

# 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%

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%		

· ·	ity, atonement and propitiation are difficult, yet crucial
to grasp Agree 79%	(35% Strongly agree; 44% somewhat agree)
Disagree 19% Unsure 2%	(14% disagreed; 5% strongly disagreed)

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<br/>personAgree66%(23% Strongly agree; 43% somewhat agree)Discussion20%(25% discussion)

Agree	00%	(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%
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\*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)

Àgree	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 (14% Strongly agree: 22% somewhat agree)

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