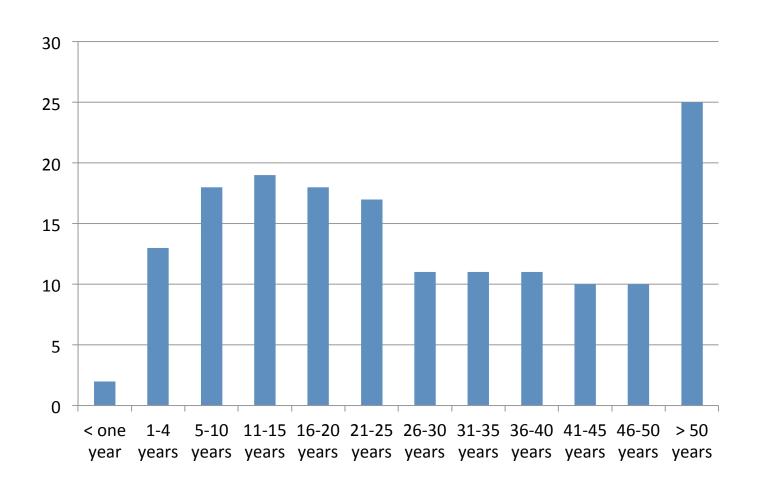


Summative report of factors affecting nurture, retention and discipling

David Trim

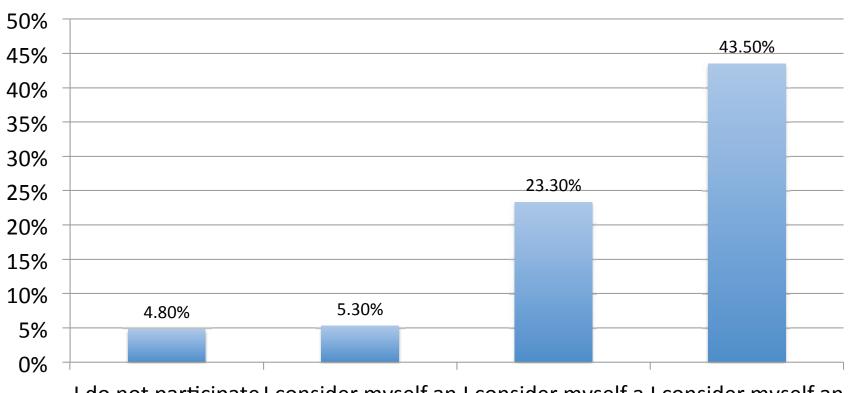
Period of church membership



Frequency of church attendance

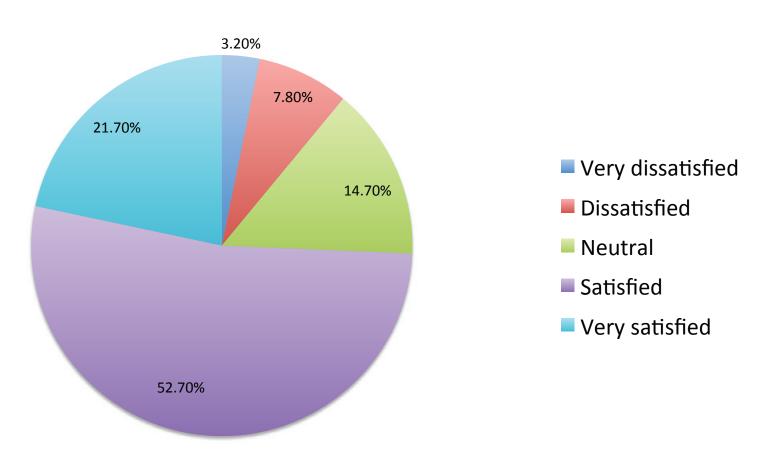
PERCENTAGE
4.0%
5.9%
15.5%
15.5%
58.7%
15.8%

