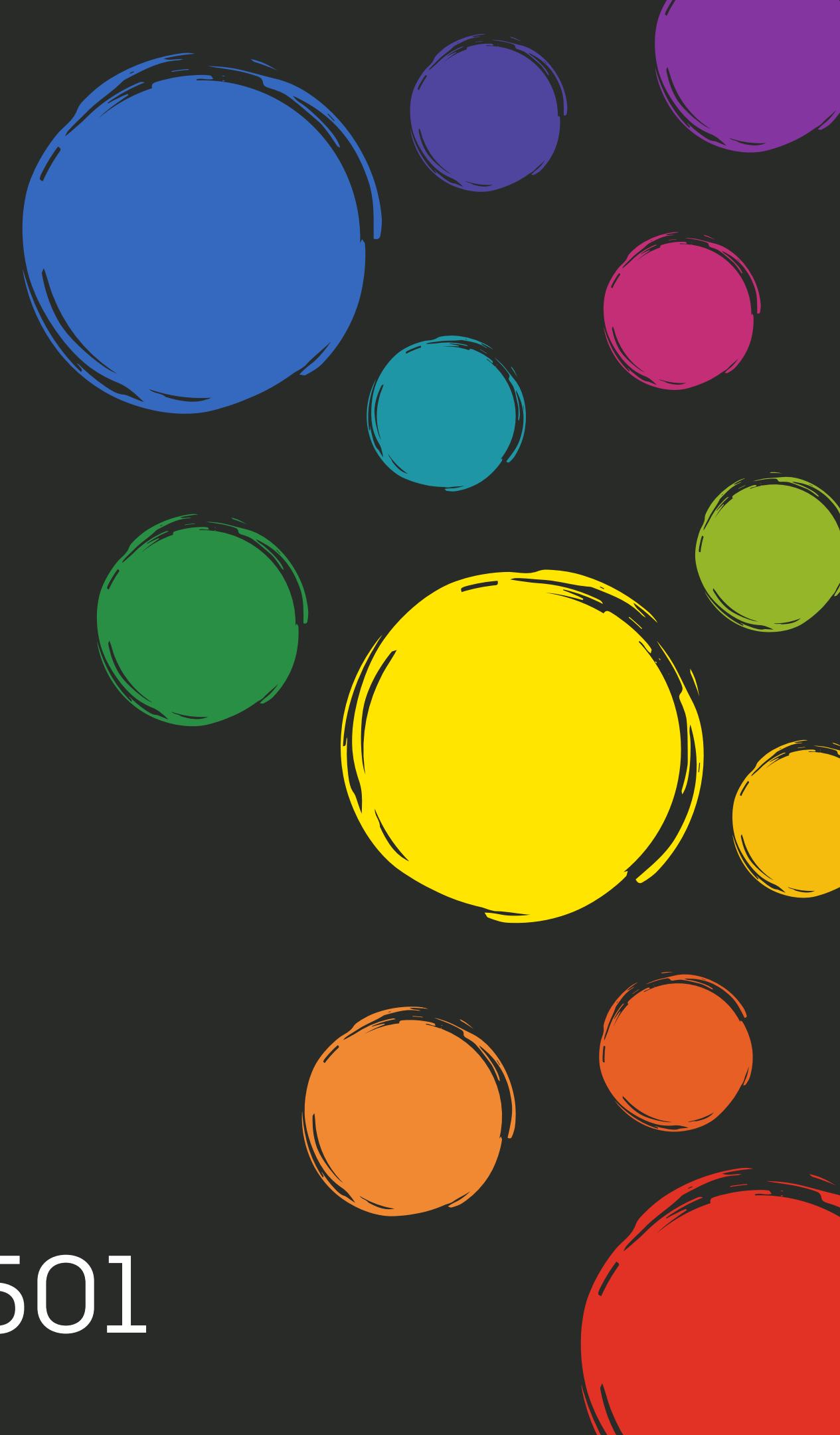


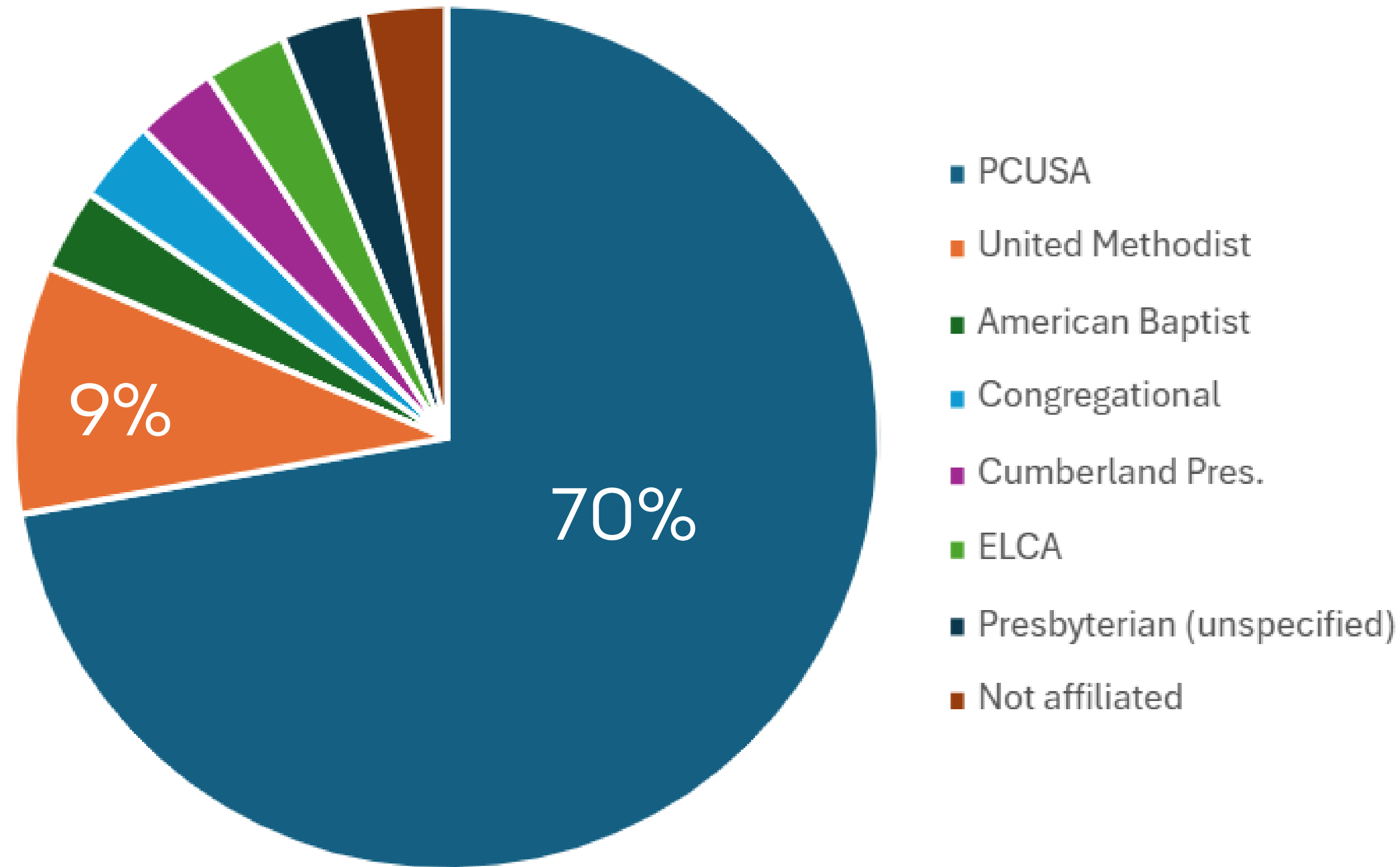
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STRUGGLE

