



MY JOURNEY

TO THE EMPTY TOMB

Luke 24:33-49

From Conversion to Witness



1. Unbelief in the face of the evidence was of grave concern to Jesus.

A. Jesus confronts:

- Mark 16:10-11, 14; Luke 24:11; Mark 16:13
- Luke 24:25, 38
- John 20:29

B. The evidence speaks.


- Eyewitnesses
- Jesus
- God



1. (cont) Unbelief in the face of the evidence is of grave concern to God.

- **Rom 1:3-4**

- **1 Jn. 5:9-11** If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. ¹⁰ The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; **the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar**, because he has not believed in the testimony that **God has given concerning His Son**. ¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.



2. Believers are the modern-day witnesses to the evidence of Scripture concerning Jesus. Our story is our evidence.

A. The two from Emmaus:

1. Sad. v17.

2. Story-tellers. V35.

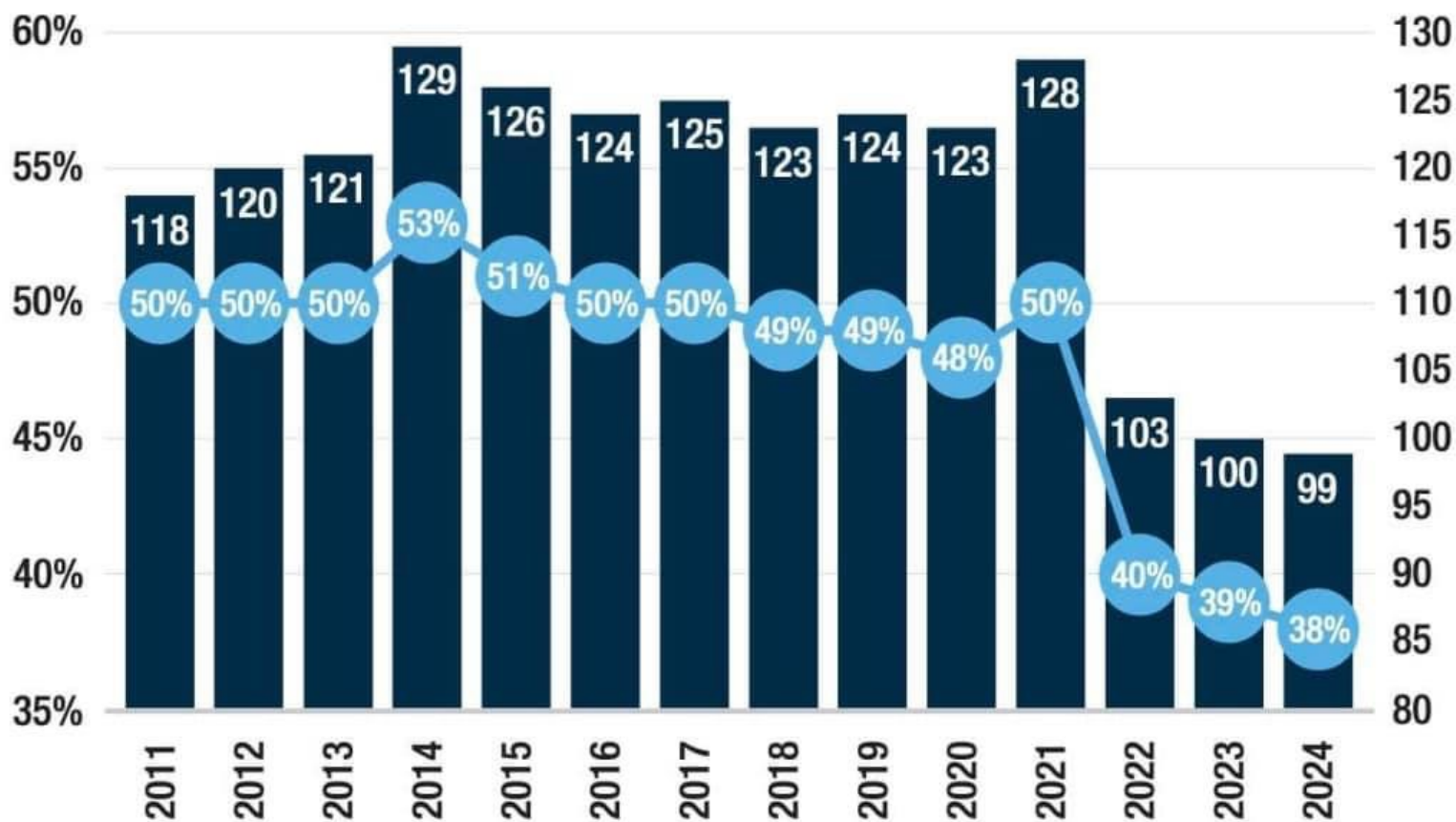
3. Preachers - "Necessary." V 35.

