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Part 1. Loneliness and Friendship

THREE TYPES OF DOUBT

- ▶ Factual Doubt
- ▶ Emotional Doubt (80%)
- ▶ Volitional Doubt



- ▶ How can you help a person with *reasonable* doubt?
- ▶ How can you help a person with *emotional* doubt?
- ▶ What applies to *both*, regardless of the kind of doubt?



POINT:

What's far more important than having the right apologetic answers is drawing a person into a Christian community of friends who seeks the answers together.



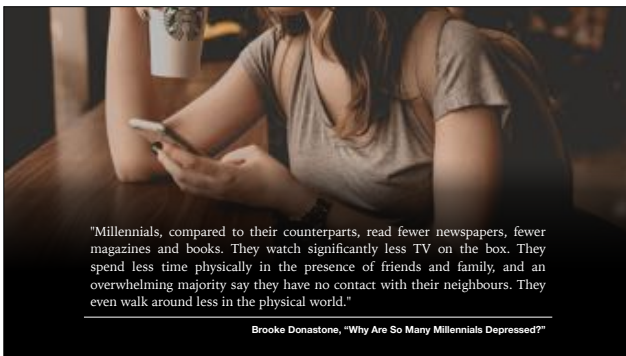
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1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4



"Millennials, compared to their counterparts, read fewer newspapers, fewer magazines and books. They watch significantly less TV on the box. They spend less time physically in the presence of friends and family, and an overwhelming majority say they have no contact with their neighbours. They even walk around less in the physical world."

Brooke Donastone, "Why Are So Many Millennials Depressed?"

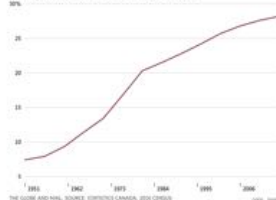


CANADA 2016

Census 2016: More Canadians than ever are living alone, and other takeaways

Statistics Canada's latest release of census data paints a clearer picture of a Canada where single-person households, same-sex marriage, language diversity and bilingualism are on the rise. Gloria Galloway explains the highlights.

Percentage of one-person households in Canada, 1985 to 2016



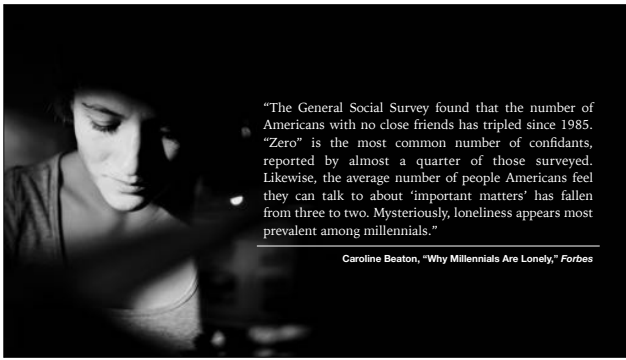
THE GLOBE AND MAIL, SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2016 CENSUS

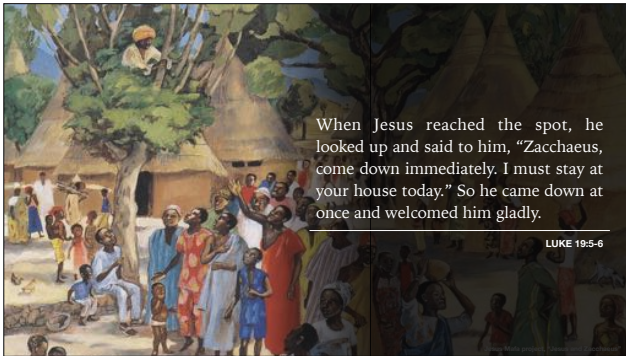
2A. THE REALITY OF LONELINESS

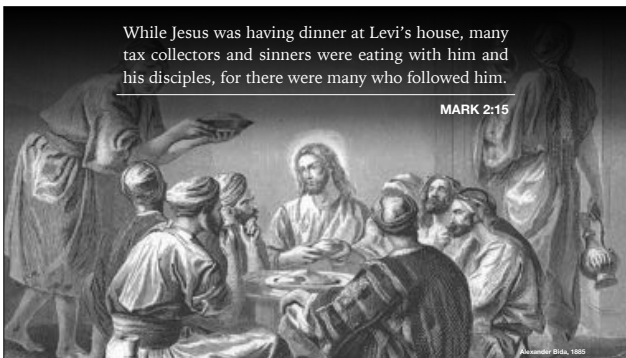
"The average person has over 300 friends on Facebook, yet reports of loneliness have skyrocketed."