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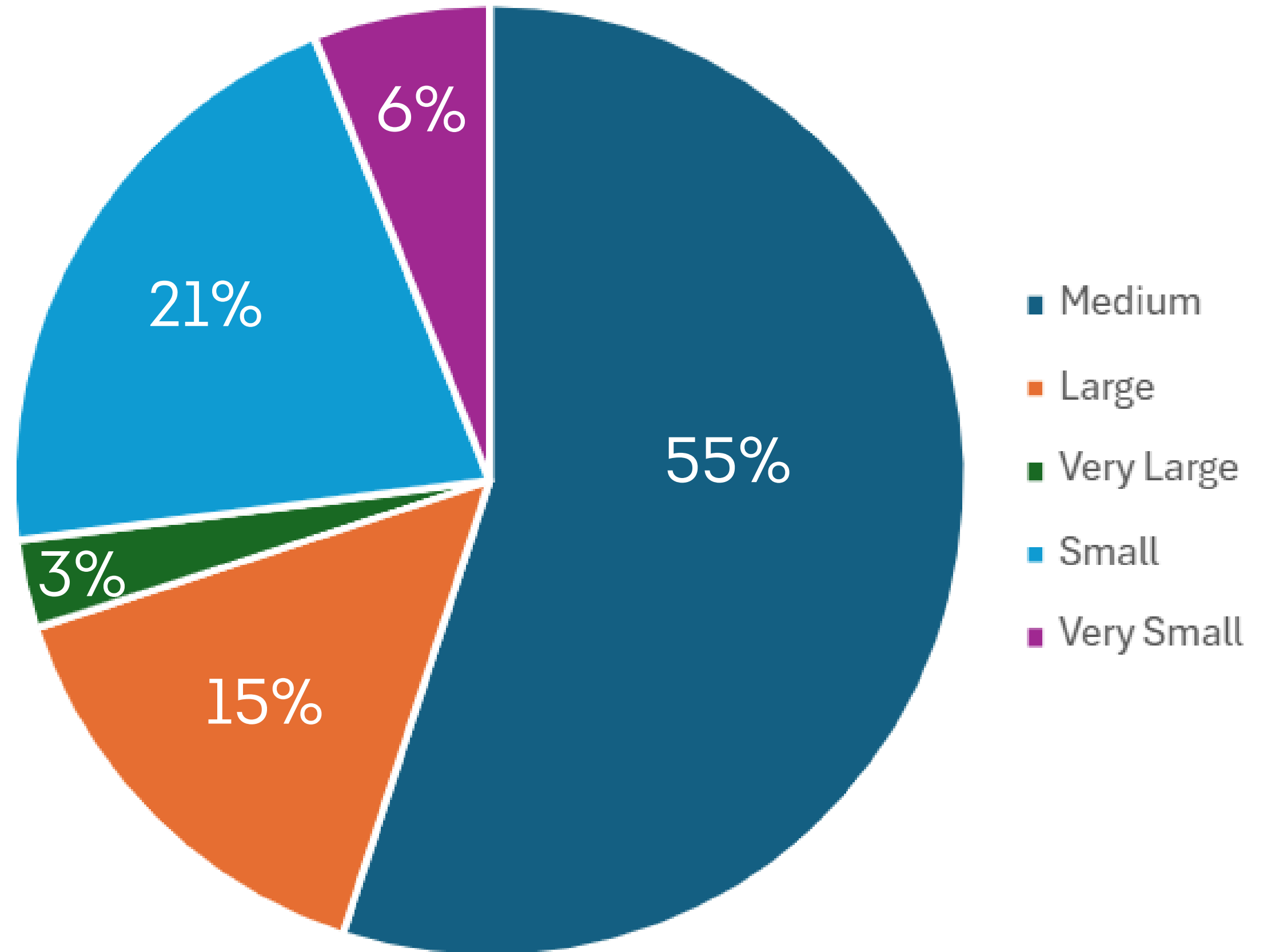
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