Assess your involvement in your local church

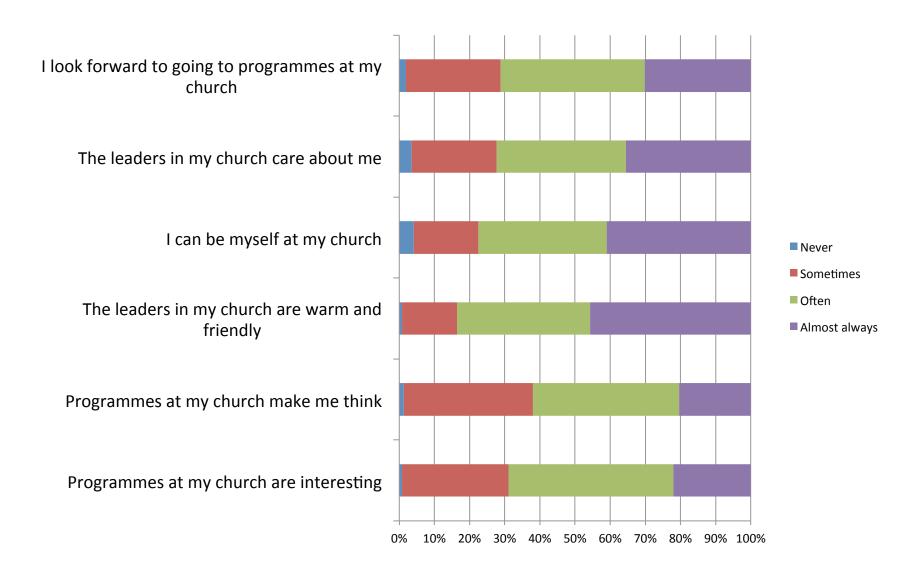


I do not participate I consider myself an I consider myself a I consider myself an at all in church observer casual participant active participant activities

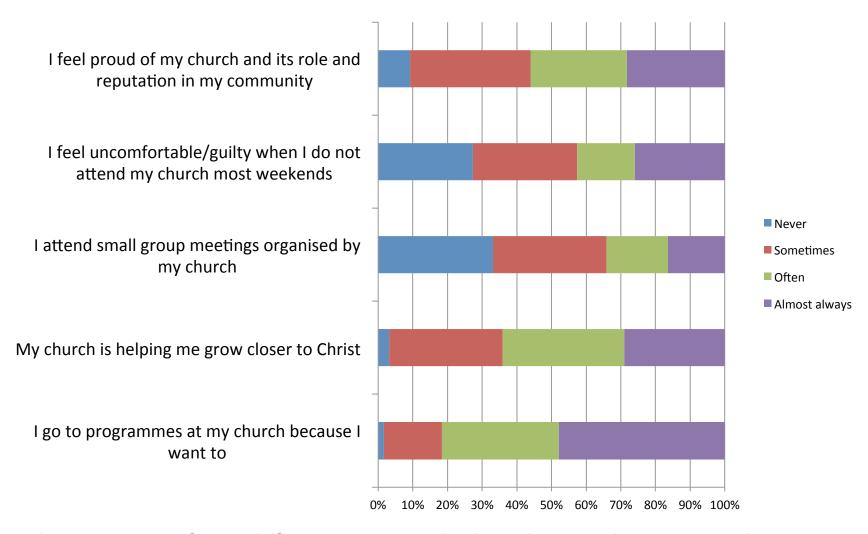
How satisfied are you with your local church?



Attitudes towards local church (i)

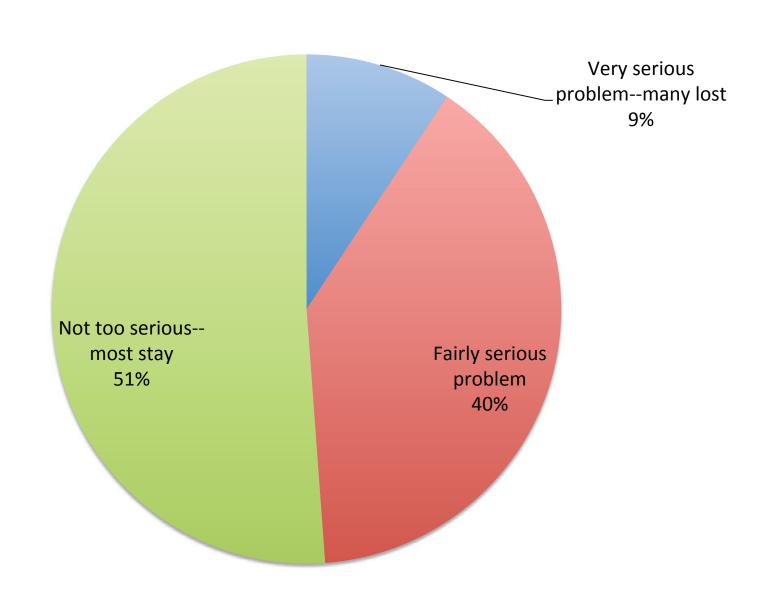


Attitudes towards local church (ii)

