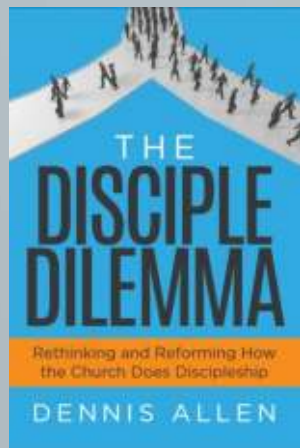


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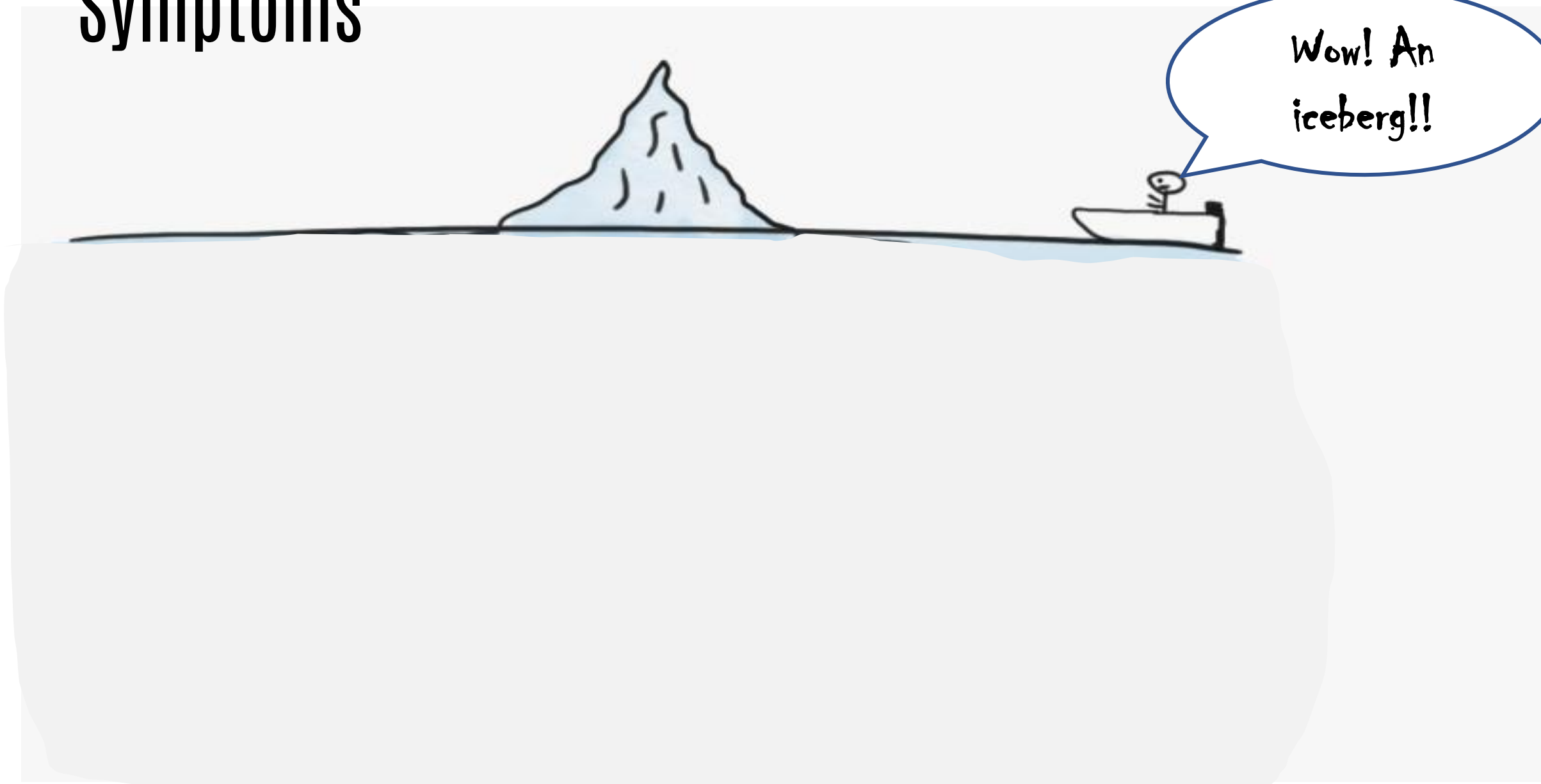