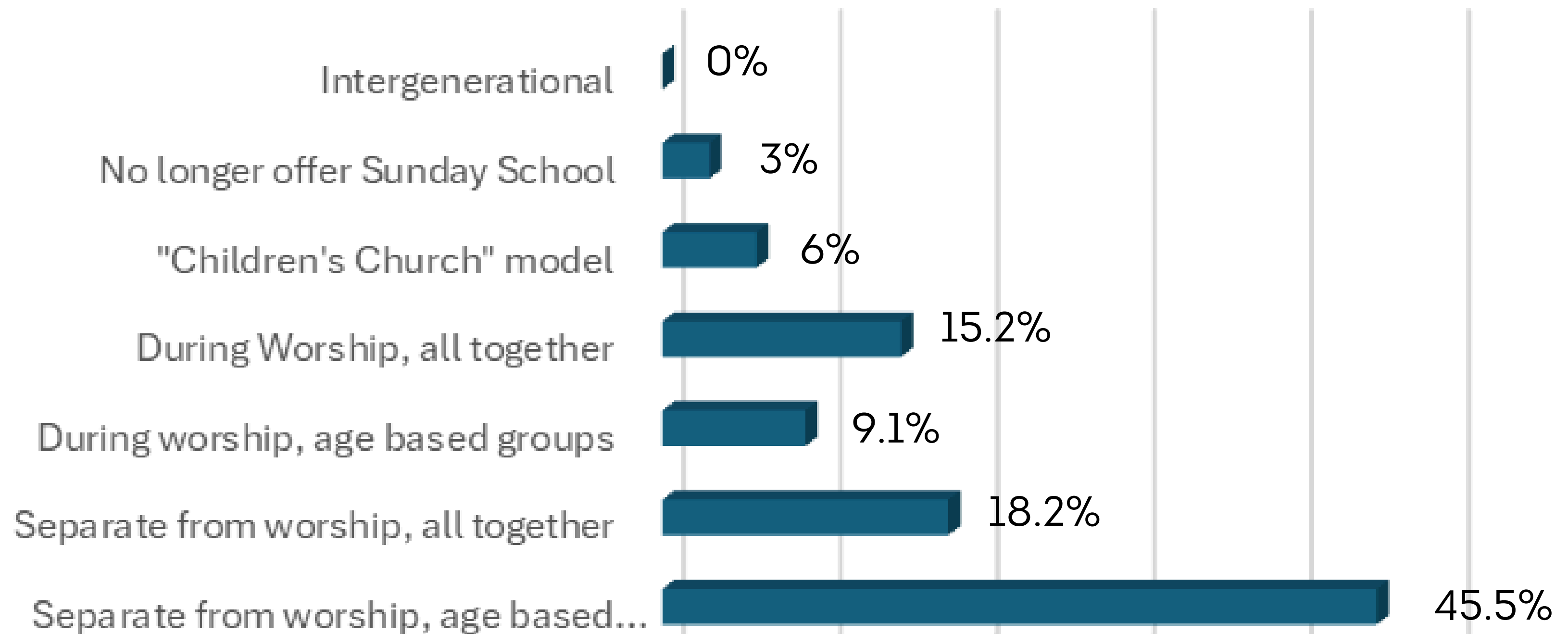


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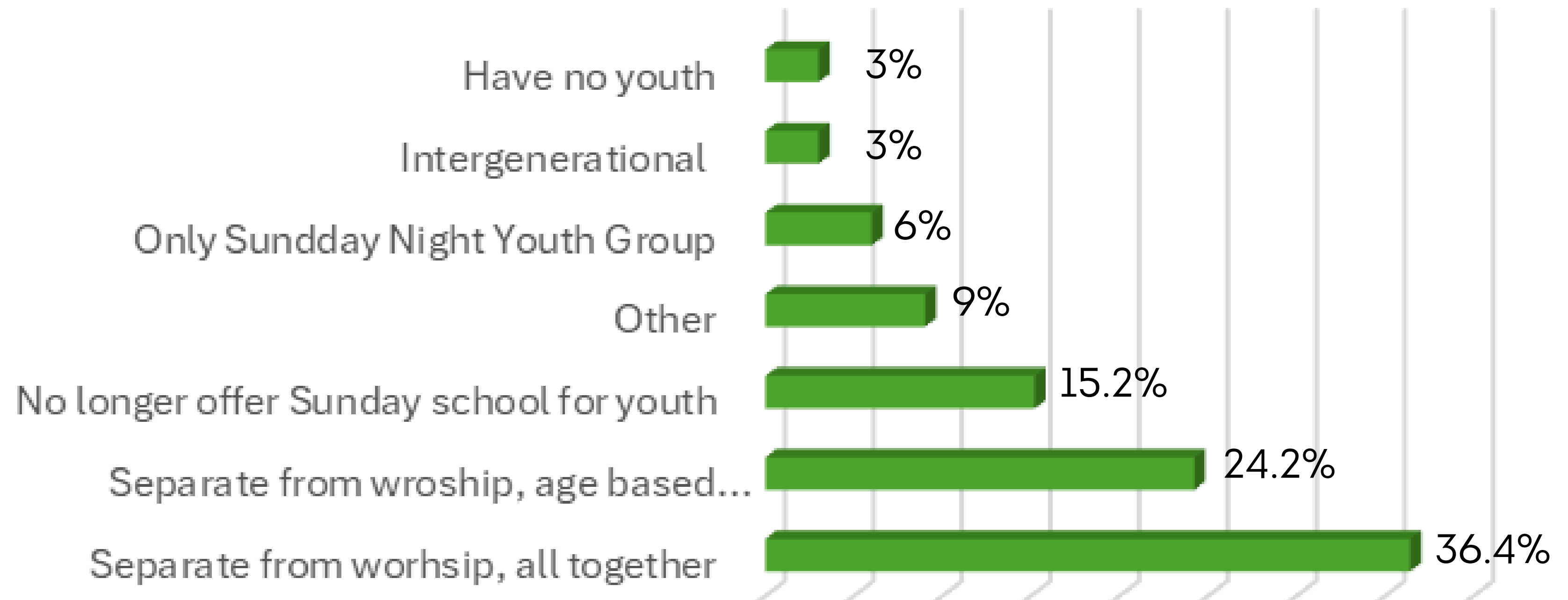
CHURCH SIZE