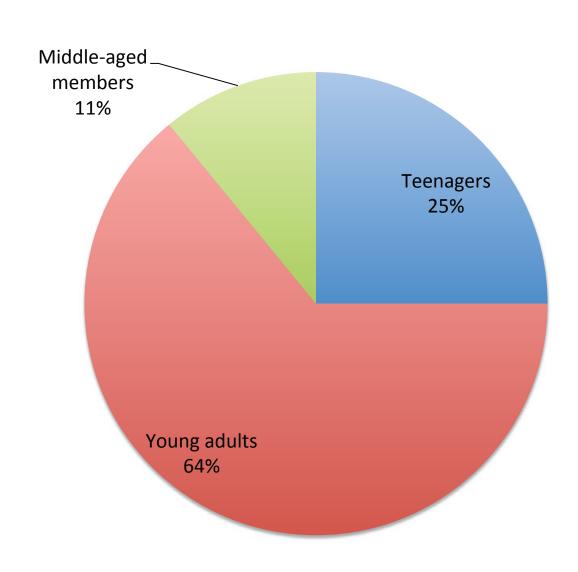


There is no significant difference in attitudes based on gender, age, or ethnic group

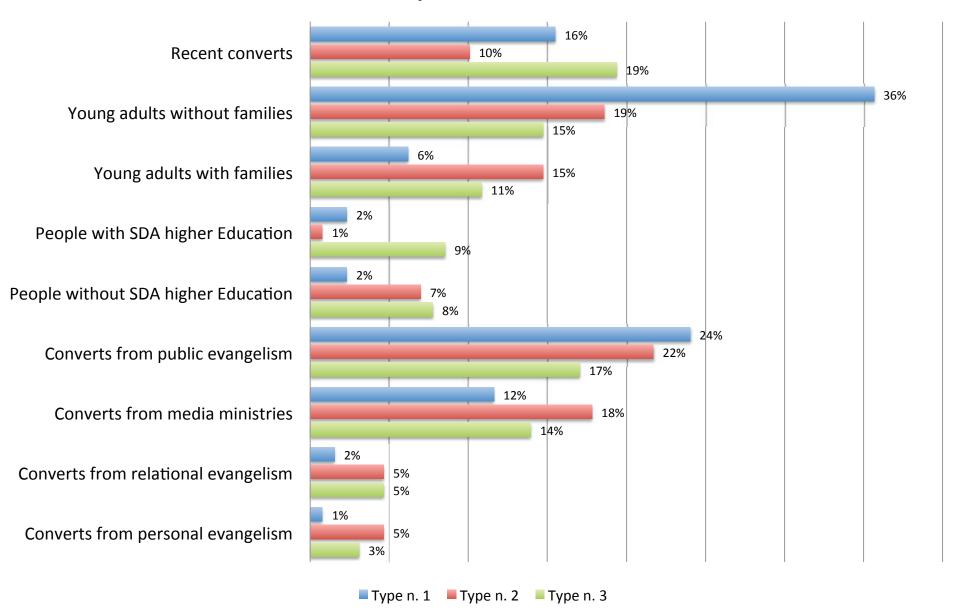
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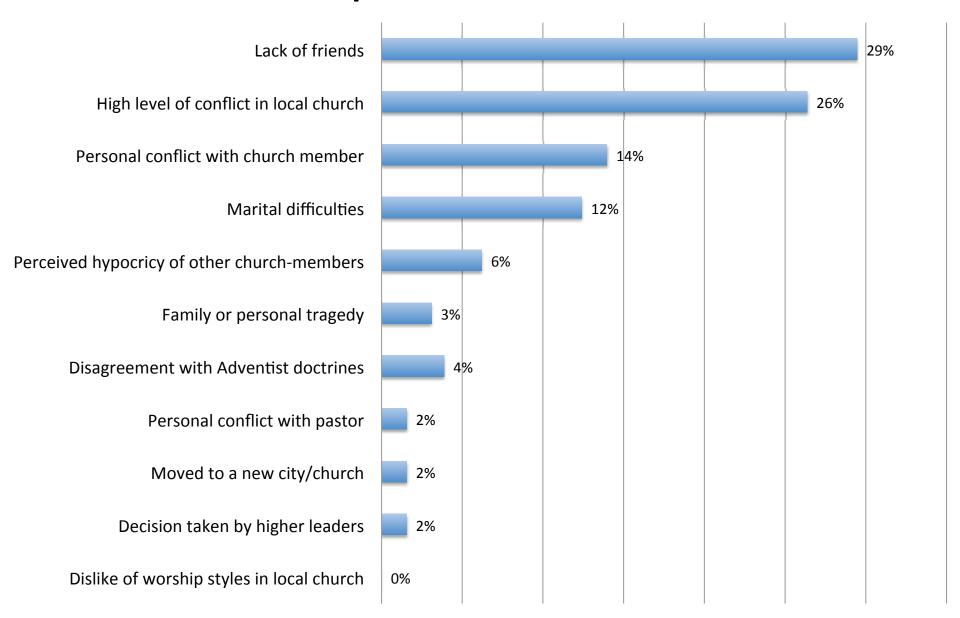