# Two Foundational Passages...

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15(a)

# Symptoms



# Symptoms: Church attending Protestants

Lack confidence or skills to discuss the Gospel: **82%**



20-40 year-olds that will abandon Christianity: **60%**

Explaining the Gospel is "Not my job": **35%**

Absolute truth does not exist: **40%**

Lifestyle is preferable to spoken Gospel: **65%**

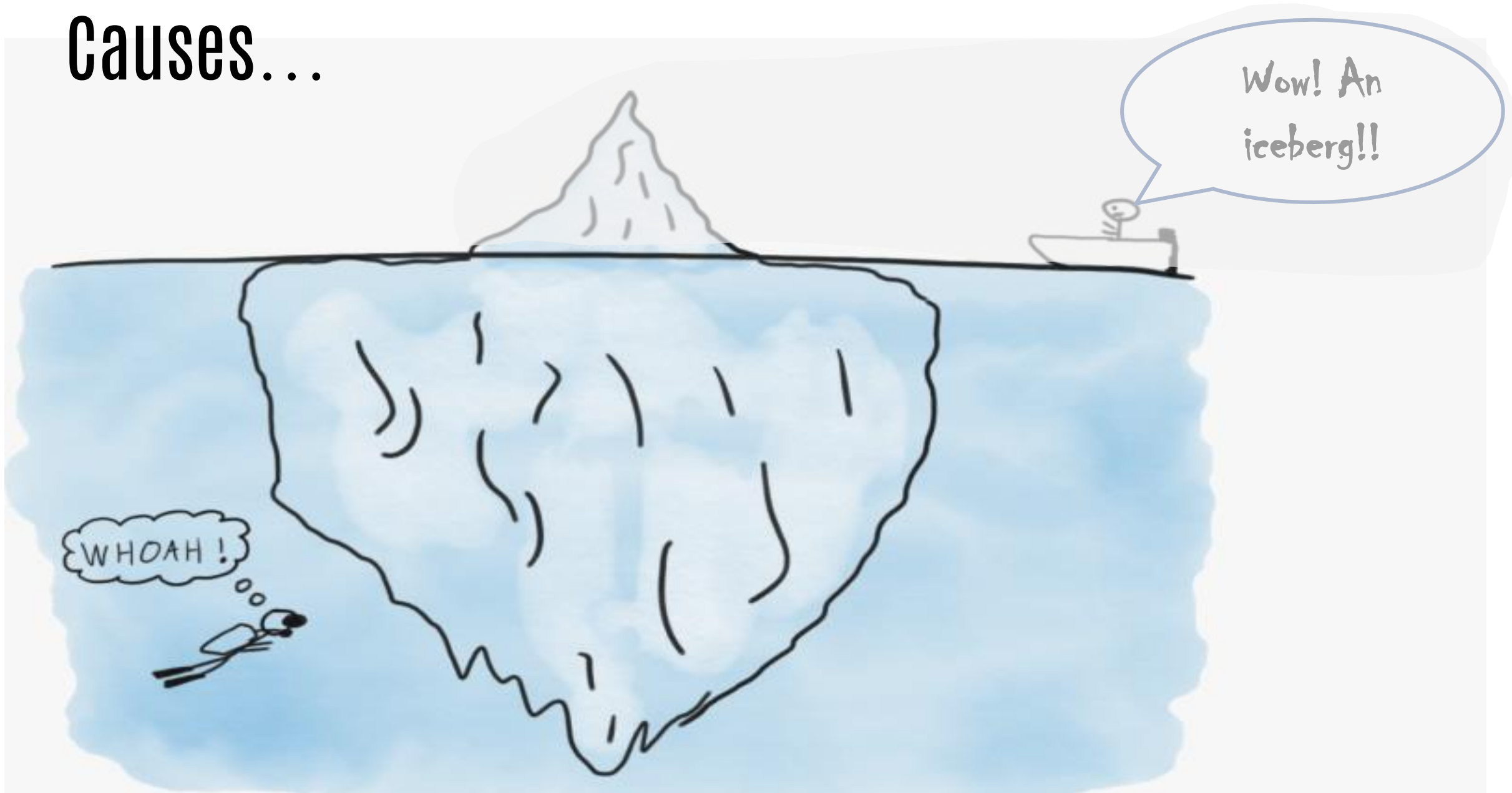
Attends church **1.7x** month, but no other spiritual life: **82%**

