

# Life Shines in Dialogue

## LIFE ISSUES

### CHRISTIAN CONFESSION

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- It's estimated that 42% of the global population have not heard of Jesus or the Gospel.
- Of the 7,397 world languages, 1,336 still need the Bible translated, and 1,272 have low language visibility.
- In 2021, there were 430,000 Christian missionaries working full-time in the field.

### FIRM FAITH FOUNDATION

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- 66% of youth stop attending church between the ages of 18 and 22.
- Research shows that if the father regularly attends church, 67-75% of children will regularly attend church as adults. If the father does not attend church, only one in 50 children will attend as adults.
- In 2024, only 30% of U.S. adults attend church every week or nearly every week.

### GOSPEL-MOTIVATED SPEAKING

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- 59% of Americans believe that religion is part of the solution to America's problems.
- 44% of Christians reported that they would avoid discussions about their faith if their non-Christian friends would reject them.
- 61% of non-Christians believe that religious beliefs that are "disrespectful or judgmental" should not be shared.

### SOCIAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

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- 74% of adults under 30 use at least five social media platforms.
- 32% of Americans believe that social media is good for society. Adults ages 18-29 are most likely to affirm this belief.
- Of youth who use social media most, 60% of them report low parental monitoring and weak parental relationships.

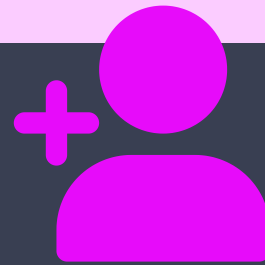


Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak.  
-2 Corinthians 4:13

## CHRISTIAN RESPONSE



Pray for the Gospel to reach those who haven't heard the Good News of Jesus yet.



Invite friends to join you at church or Bible study.



Engage in Gospel-motivated conversations with those around you, regardless of what others believe.



Share Gospel-motivated, life-affirming content to social media.

Nations Outreach - 2024 Christian missionary statistics  
Joshua Project - Status of world evangelization 2024  
Lifeway Research - Most teenagers drop out of church when they become young adults  
Theology for the People - The impact on kids of Dad's faith and church attendance  
Gallup - Church attendance has declined in most U.S. religious groups  
Becket - Religious freedom index  
Barna - Sharing faith is increasingly optional to Christians  
Pew Research - Americans' social media use  
Statista - Social media usage in the United States  
APA - Teens are spending nearly 5 hours daily on social media