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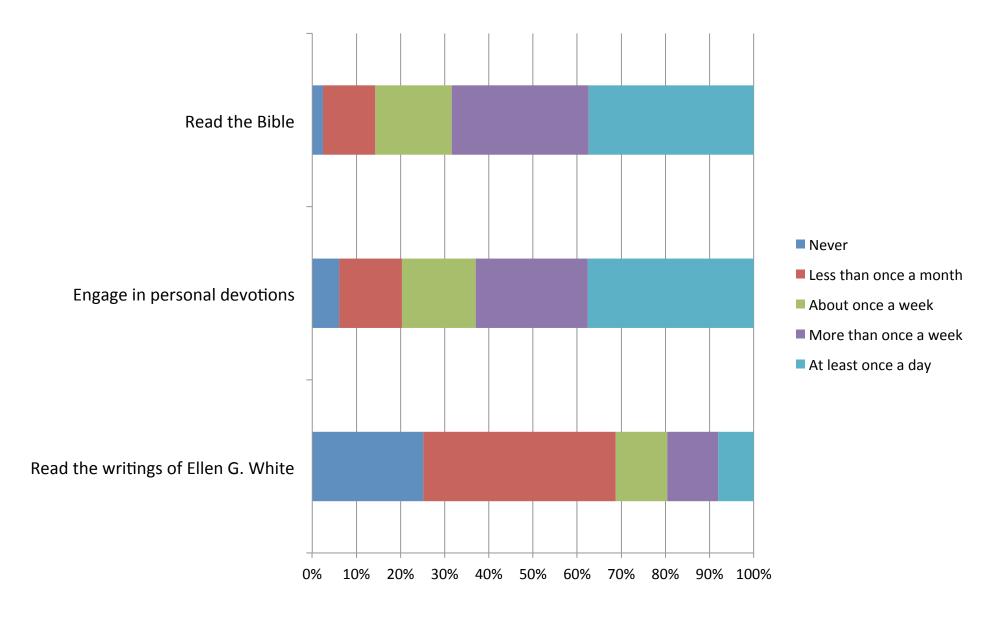
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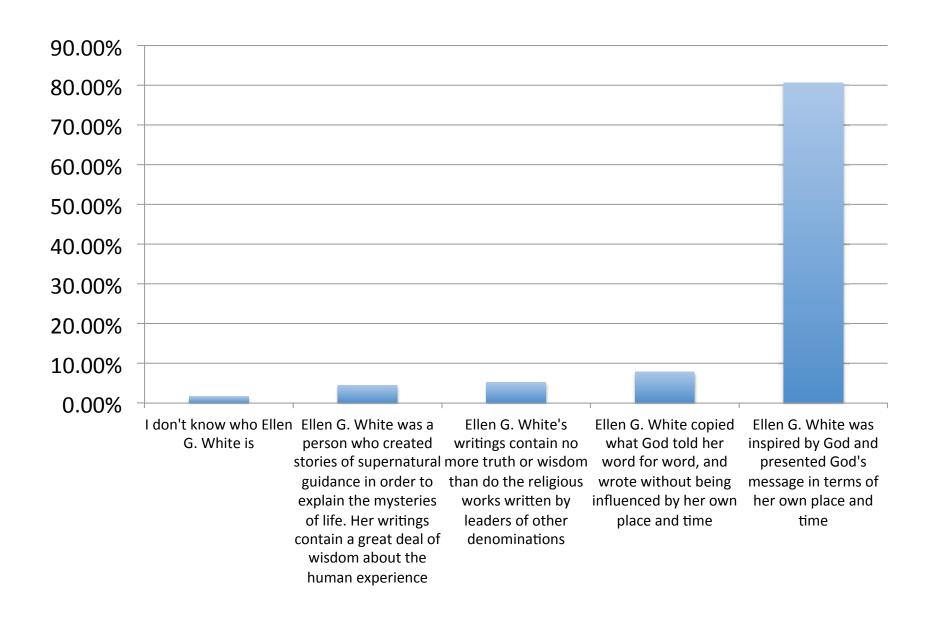
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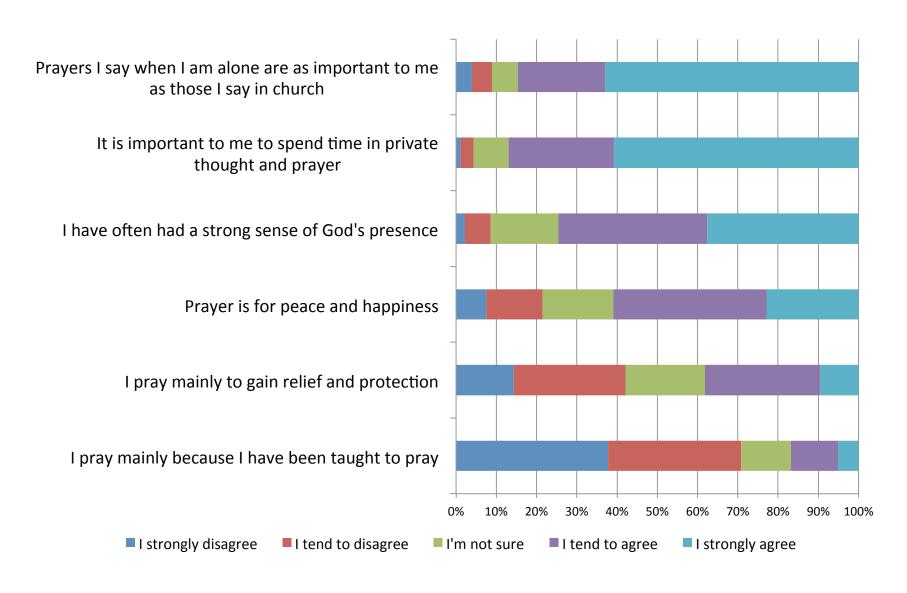
Church-members' spiritual-life practices



