



A White Horse Inn Survey of Christian Faith & Practice

Facts about the Survey

This multiple choice survey was distributed at a Franklin Graham evangelism and Christian music event in St. Louis, Aug 2nd, 2009. A total of 92 people participated (45% male, 55% female). 57% were teens between 13 and 19, 29% were adults between 20 and 40, and 14% were adults over 40.

1. How often do you attend a church service?

Weekly	90%
Once a month	2%
Once a Year	0%
Rarely	8%

2. God is like a helpful coach who's there to help us when we need him; he wants us to be happy

Agree	96%	(84% Strongly agree; 12% somewhat agree)
Disagree	2%	(2% disagreed; 0% strongly disagreed)
Unsure	2%	

3. Sermons should be inspiring, practical, fun and enjoyable to listen to

Agree	94%	(66% Strongly agree; 28% somewhat agree)
Disagree	6%	(4% disagreed; 2% strongly disagreed)

4. Do you think it's important for churches to attempt to be relevant to where people are at?

Agree	95%	(62% Strongly agree; 33% somewhat agree)
Disagree	5%	(4% disagreed; 1% strongly disagreed)

5. If being "relevant" means making things more fun, entertaining, and exciting, do you think it would be okay for a church to move in that direction?

Agree	83%	(44% Strongly agree; 39% somewhat agree)
Disagree	17%	(13% disagreed; 4% strongly disagreed)

6. Which of the following do you think is the best summary of the Christian Gospel:

God changing me	14%
Making a decision for Jesus	12%
Living for God	36%
Christ's life, death & resurrection	35%
Unsure	3%

7. Studying Christian doctrine is a crucial component of Christian growth

Agree	90%	(63% Strongly agree; 27% somewhat agree)
Disagree	8%	(4% disagreed; 4% strongly disagreed)
Unsure	2%	

8. I think concepts like the Trinity, atonement and propitiation are difficult, yet crucial to grasp

Agree	79%	(35% Strongly agree; 44% somewhat agree)
Disagree	19%	(14% disagreed; 5% strongly disagreed)
Unsure	2%	

9. Good people go to heaven, bad people get what they deserve

Agree	35%	(15% Strongly agree; 20% somewhat agree)
Disagree	65%	(25% disagreed; 40% strongly disagreed)

10. Christianity is primarily about my personal transformation, becoming a better person

Agree	66%	(23% Strongly agree; 43% somewhat agree)
Disagree	32%	(25% disagreed; 7% strongly disagreed)
Unsure	2%	

11. If we were to ask you to name the Ten Commandments, how would you do?

I could name all 10*	29%
I could name 7-8	43%
I could name half of them	22%
I would do very poorly	6%

*Previous WHI polls have shown that only 5% can name all Ten Commandments)

12. Have you ever heard of the doctrine of justification?

Yes, it's mentioned frequently at my church	17%
Yes, I sometimes hear about it	28%
I rarely hear about it	14%
I have never heard of it	39%
Unsure	2%

13. What do you think the doctrine of Justification means:

A situation in which people try to justify their sinful lifestyles	17%
We need to do good works to justify ourselves before God in order to go to heaven	26%
God justifies the ungodly by declaring them holy and righteous by faith alone*	31%
Justification is a process in which we are made holy over time	16%
Unsure	10%

* 32% of those who answered correctly said in the previous question that they had never heard of the doctrine

14. There is no one righteous, there is no one who does good, there is no one who seeks God (Rom. 3:10-12)

Agree	31%	(15% Strongly agree; 16% somewhat agree)
Disagree	67%	(22% disagreed; 45% strongly disagreed)
Unsure	2%	

15. America was founded as a Christian nation, therefore only Christians should be allowed to rule

Agree	36%	(14% Strongly agree; 22% somewhat agree)
Disagree	62%	(35% disagreed; 27% strongly disagreed)
Unsure	2%	

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know what you believe & why you believe it