Sharing faith is not important: **92%**

My spiritual life is a private matter: **40%**

Jesus is not the exclusive way to God: **40%**

# Causes...



# Causes - Six Things That Cripple Discipleship

Old & familiar traditions from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century

1: Optional Lordship

2: Catch-and-Release

3: Power

4: Clerical Distancing

5: Herd Community

6: The **NOT** Main Things

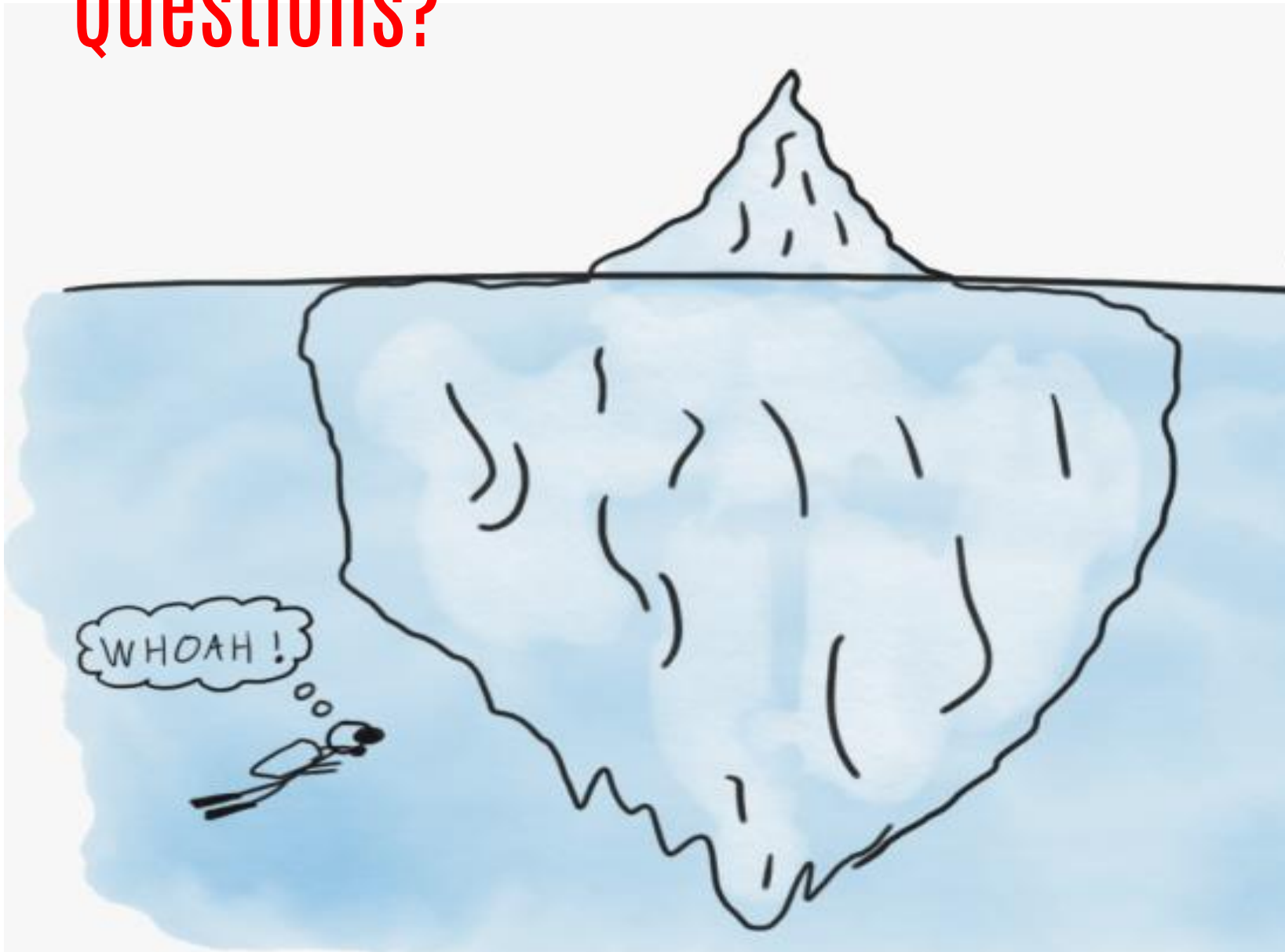
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# The Dilemma - A Path Forward