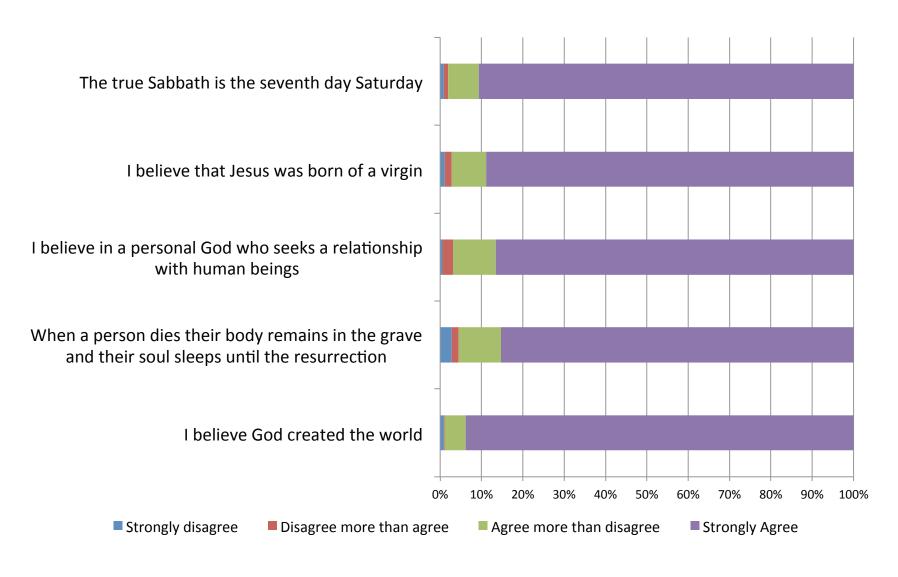
Attitudes towards Ellen White



Personal spirituality



Christian and Adventist Beliefs: (1) strongly agree = 90%+



Christian and Adventist Beliefs: (2) moderate dissent (12-25%)

