



# WHY DON'T MORE OBEY?

WHAT HAS CHANGED THAT MAKES EVANGELISM MORE DIFFICULT?



## CURRENT TREND

- Gospel Meetings are not what they used to be
- We stopped bringing the lost
- Preachers stopped preaching to the lost
- What has changed?

## HAS THE GOSPEL CHANGED?

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-4** <sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

## HAS THE GOSPEL CHANGED?

- **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- The message is the same.
- The power to save is still available.
- The gospel has not changed.

## HAS PREACHING CHANGED?

- Style of preaching
- Length of sermons
- Emphasis

## HAS PREACHING CHANGED?

- Competition – sports, TV, movies, other activities
- Many sermons are less Bible / more social
- Most have already “heard it all.”
- “Tell us something new.”

## HAVE PEOPLE CHANGED?

- We have less time
- More concern for the material than spiritual
- Attitude toward religion / church has changed

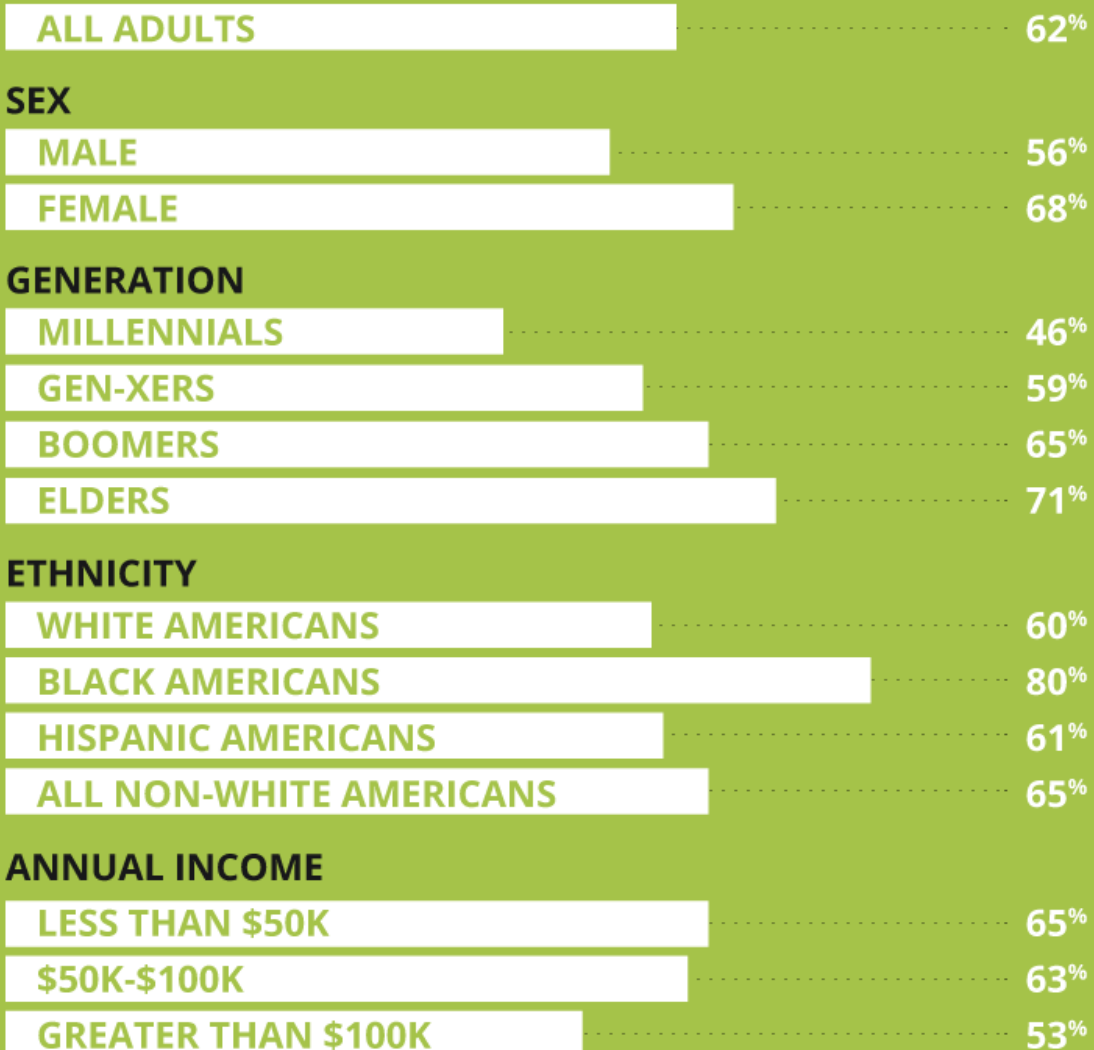
# HAVE PEOPLE CHANGED?

- Generational changes
  - Baby Boomers – Right after World War 2
  - Gen X – Born in the 60's to 80's
  - Millennials – Born in the 90's and 2K





## HAVE MADE A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST THAT IS STILL IMPORTANT IN MY LIFE TODAY:



## HAS THE CHURCH CHANGED?

- **Are we trying to be like the world?**
  - **1 Samuel 8:4-5** <sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup> and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."
  - **Like all the nations**
  - This was their downfall

## HAS THE CHURCH CHANGED?

- **Are we more internal than external?**
  - More emphasis on us – food, fellowship, fun
  - Less emphasis on others – help others, teach lost, encourage the weak

## HAS THE WORLD CHANGED?

- Attitude toward religion in general
- Indifference / Apathy
- Interest only late in life / serious illness

## HAS THE WORLD CHANGED?

- Busy with other things
- Felix – **Acts 24:25** Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."