WHAT MODELS ARE WE USING FOR CHILDREN?



WHAT MODELS ARE WE USING FOR YOUTH?



WHAT ELSE WAS SHARED?

Rebuilding, Growing

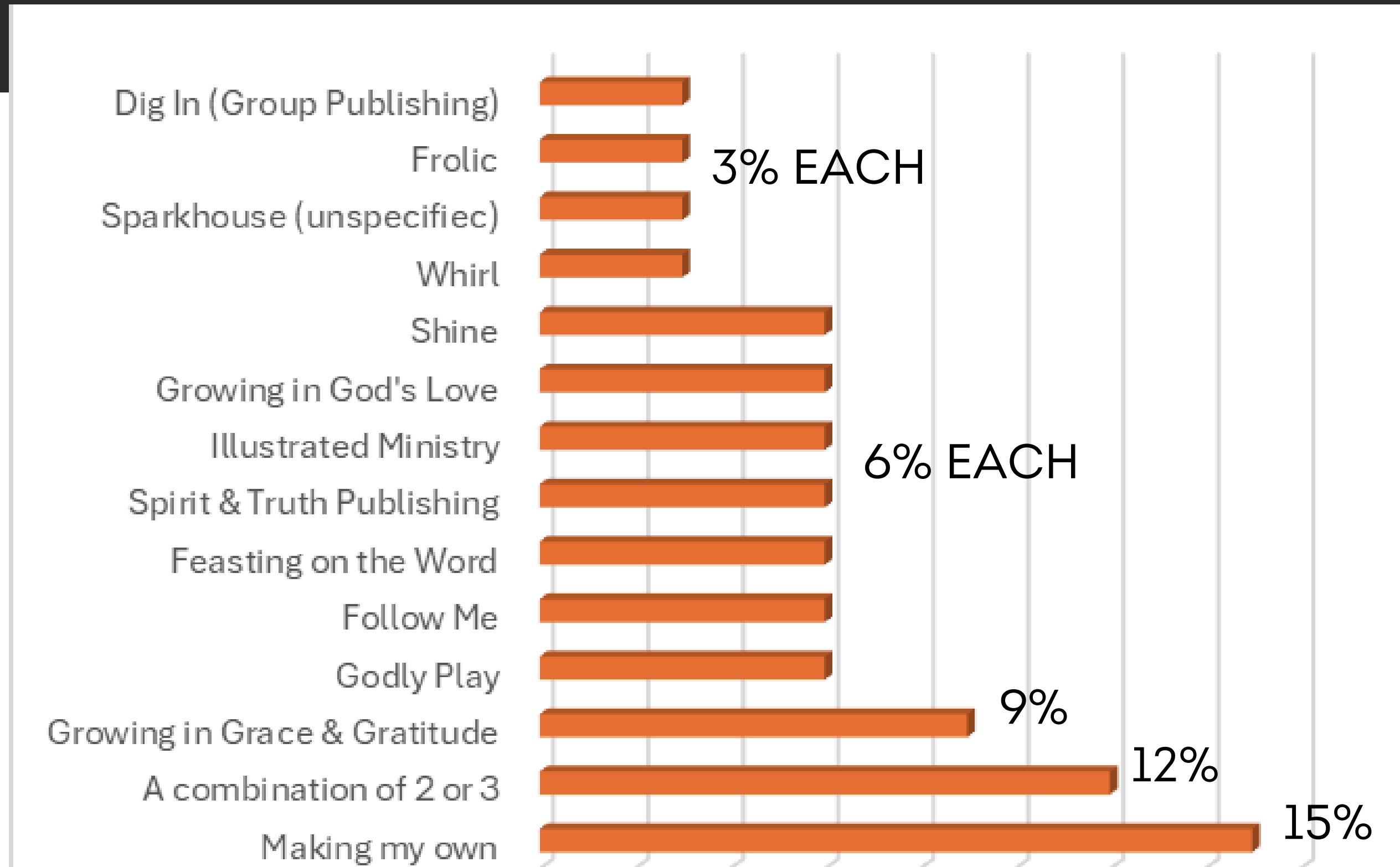
Want kids in worship to learn bout worship, be part of larger community

