

Review

Matthew 5: 1-12

- Jesus is speaking to his disciples
- Beatitudes= The values and character of his disciples.
 - The poor in spirit
 - Those who mourn
 - The meek
 - Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
 - The merciful
 - The pure in heart
 - The peacemakers
 - Those persecuted for righteousness

Matthew 5: 13-16

- You are the salt of the earth
- You are the light of the world
 - We are Salt and Light when we live out the Beatitudes

Matthew 5: 13-16 ESV

Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Communal Responsibility

It is through the community of believers that Jesus desires to continue his ministry to the world.



What Causes People to Doubt Christianity?

Hypocrisy ranks #1 for non-Christians

Do any of the following cause you to doubt Christian beliefs? Select all that apply.

Base: general population ages 13+

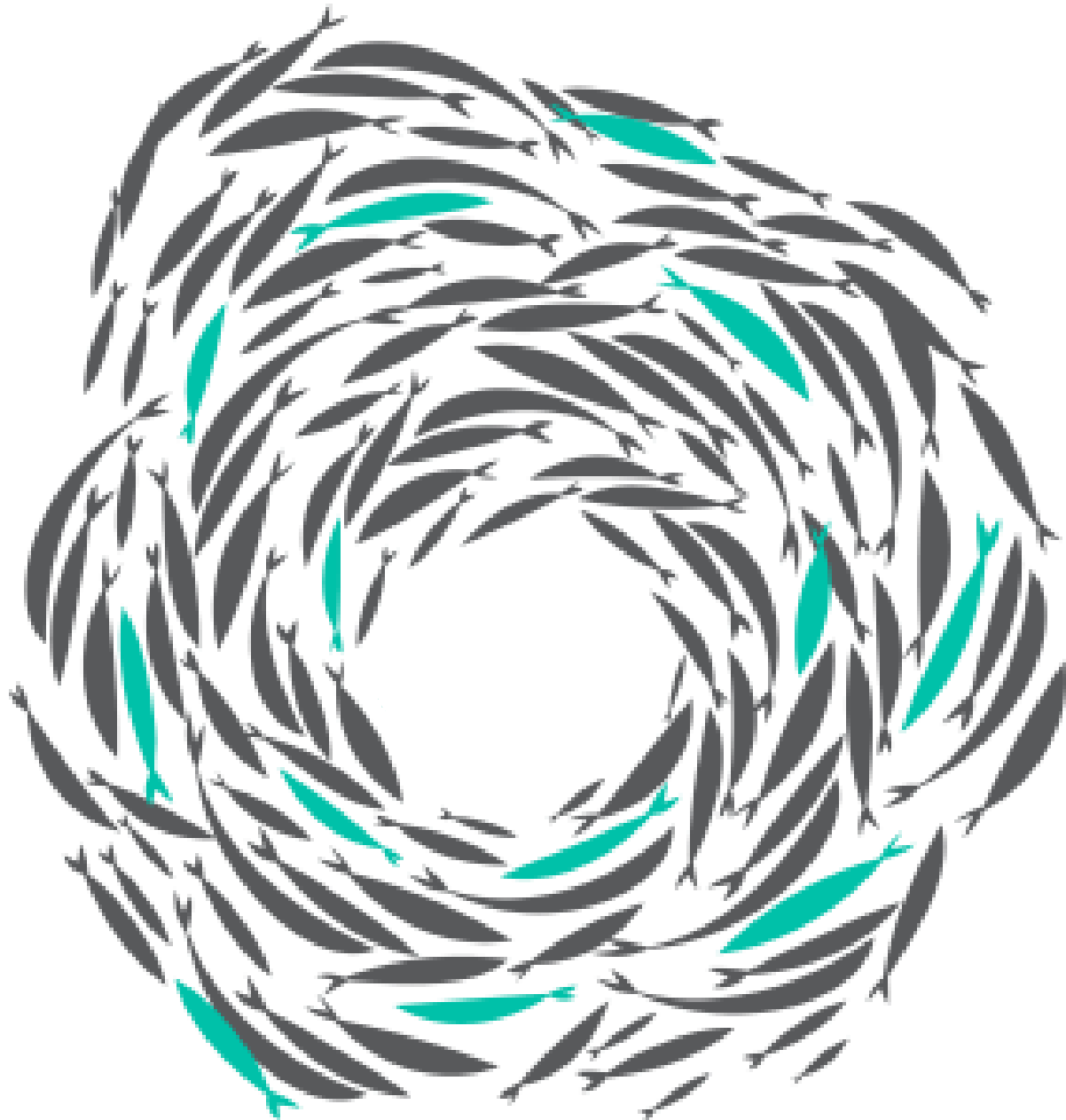


Source: Barna Group

n=2,005 U.S. teens and adults, December 13–22, 2022.

n=511 U.S. Protestant senior pastors, December 13, 2022–January 3, 2023.

The top five selections from a lengthy list of options are shown for each group.



Communal Responsibility

It is our responsibility to live lives radically different than the rest of the world and the hypocritical church.