B. Jesus – repeat. V 44-45.

C. If we don't share the story, how will an unbeliever come to know Jesus? Rom 10:13f

Adult Bible Users 2011–2024

■ Millions ● Percentage

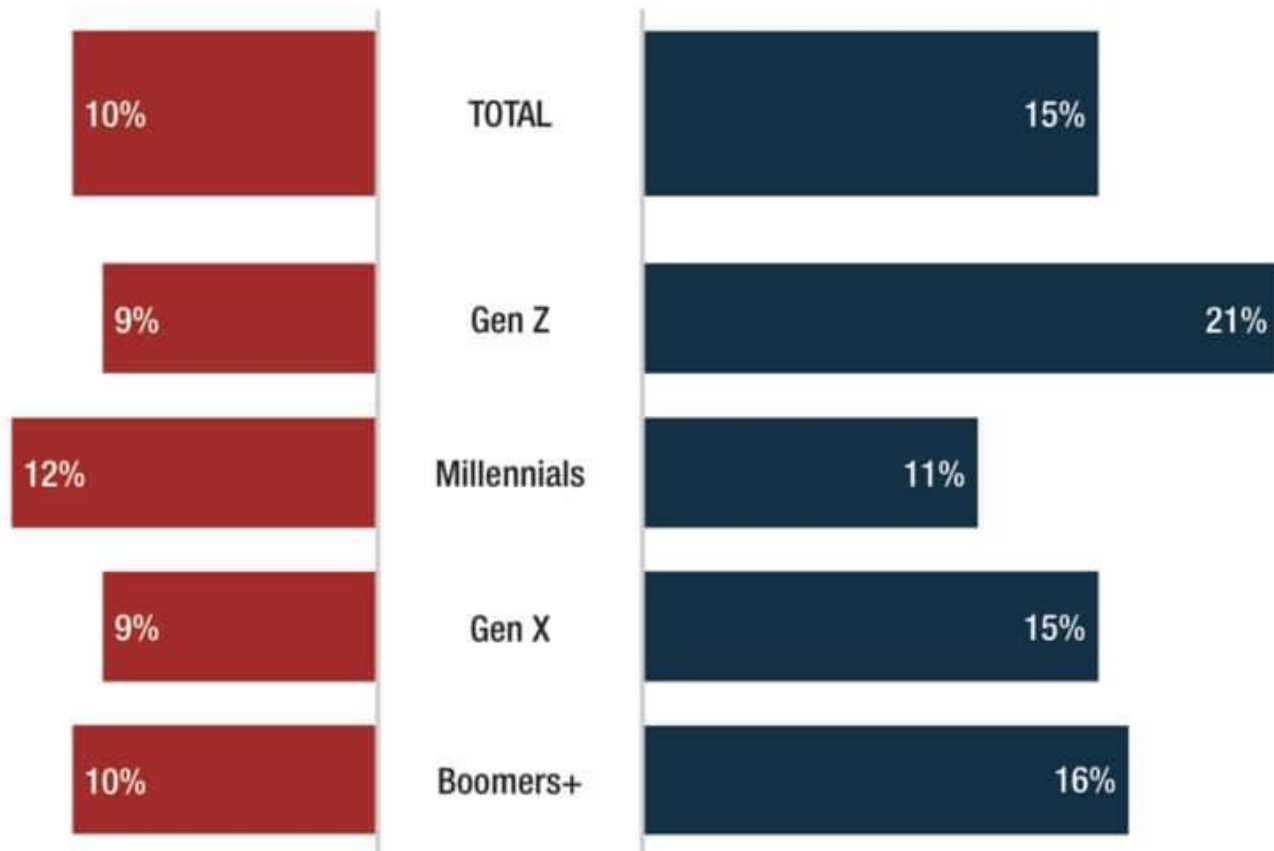



American Bible Society – The State of the Bible.

Increase/Decrease in Bible Reading²

Compared to last year, my personal use of the Bible has

■ Decreased ■ Increased





3. Do you have any “locked doors” that keep you from sharing Jesus? When people are seeking Jesus, there is no locked door he does not have the key to open.

A. Door of fear. John 20:19, 26.

B. Door of unmet expectations – Emmaus (Lk 24:21), Ascension (Matt 28:17); Acts 1:6

C. Door of failure, hopelessness, betrayal.

D. Door of guilt, humbled down – Simon, condemnation. (Lk 24:34; 22:33)

E. Door of anger – Thomas.

Next Steps

- A. 20 in 24. Take 20 minutes a day to read the Bible and pray in 2024. **Get back on the track!**
- B. Will you share your story of Jesus with one person this coming week?
- C. Will you ask the Holy Spirit to identify your “locked doors.”
 1. Talk to a trusted, confidential source, who can help you identify your locked doors.
 2. Bring Jesus into those areas as an act of obedience.