Hard to teach multiple ages together, but don't have enough to split

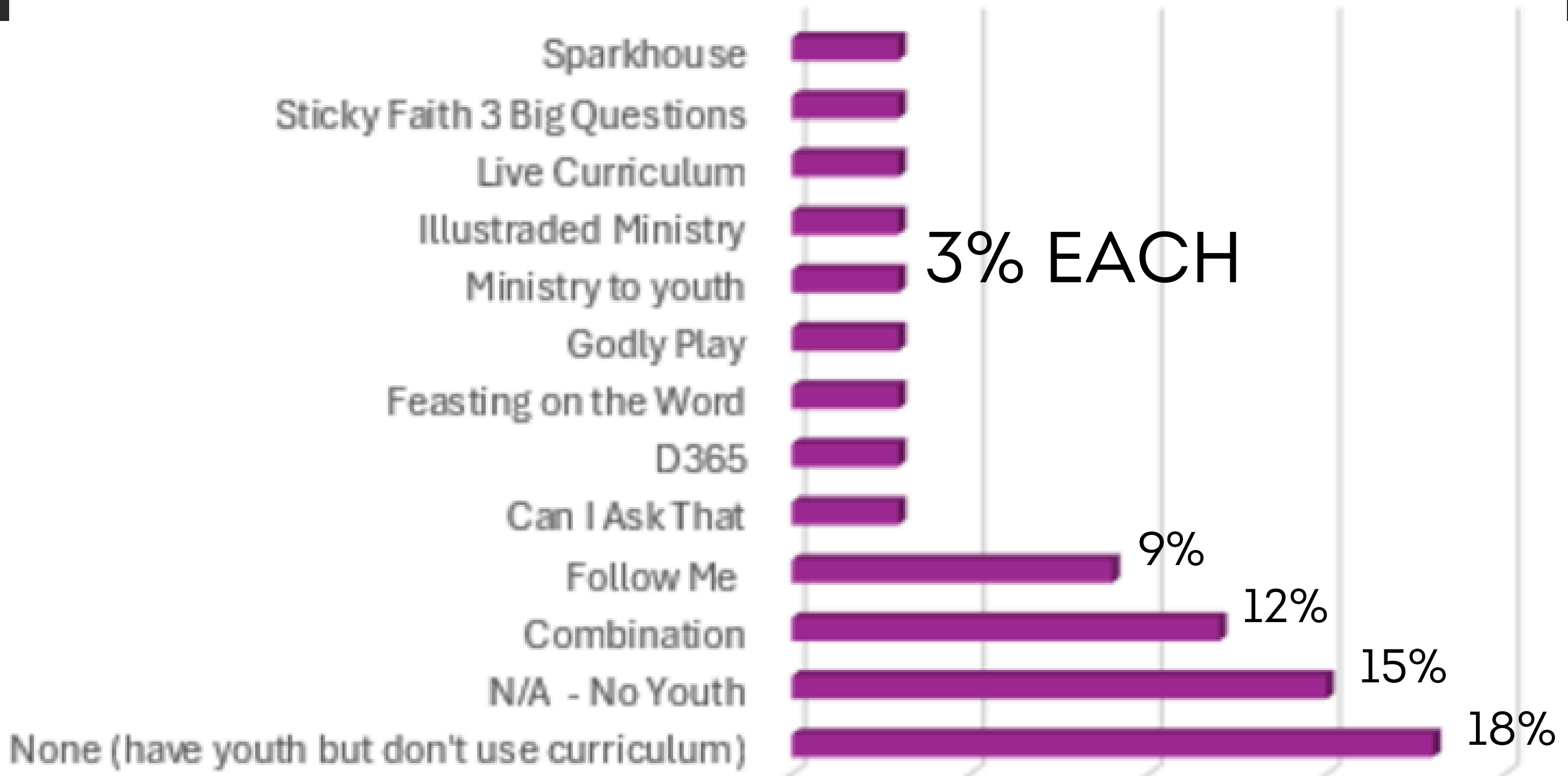
Youth is mostly middle school, very few high schoolers

Age based COMBO groups such as K-2nd & 3rd-5th

WHAT CURRICULIM ARE WE USING WITH CHILDREN?