- 1) **LEADERS**...and that would be who?
- 2) **CHOOSING**...is the dilemma real?
- 3) **A MISSION**...which is what?
- 4) **CHANGE A CULTURE**...what's culture??

# Questions?





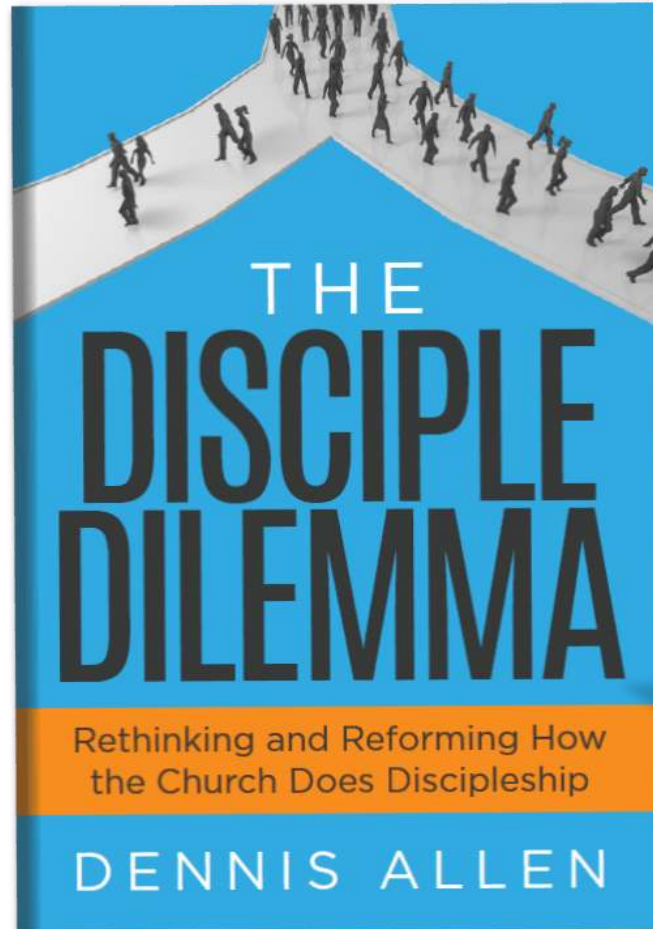
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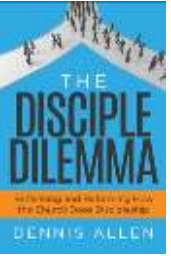


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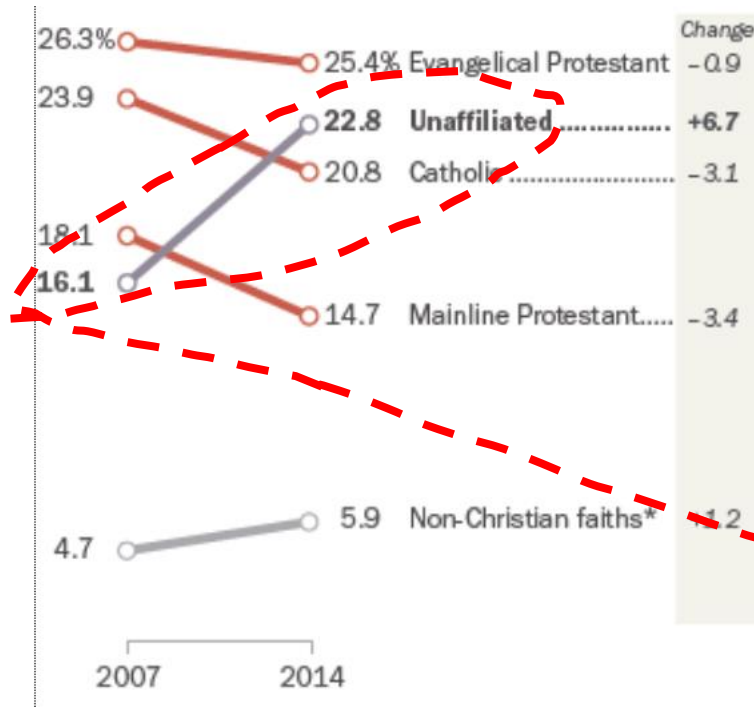
# TDD Bible Tour



