



**ONE PERSON
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

John 20:19-31



- 1. When Jesus is present, people's lives have purpose.**
 - A. Mary Madeline**
 - B. Road to Emmaus**
 - C. 10/12 disciples.**
 - D. Thomas is absent.**



2. One person's absence matters to a group.

A. Thomas – v 25.

B. Thomas – v 28.

Large generation gap in American religion

In 2018/2019, % of U.S. adults who identify as ...

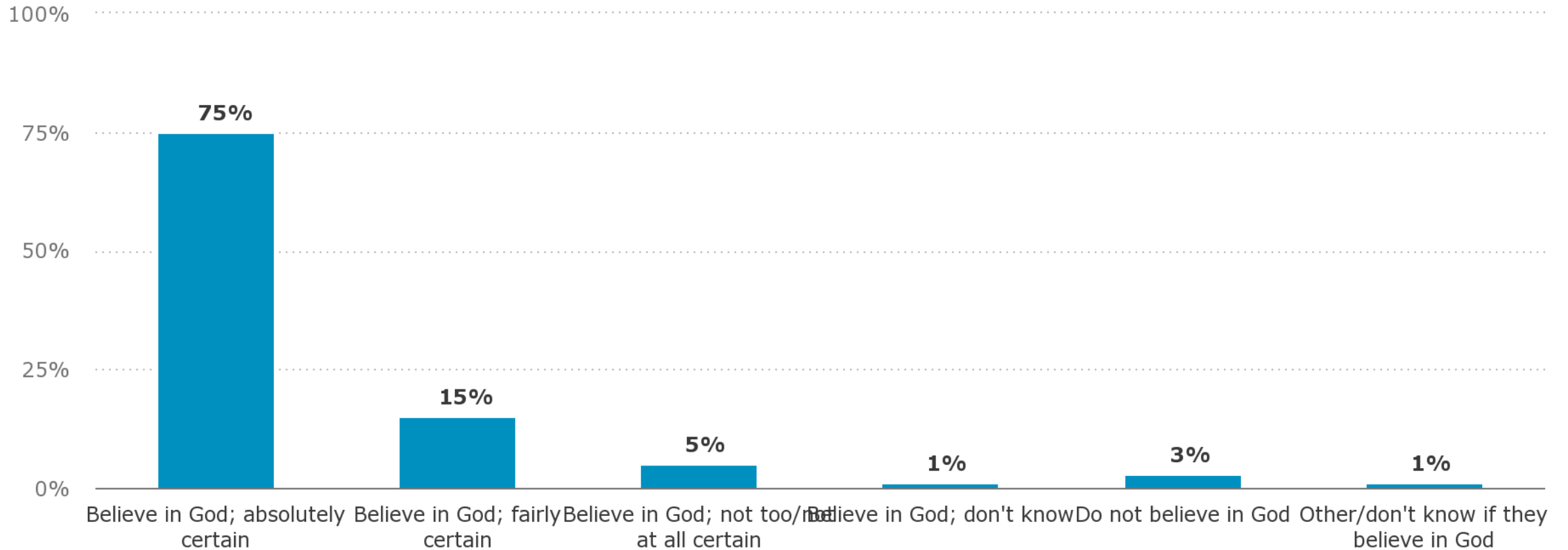


In 2018/2019, % of U.S. adults who say they attend religious services ...

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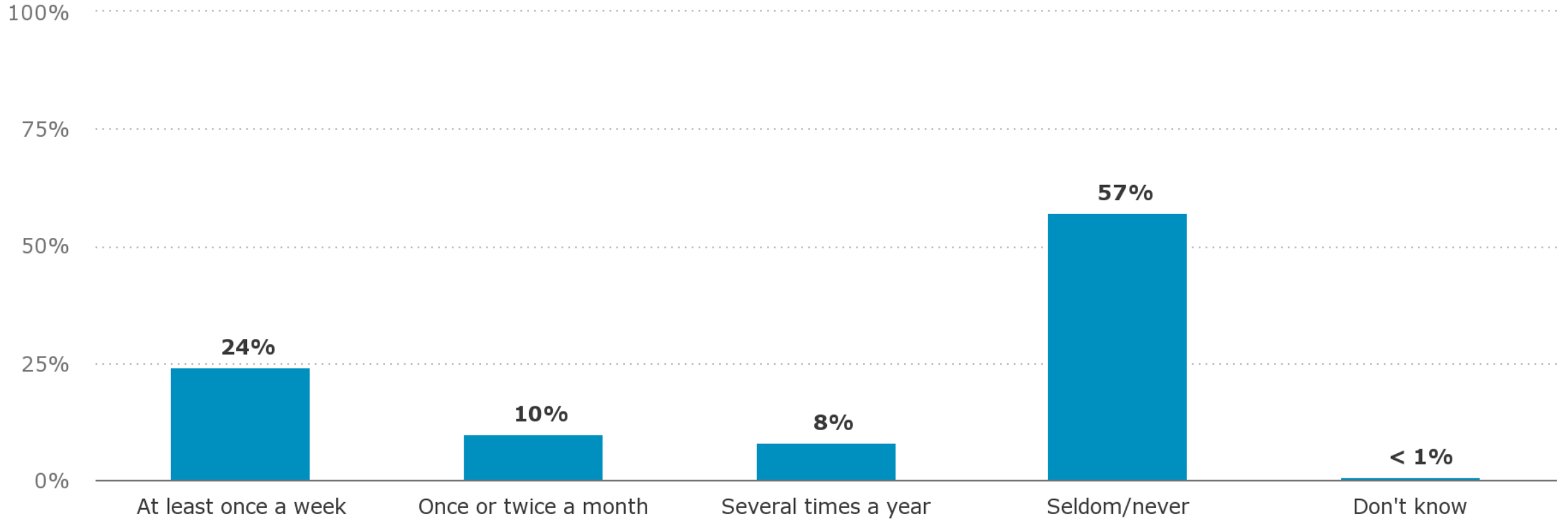
Belief in God among adults who say religion is very important who are Unaffiliated (religious "nones") who say they...