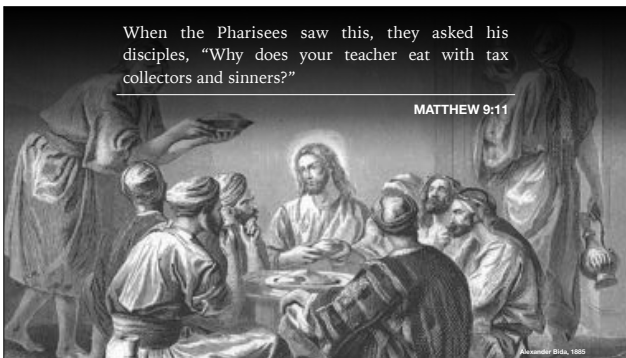
Anna Mikaela Kane, "The Friendship

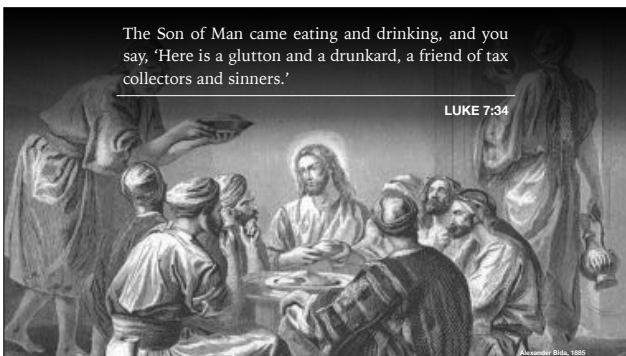






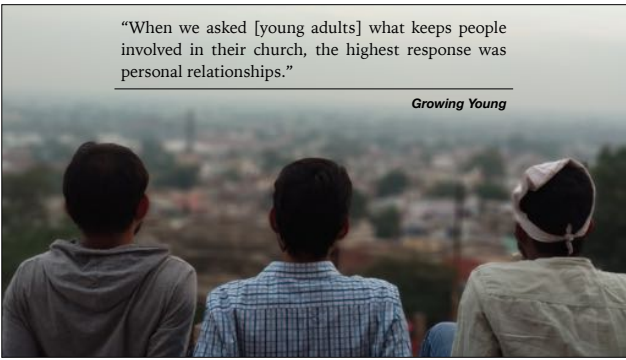






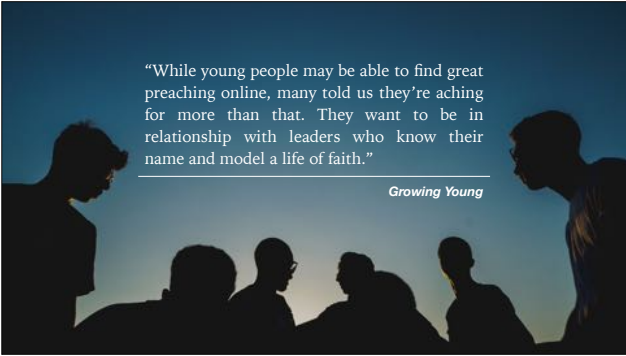
"When we asked [young adults] what keeps people involved in their church, the highest response was personal relationships."

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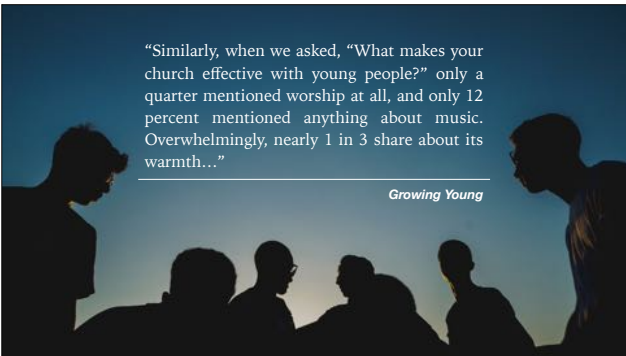
"While young people may be able to find great preaching online, many told us they're aching for more than that. They want to be in relationship with leaders who know their name and model a life of faith."

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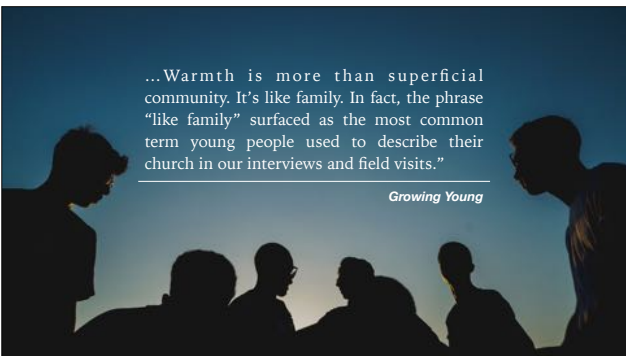
"Similarly, when we asked, 'What makes your church effective with young people?' only a quarter mentioned worship at all, and only 12 percent mentioned anything about music. Overwhelmingly, nearly 1 in 3 share about its warmth..."