	<b>Christ's Disciples</b>	<b>Modernity's Disciples</b>
Luke 9:58	Come, follow me	Many ways to God
Mark 8:34	Take up your cross	Authenticity
Matthew 6:24	Undivided loyalty	Optional Lordship
John 12:26	Doulos - Bondservant	Member
Matthew 10:16	Sending you out to danger	Security
Matthew 16:24	Whole hearted	Identity
Luke 9:23	Deny yourself	You do you
Matthew 28:19	Make disciples	Each his own
Matthew 28:19	Baptize and teach	Unethical proselytizing
Luke 12:22	Lose your anxiousness	Fear the unknown
Luke 12:22	Sell possessions - give to the needy	Regret yourself
Luke 14:26	No relationships above mine	Tribalism
Matthew 7:21	Not just words - actions	Cancel
Luke 6:46	Emulate Christ	Selective morality
Matthew 18:20	Team up and go	Solo
Luke 14:26	Consider the cost	Cost avoidance
John 8:31	Do what I tell you	If it's not oppressive
John 15:8	Bear fruit	Point out injustice
Mark 1:17	Fish for people	Keep to yourself

# Western Christianity on a Fade

## “Nones” on the Rise



## A quarter of Americans now see themselves as spiritual but not religious

% who identify as ...