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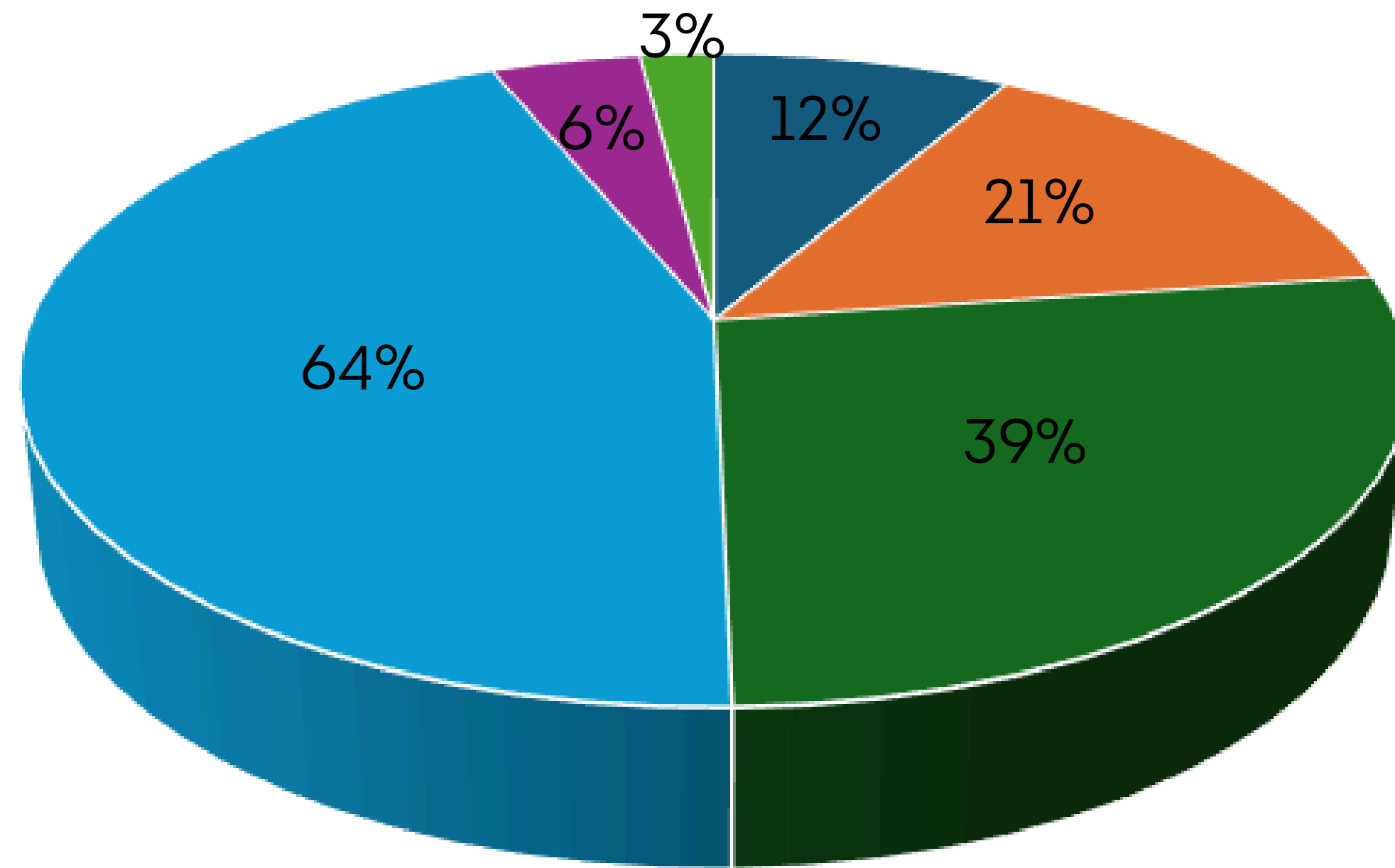


WHAT ARE OUR CHALLENGES?