I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me

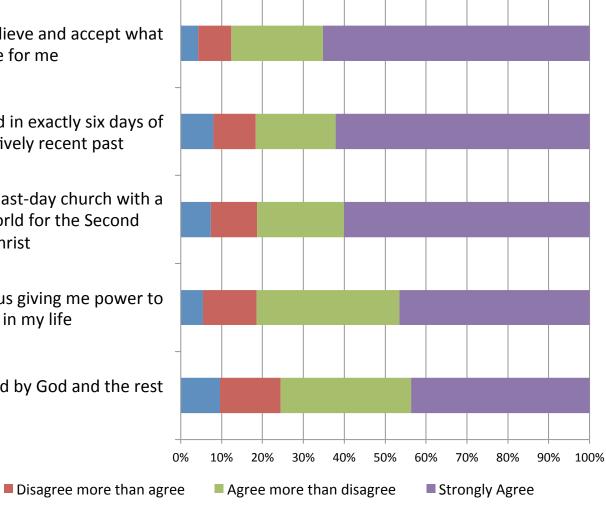
I believe God created the world in exactly six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past

The SDA Church is God's true last-day church with a message to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ

Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life

The righteous will be rewarded by God and the rest will not

Strongly disagree



Christian and Adventist Beliefs: (3) strong dissent = 40%+

The SDA Church believes in "present truth" which means beliefs might change over time

A relationship with Jesus is important, but I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law

There is no body of teaching, or set of scriptures, which is completely without error or contradiction

Of all the people on earth, one group has a special relationship with God

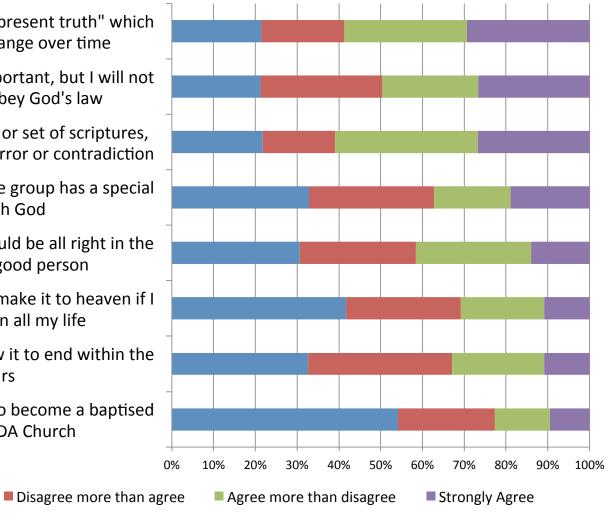
God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person

If I have been baptised, I will make it to heaven if I remain a good person all my life

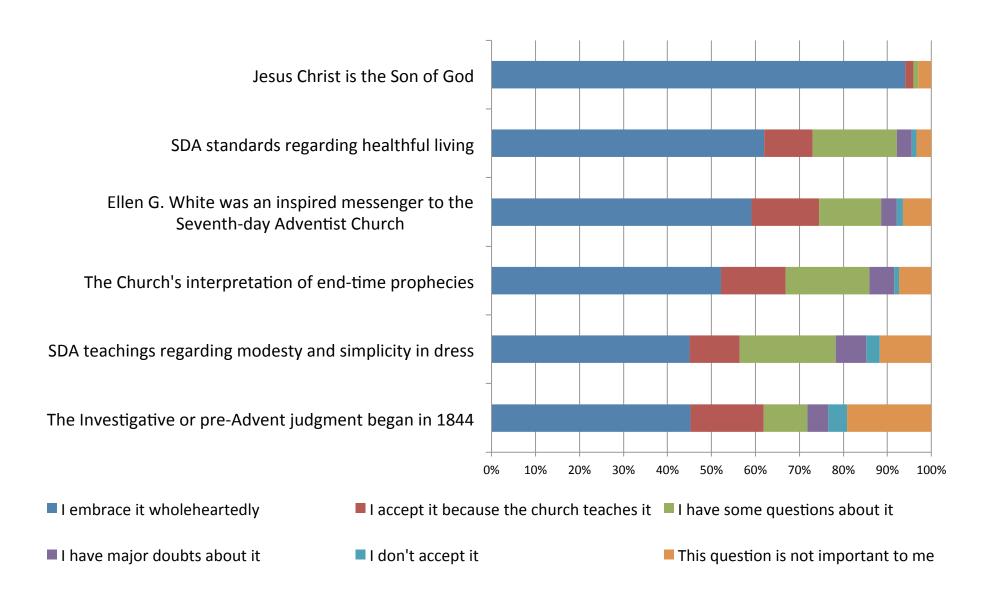
I expect the world as we know it to end within the next 20 years