Religious and spiritual



Spiritual but not religious



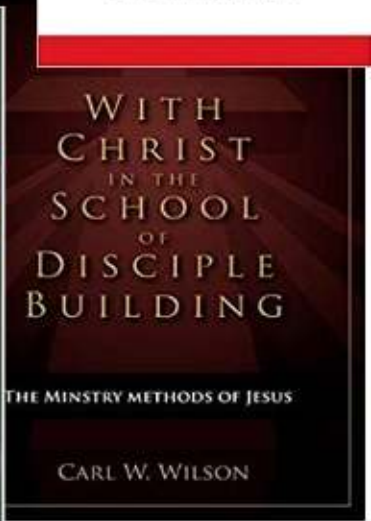
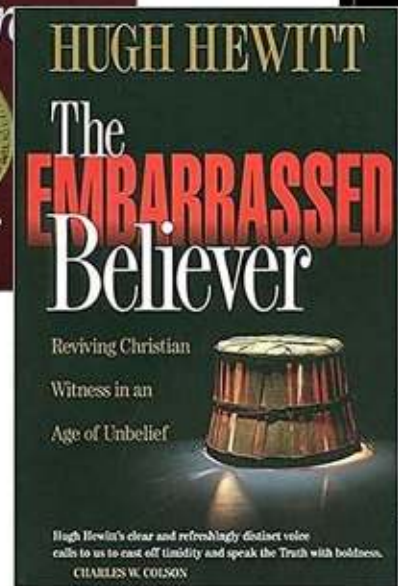
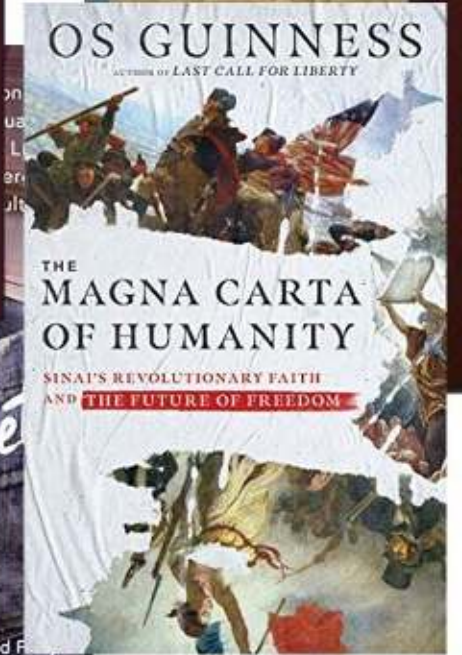
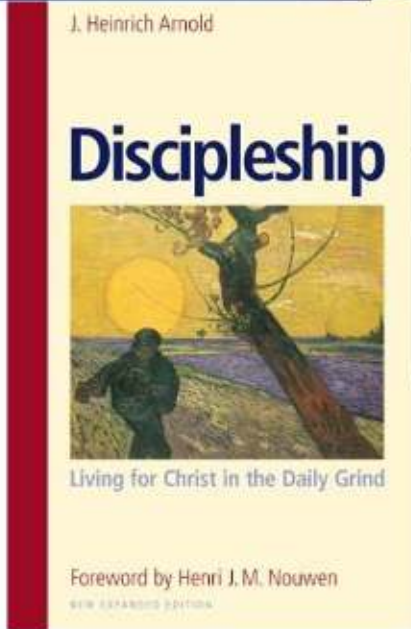
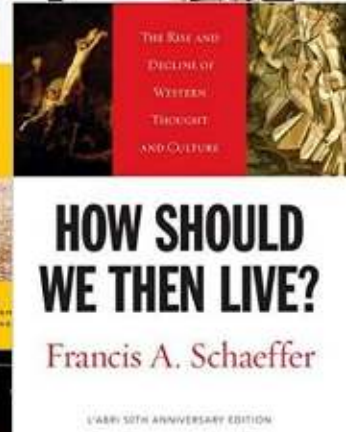
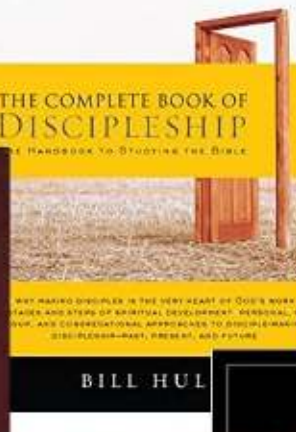
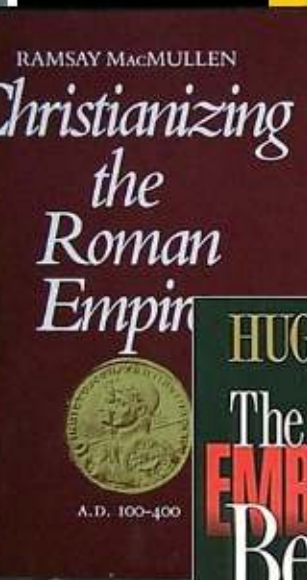
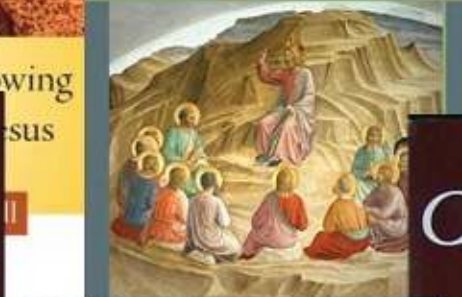
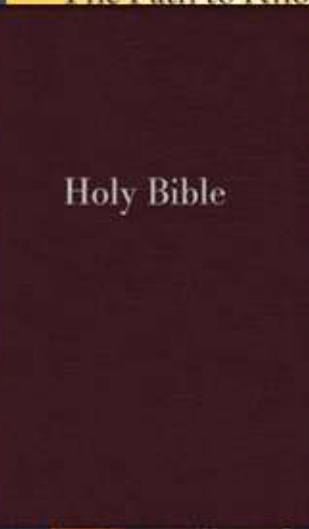
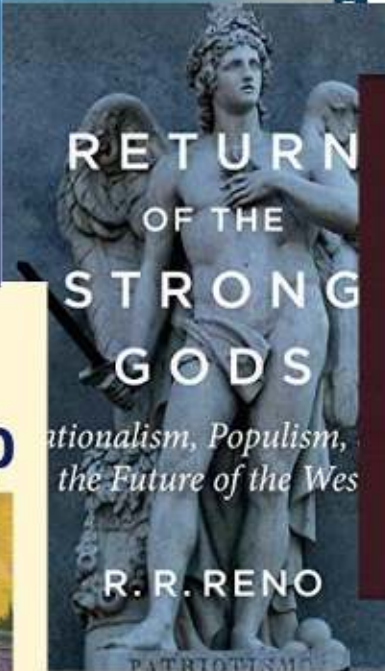
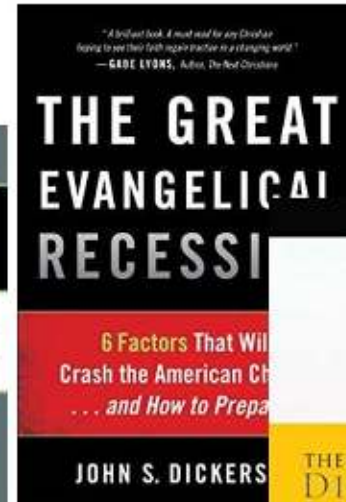
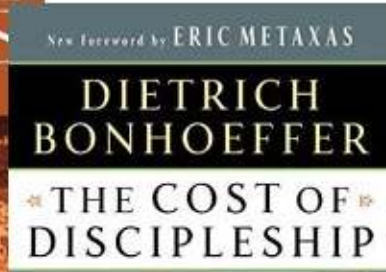
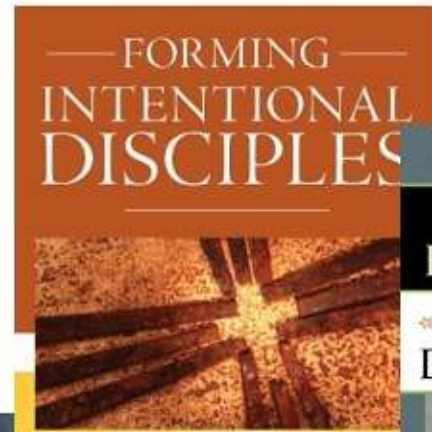
