

# WORD 2019

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# • **YES, I WILL.....**

- DEVOTED - solemnly set apart or dedicated; consecrated; addicted; given up; doomed; consigned.
- DEVOTION - I. The state of being dedicated, consecrated, or solemnly set apart for a particular purpose.

## • **Greatest Commandment**

- Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

## • **Great Commission**

- Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- **CORE values:**
- Be worshipful (love God),
- Be relational (love others as much as you love yourself),
- Be missional (share the truth, the testimony of God in me with others).
  
- Saying yes to God is growing in these CORE values.
  - Subjected, sacrificial, relevant.
  
- Every Jesus moment starts with God saying something. The world began by God speaking it into being. He's a **SPEAKING GOD**.
- Every moment of faith begins with God speaking and people listening. People needed to respond in obedience.
  - John 10:27-29 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

- **Last Sunday – “Listen” –**

**Was it a Corporal Word or Individual?**

**How do I/We respond?**

**Daily Question –**

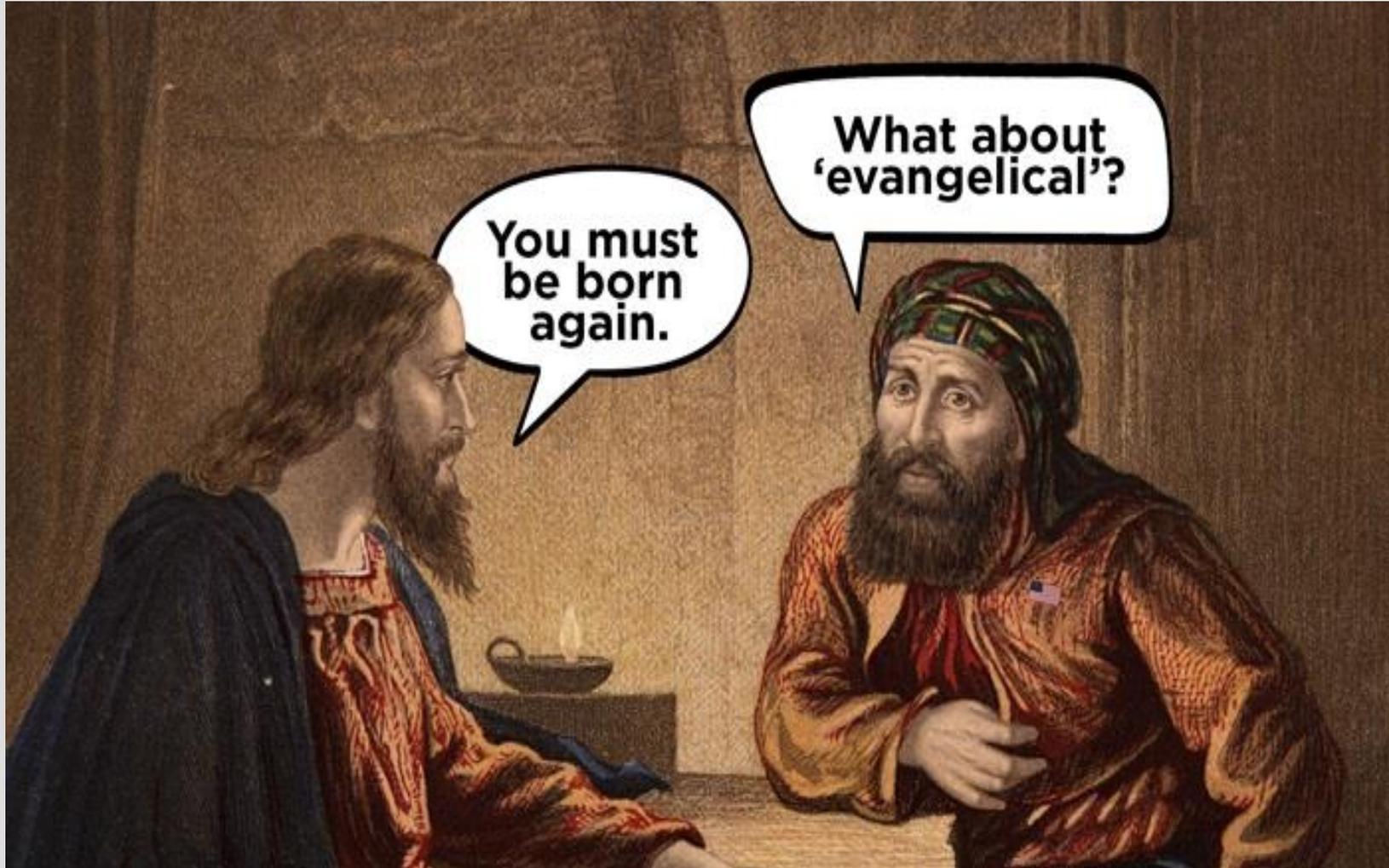
**What is God saying?**

**What am I/we going to do about it?**

- **When the church is healthy:**

