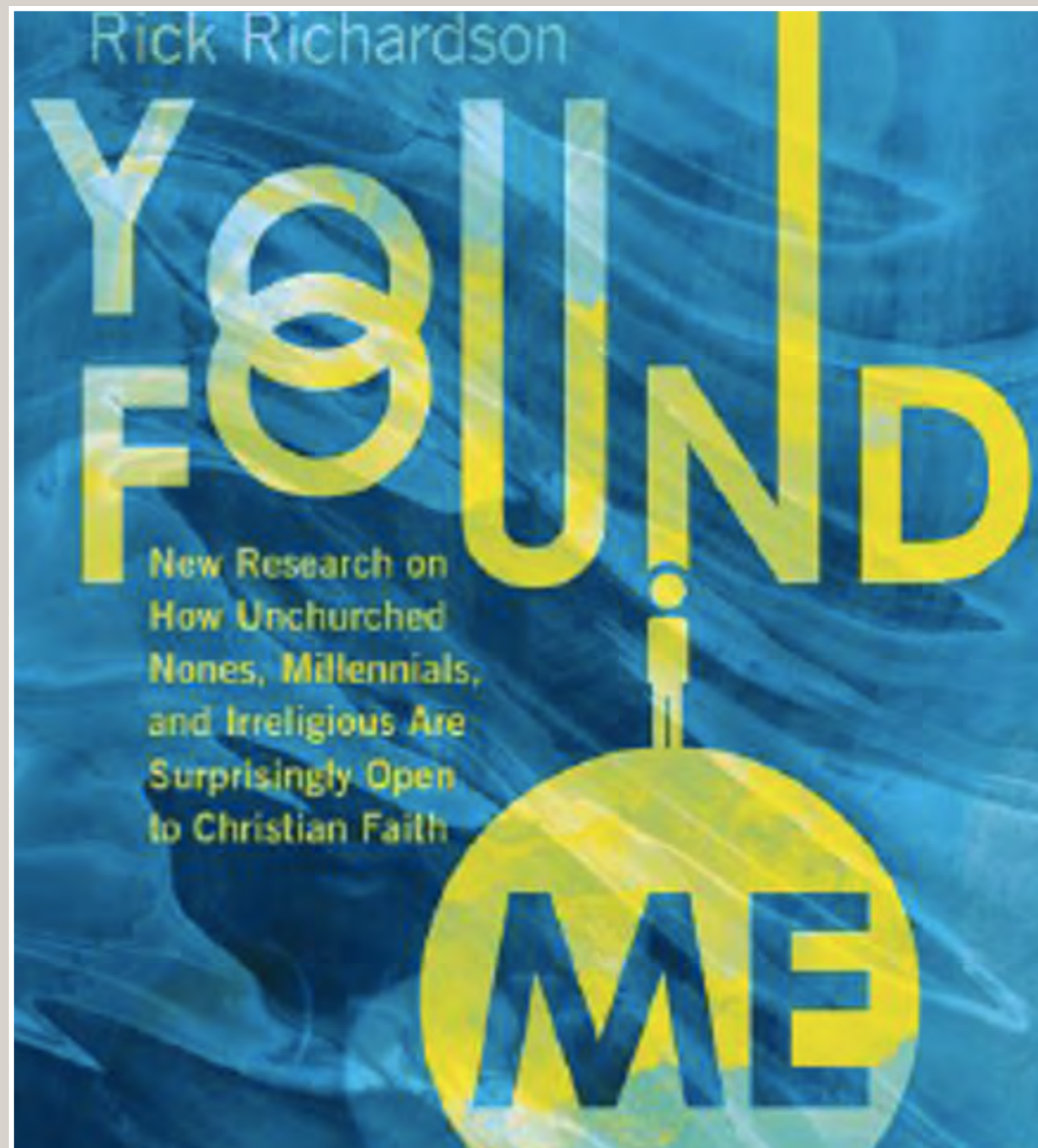
- ASK
- AFFIRM
- ADMIT



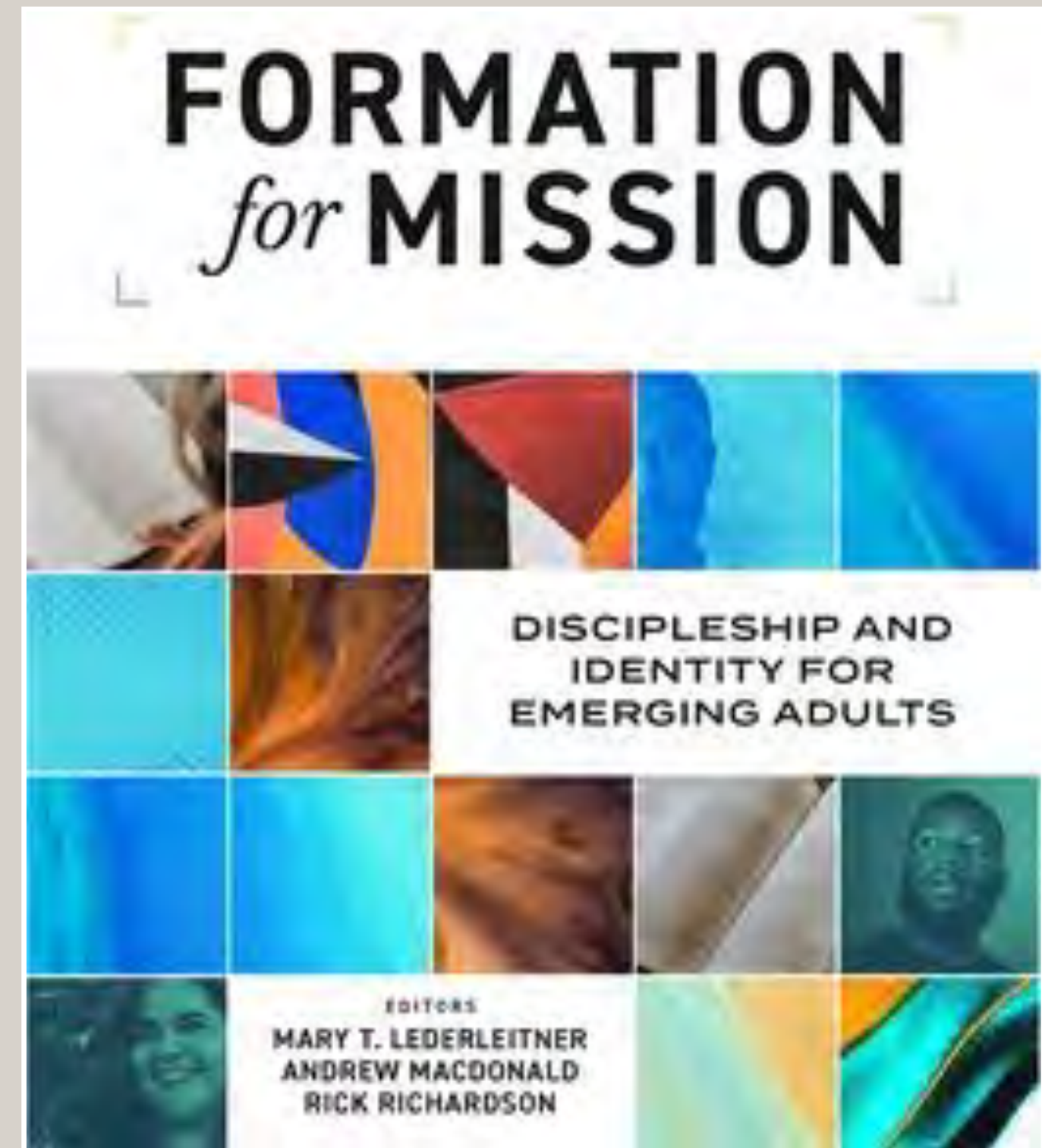
The Four Practices of Cultivating a Missional Congregation

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