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**PRAYER
MINISTRY**

Does the Bible teach that
we can lose salvation?

TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

....And does it teach that we have
free will to believe and follow Christ?
November 17th at 6 pm

**What's the Primary
Purpose of
Pastors/ Teachers?**

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A Survey on
Christian Cultural Engagement

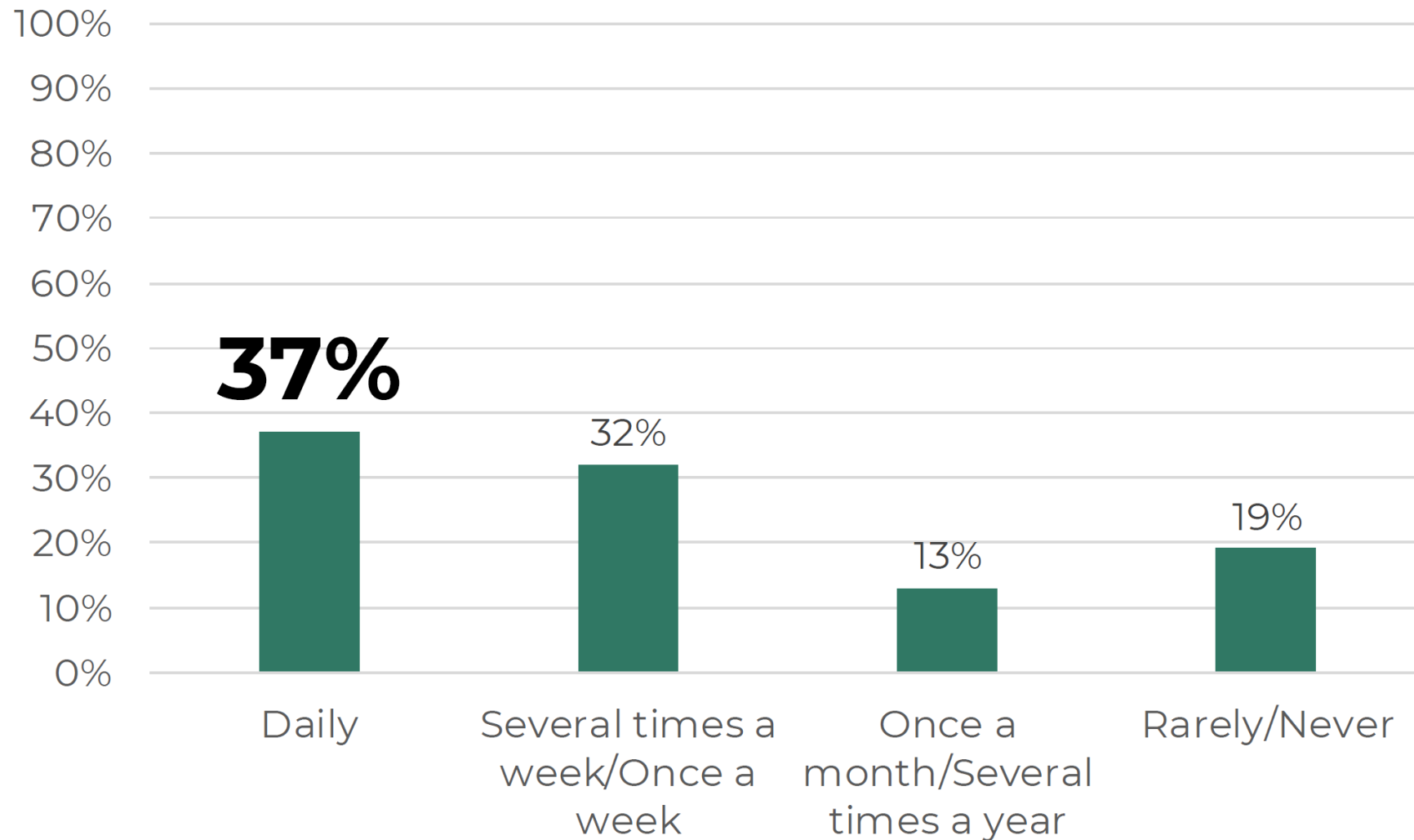
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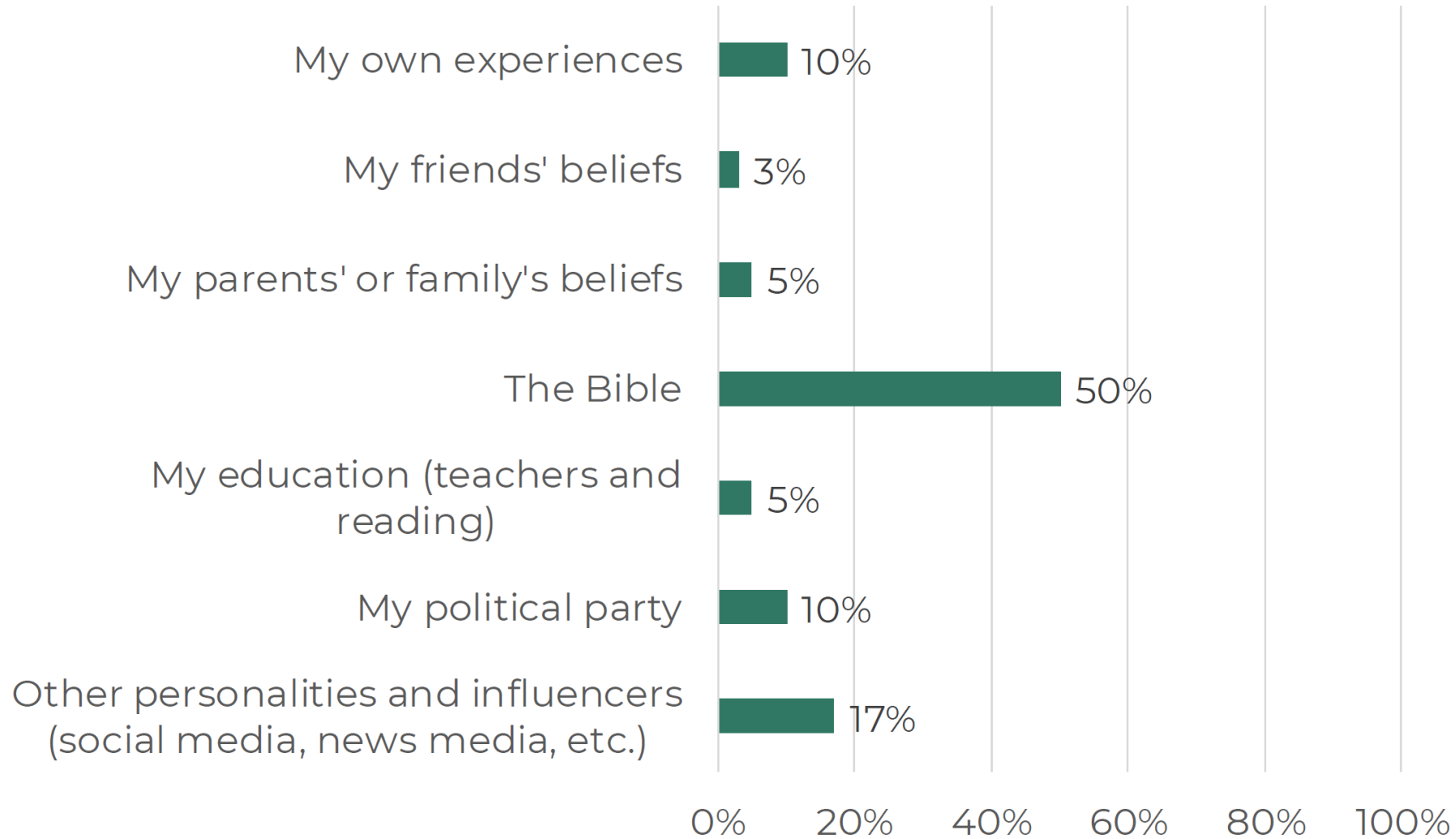
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Lifeway

What percentage of evangelicals personally read the Bible daily?



What is influencing evangelicals as they form opinions about solutions to problems in our society? (Top Choice)



Ephesians 4:11-13 (NKJV) ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Jesus' ministry first continued through the apostles, prophets, and evangelists. Successful evangelism led to the need for pastors/ overseers/ elders/ teachers.

With this teaching and equipping, we are to move toward unity in our faith and knowledge of Jesus so we can be conformed into His image.

The primary tasks of a pastor/ teacher are to equip you for God's Kingdom work and to bring edification to the body of Christ from His word.

Does your view of what a pastor is supposed to look like agree with the scriptures? With each passing day, do you look more like Jesus?

Ephesians 4:14-16 (ESV) ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather

speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held

together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

When we know God's word, we can identify false doctrines and recognize satanic deceit.

God didn't just call pastors into ministry. He called everyone who chooses to believe and follow Christ so that we can build up His body and reach others outside His Kingdom.

We are called to grow up in every way so that we look more like Jesus. Then, speaking the truth in love comes naturally.

Are you growing up in Christ? Are you serving in His Kingdom?