Low/Inconsistent Attendance 45%

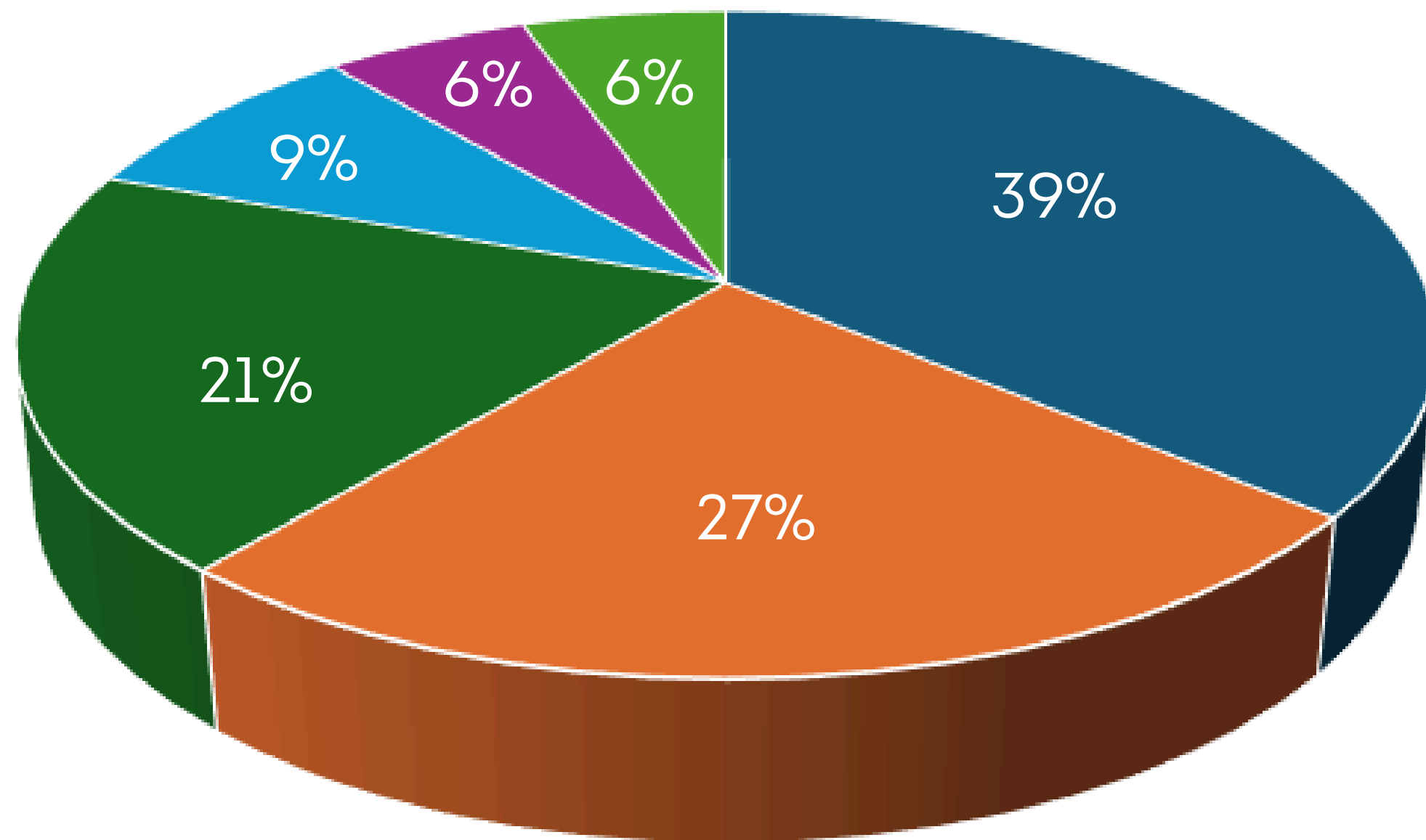
Finding Volunteer Leaders 42%

Finding appropriate, engaging
curriculum 6%



- Regularly on Sunday Evenings
- Regularly on a Weekday Evening
- Seasonally (Lent, Advent, Summer)
- Various/Occasional
- No other time
- All church retreat

**OTHER THAN
SUNDAY
MORNING,
WHEN DO YOU
OFFER
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION FOR
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- Regularly on Sunday Evening
- Regularly on a Weekday Evening
- Various, Occasionally
- Seasonally
- Monthly
- Never/No Youth

**OTHER THAN
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STRUGGLES

- It's not a priority for families.
- People won't come to anything outside of Sunday morning.
 - Our kids go to different school/school systems with different schedules. Make it hard to plan.
 - I have to plan something in case people show up, but often they don't.

JOYS

- Sunday School regained strength after the pandemic.
 - The old model is still working. If it ain't broke, why "fix" it?
 - We dropped Sunday School on Sunday morning, but have found that LOGOS/Intergenerational on Wednesday evenings is working well.
 - It's slow, but we are growing!

UNIQUE IDEAS

- Quarterly or Seasonal Intergenerational gatherings.
- Incorporating Outreach
 - Online devotions for kids that are not present on Sunday mornings
 - Food! Several ideas that incorporated breakfast, lunch, or dinner!

**SO, WHERE
DO WE GO
FROM HERE?**

REJUVENATING YOUR “BRAND”



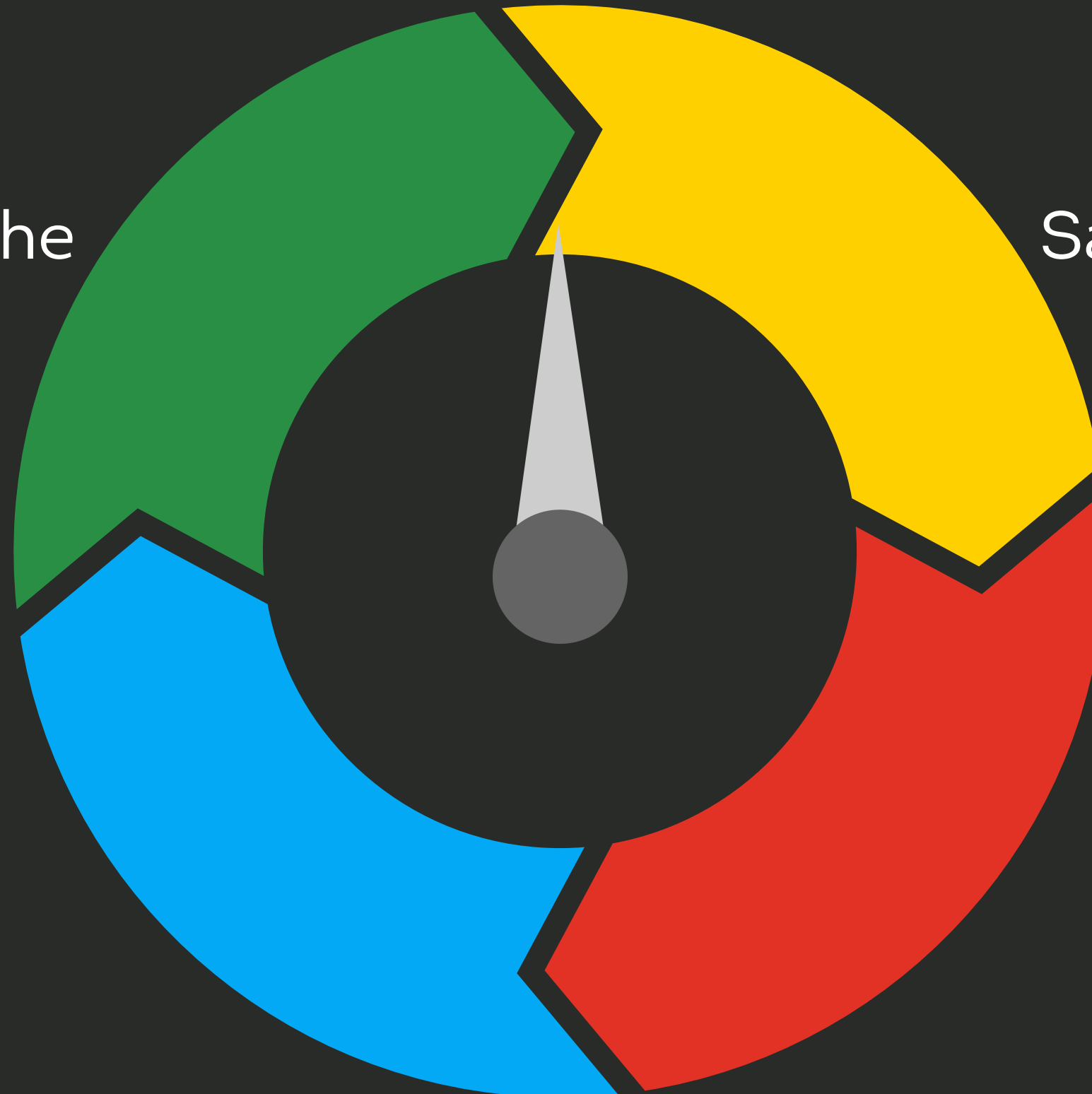
REJUVENATING YOUR “BRAND”