- I Thessalonians 1:2-3 We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. 3 As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. NLT
- God speaks, you hear, you obey, you grow.
- **Healthy People – Healthy Church**

- **Evangelical vs. Born Again: A Survey of What Americans Say and Believe Beyond Politics**
- Less than half who claim either label have evangelical beliefs.
- [Jeremy Weber](#) December 06, 2017



- **Evangelicals by Belief**

- While the number of evangelicals has stayed strong while Christianity crumbles in America, only about half of them “qualify” as evangelicals based on their beliefs, according to LifeWay.

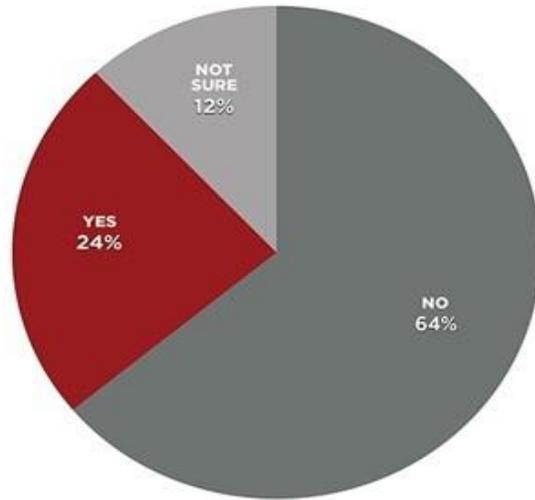
- Researchers used a four-point definition developed by LifeWay Research and the National Association of Evangelicals. It relies on four statements:

- The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe.
- It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Jesus Christ’s death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
- Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God’s free gift of eternal salvation.

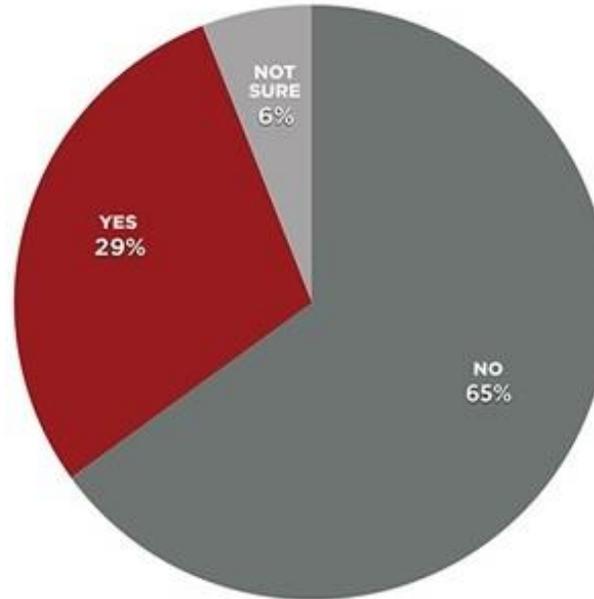
- Only those who strongly agree with all four statements are categorized as having evangelical beliefs.