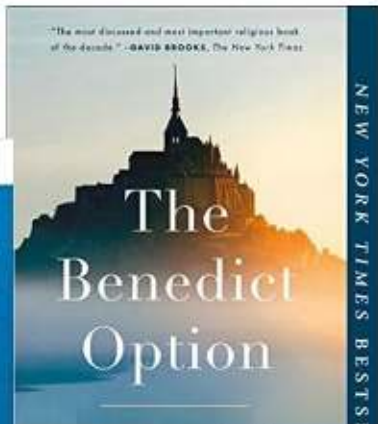
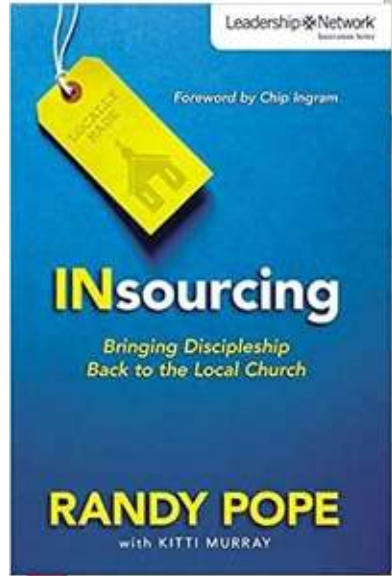
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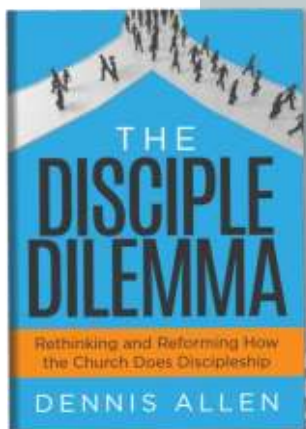


Religious but not spiritual



	Median Age
All Americans	47
White evangelical Protestant	56
White Catholic	54
Unitarian/Universalist	53
White mainline Protestant	50
Black Protestant	50
Jehovah's Witness	49
Jewish	48
Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	47
Orthodox Christian	42
Hispanic Catholic	42
Hispanic Protestant	39
Unaffiliated	38
Buddhist	36
Hindu	36
Muslim	33





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