Apple Watch
Same people that use the
phone, new product

iPhone Plus
Same product, different
people might use

iPhone

Apple Car
New product,
new people



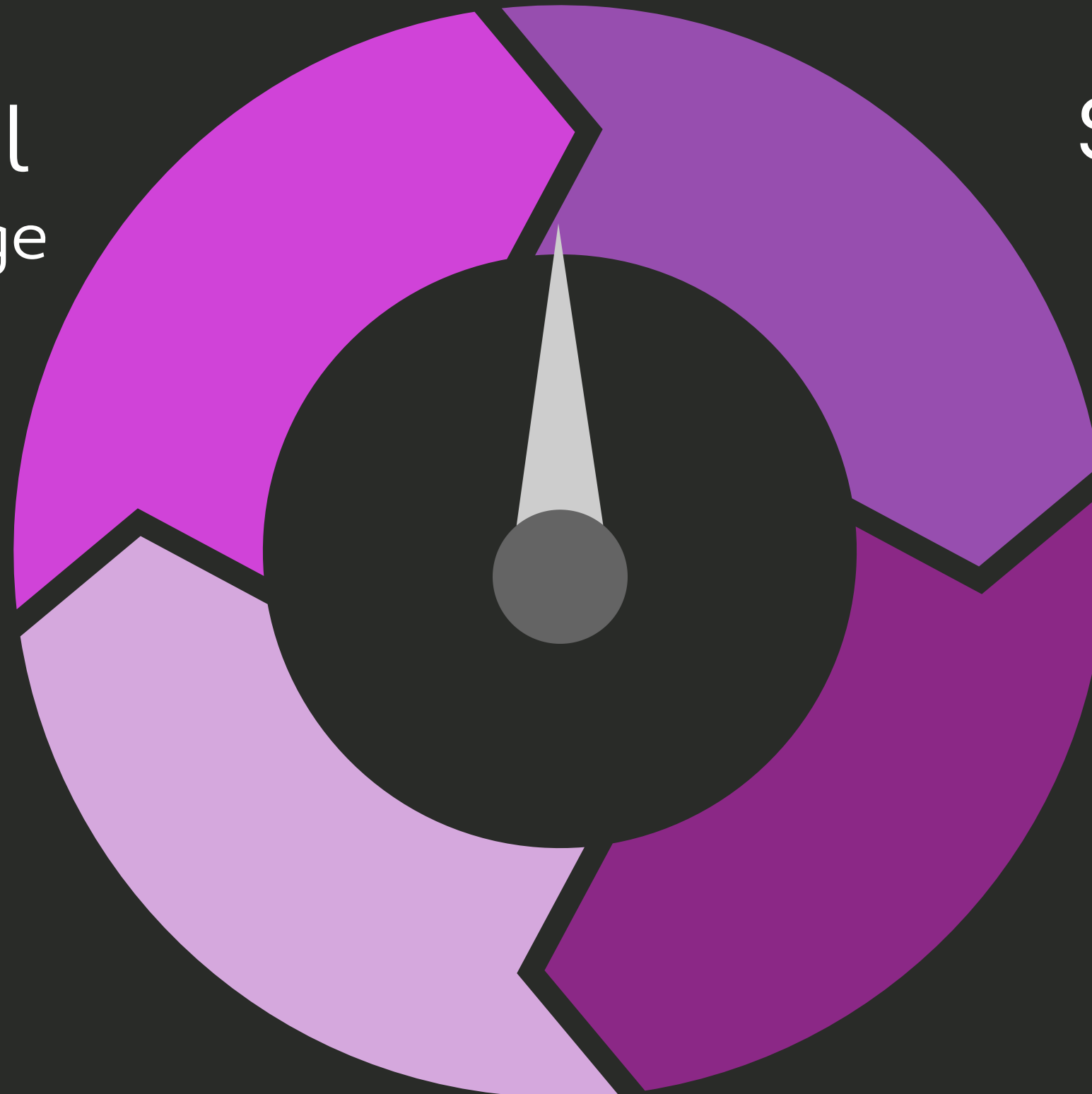
REJUVENATING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School
Same people, change
your approach.

Sunday School
Same model, trying
bring new people.

Sunday School
As it is - no change

Sunday School
New EVERYTHING!
Off the rails!



Small Group Out of the Box Activity

Small Group Questions:

- What would be the advantages/benefits?
- What would be the disadvantages/challenges?
- Things to consider (logistics, safety, etc.)
- Is there ANYTHING from this scenario you could actually use?

2 CORINTHIANS: 16-18 (THE MESSAGE)

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.





**THANKS
FOR
COMING!**



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