## AMERICANS WHO:

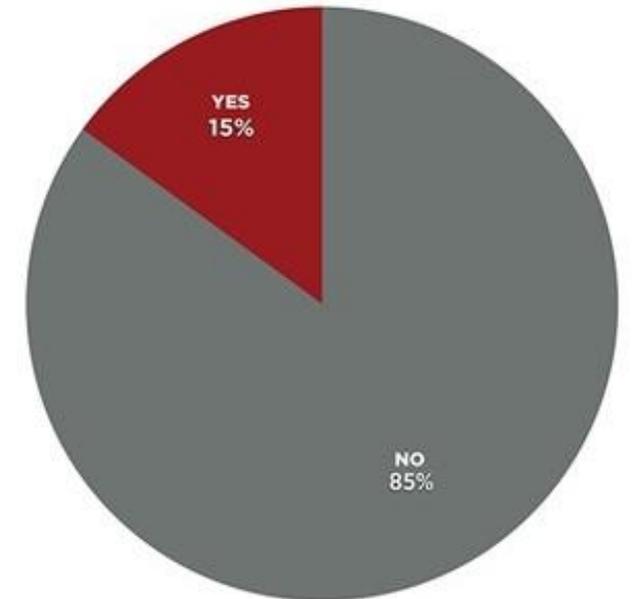
### SELF-IDENTIFY AS EVANGELICAL



### SELF-IDENTIFY AS BORN AGAIN



### HAVE EVANGELICAL BELIEFS

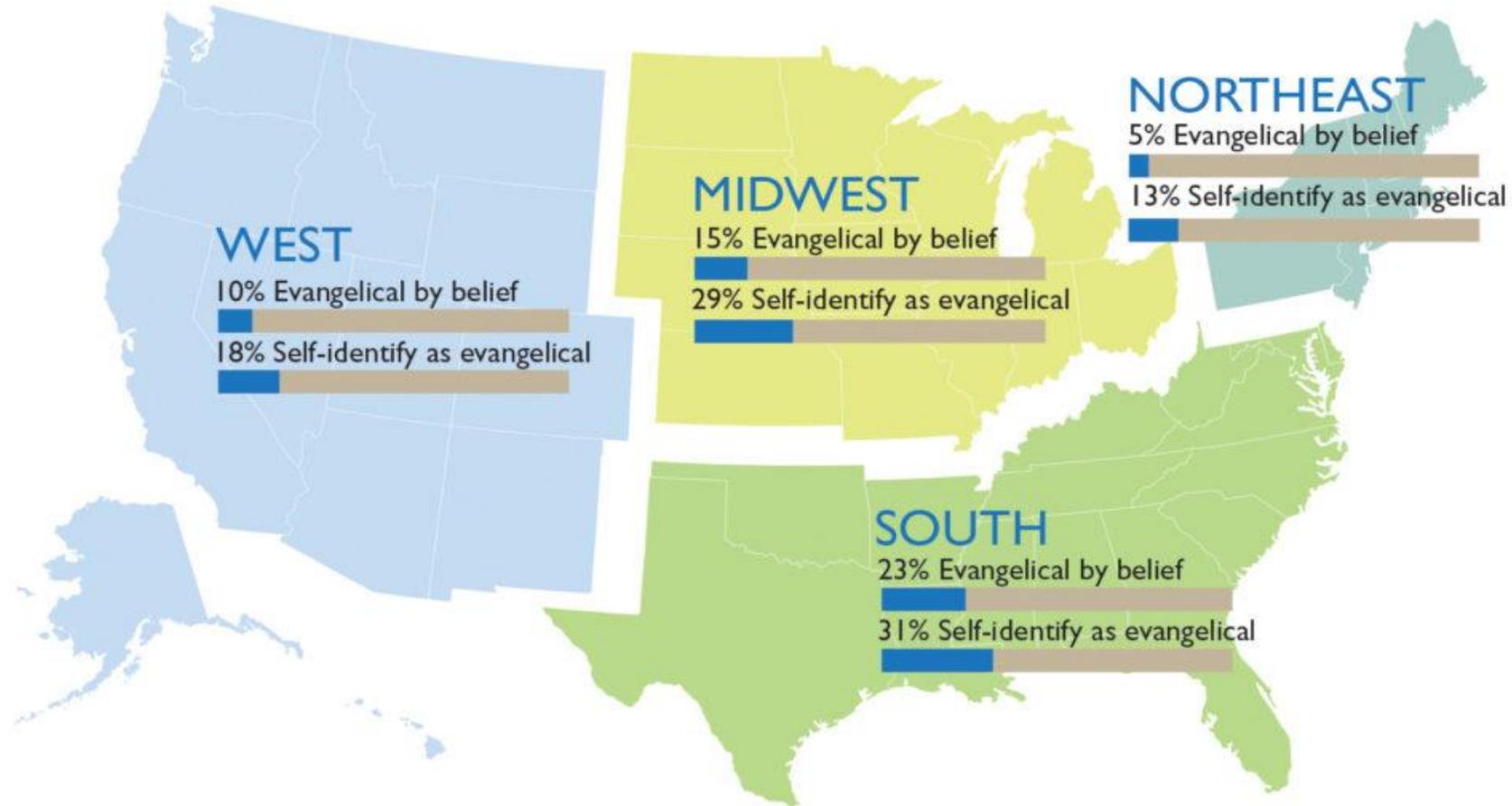


According to this measure, only 15 percent of Americans have evangelical beliefs. This includes only 1 in 10 millennials; however, before Boomers get too smug, only 2 in 10 of Americans 50 and older do also.

- Many Who Call Themselves Evangelical Don't Actually Hold Evangelical Beliefs

# EVANGELICALS ACROSS AMERICA

Among people living in each region



Relevant Magazine - Research: Only 17% of Christians Actually Have a Biblical Worldview. Posted on [May 11, 2017](#)



A new joint [study by Barna](#) and Summit Ministries looks at the worldviews of practicing Christians. The results aren't flattering.

- Among other things, it found that only 17 percent of Christians have what the researchers consider a **biblical worldview**. For that definition, Barna provides these markers:
- **Glossary of Barna's Theographics & Demographics January 20, 2016**
- Respondents qualify as having a biblical worldview based on their responses to 8 criteria:
  - Has made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still important in their life today
  - Believes they will go to heaven when they die “because you have confessed your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your savior”
  - Strongly agrees that the Bible is totally accurate in all of its teachings
  - Strongly agrees they personally have a responsibility to tell other people about their religious beliefs
  - Strongly disagrees that Jesus Christ committed sins when he lived on earth
  - Strongly disagrees that the devil, or Satan, is not a living being but a symbol of evil
  - Strongly disagrees that a person can earn a place in heaven if they are generally good or they do enough good things for others
  - Believes God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect creator of the universe who rules the world today
- December 6, 2017

- **What is God Saying?**

- John 10:1-11 "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! 2 But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, **and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him.** He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. 5 **They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."**

- 6 Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, 7 so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. 9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. 10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. NLT

- John 10:14-21 "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, 15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. **They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.** 17 "The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. 18 No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."