If I am to be saved, I need to become a baptised member of the SDA Church

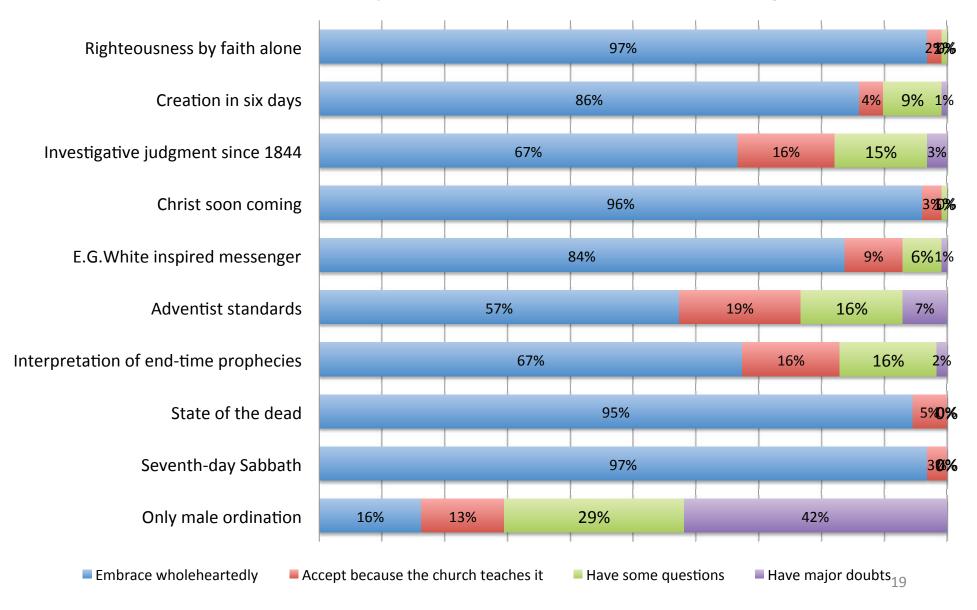
Strongly disagree



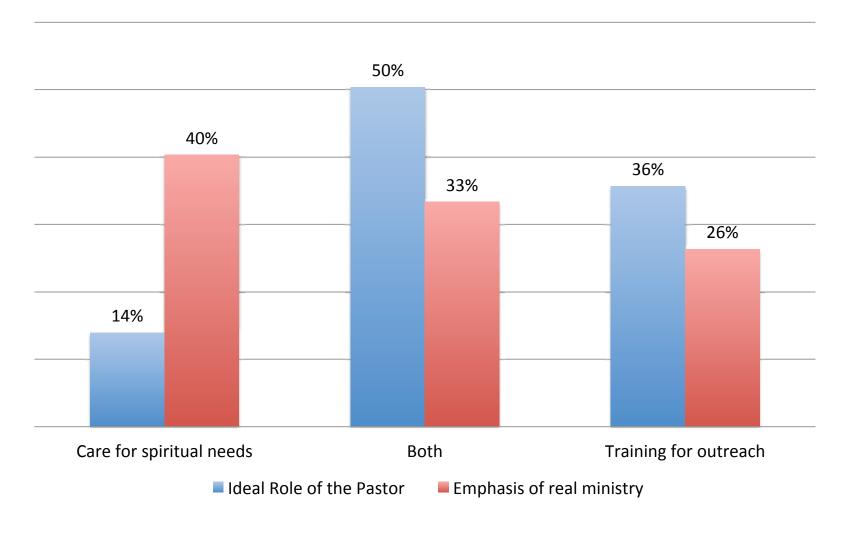
Distinctive Adventist Doctrines



Pastors' Acceptance of Church Teachings



Role of the Pastor



Pastor's Use of Time