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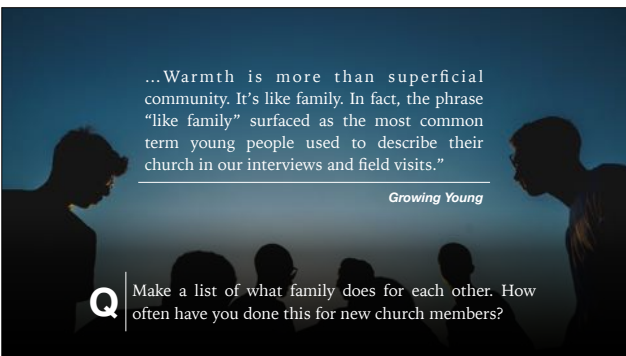
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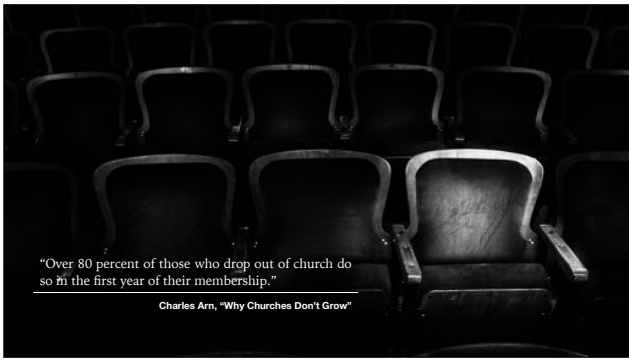


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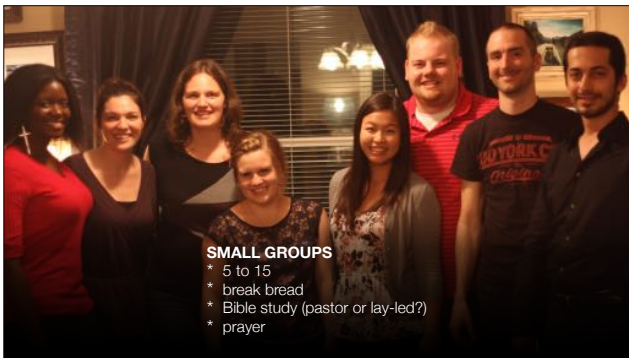
Q Make a list of what family does for each other. How often have you done this for new church members?























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Q I have the community. But how do I actively comfort with God's Word?



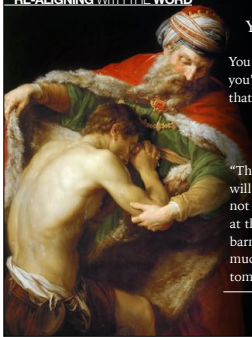
RE-ALIGNING WITH THE WORD

You have nothing to worry about. God is in control.

You have nothing to worry about. God is in control, and to him you're the most precious thing in the world. And you know that, because he died and rose and reigns for you.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ...do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

MATTHEW 6:25-34,34




RE-ALIGNING WITH THE WORD

Take a deep breath, be still, and remember who God is.

Your God is the creator of this universe, who brought Israel out Egypt through the Red Sea, who fed the five-thousand, who brought Lazarus back to life, who rose from the dead, and who now sustains all things at the right hand of God.

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

EXODUS 14:14



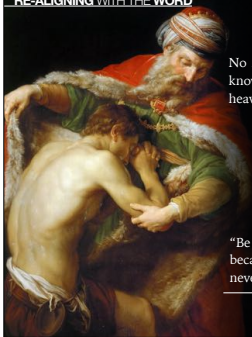
RE-ALIGNING WITH THE WORD

God is with you, and he'll always be with you.


No matter what's going on in your life and in the world, you know your God who died for your sins and now reigns in heaven is with you.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

DEUTERONOMY 31:6



RE-ALIGNING WITH THE WORD




God is working this out for our eternal good.

Whatever things look like in life, we know God is making it work out for his good, eternal plan. So, you never have to worry that things won't work out according to your loving, forgiving God's plans for you.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

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This will pass.