- **19 When he said these things, the people were again divided in their opinions about him.** 20 Some said, "He's demon possessed and out of his mind. Why listen to a man like that?" 21 Others said, "This doesn't sound like a man possessed by a demon! Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" NLT

- John 10:22-32 It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. 23 He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
- 25 Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. 26 But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. 27 **My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.** No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."
- 31 Once again the people picked up stones to kill him. 32 Jesus said, "At my Father's direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?"  
NLT

- **As everything ages it grows toward death....but the healthy church shouldn't do this.**
- Matthew 16:13-19 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." 15 Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock **I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. NLT**

- **Many churches die because they are no longer attached to the living, breathing God.**
- John 15:1-4 "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, **and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.**
- **Movement – Machine – Monument**
  - Danger of the 3 B's - Buildings, Budgets and Butts

- **Last Book of the Bible**

- The Message to the Church in Ephesus

- Revelation 2:7 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. **To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.**

- The Message to the Church in Smyrna

- Revelation 2:11 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. **Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.**

- The Message to the Church in Pergamum

- Revelation 2:17 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. **To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.**

- The Message to the Church in Thyatira
  - Revelation 2:29 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches"
- The Message to the Church in Sardis
  - Revelation 3:6 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."
- The Message to the Church in Philadelphia
  - Revelation 3:13 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."
- The Message to the Church in Laodicea
  - Revelation 3:22 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."
- Names written in the Book
  - Revelation 13:9 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.

- Jesus is Coming
  - Revelation 22:16-21 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star."
  - 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. 18 And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.
  - 20 He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"
  - Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
  - 21 May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people.

To say we believe something and not do anything about it is dead. That's not faith at all.