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Frequency of participation in prayer scripture study or religious education groups among adults who say religion is very important who are Unaffiliated (religious "nones")

% of adults who say religion is very important who are Unaffiliated (religious "nones") who attend prayer group...



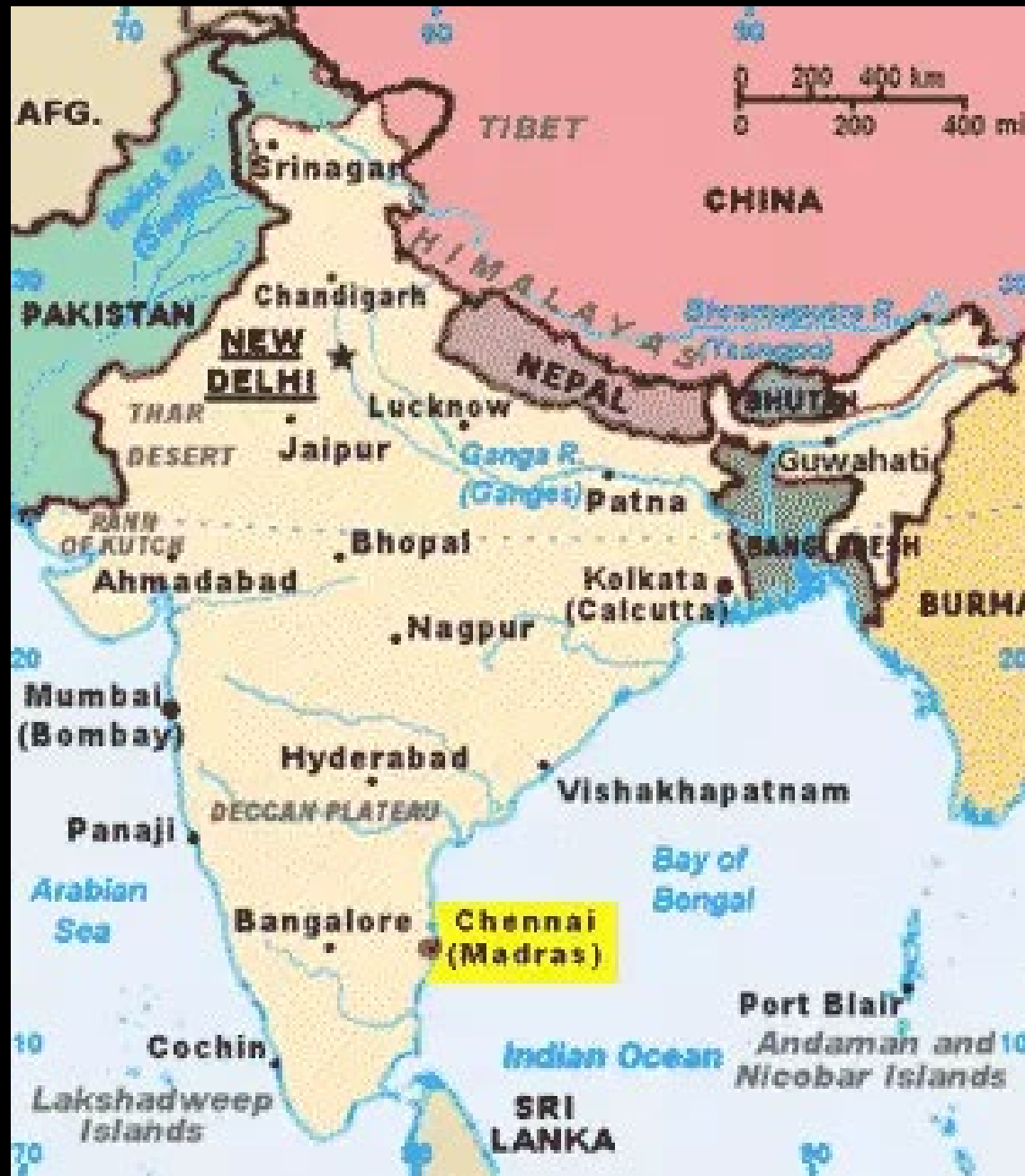
3. Jesus leaves “none of his name” behind.

Jn. 20:25 ... But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” (ESV)

- **John 17:12, 10:14**



**4. Thomas
found his life
purpose when
he saw the
wounds of
Christ. V 28**





5. How can we be a people that makes a difference?

A. I want to make an eternal difference bc Christ has made a difference in me.

B. I want to give to others bc Christ has given to me.

C. I want to look at life w new eyes amidst the circumstances of a changing world.

5. How can we be a people that makes a difference?

D. By my will, I choose Jesus to be my guide and commit my life to obey his direction in me. I will embrace change so that I might embrace his purpose; and, that I might be a person who makes an eternal difference in the lives of others.