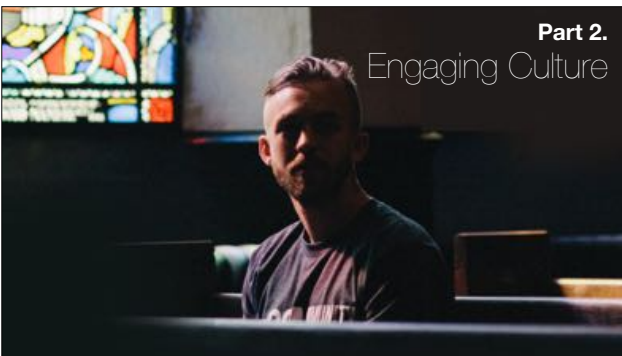
The hardships we experience as Christians is temporary. We can honestly say to each other, as Peter did, that our suffering will only be for "a little while." (1 Peter 1:6)

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1 JOHN 2:7-8

Part 2.

Engaging Culture



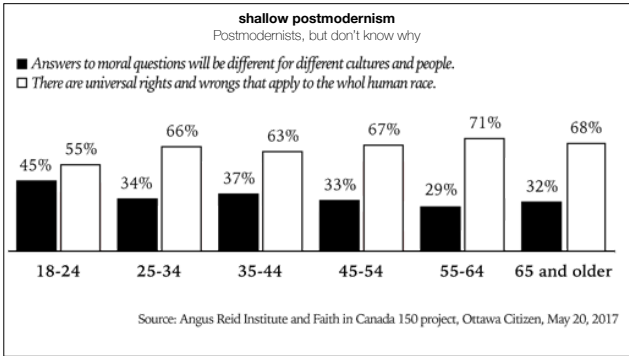
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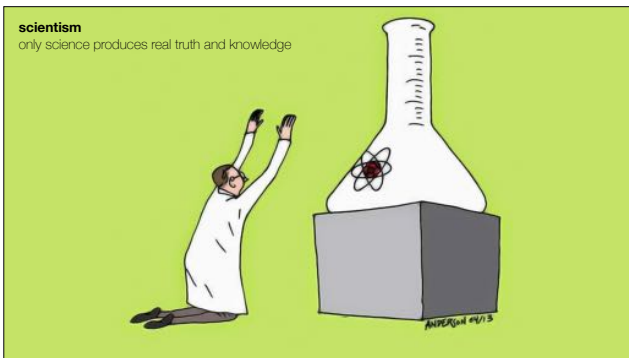
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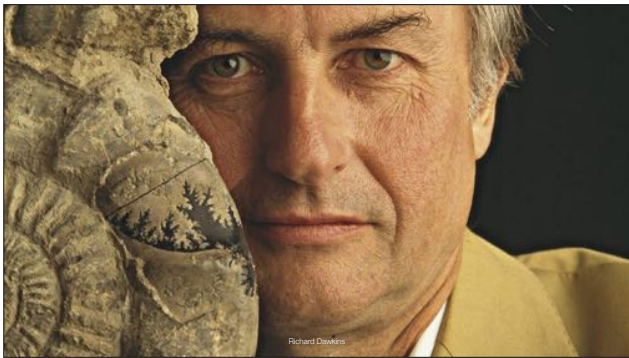
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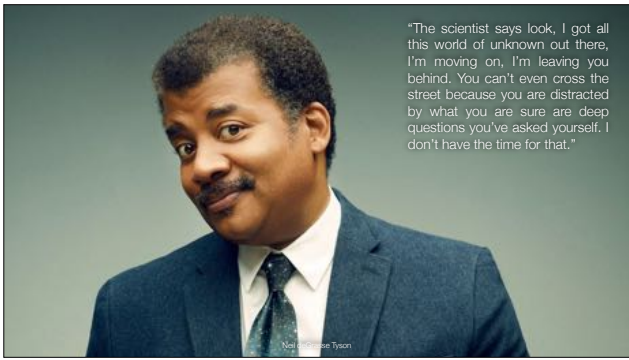












"The scientist says look, I got all this world of unknown out there, I'm moving on, I'm leaving you behind. You can't even cross the street because you are distracted by what you are sure are deep questions you've asked yourself. I don't have the time for that."

Neil deGrasse Tyson



"Because this generation is extremely ethnically diverse, they embrace diversity and they embrace differences...They are inclusive. They are accepting."

Nancy Breiling Nessel, GettingGenZ.com

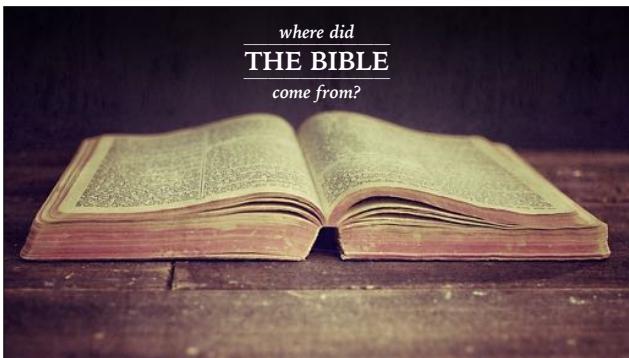


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