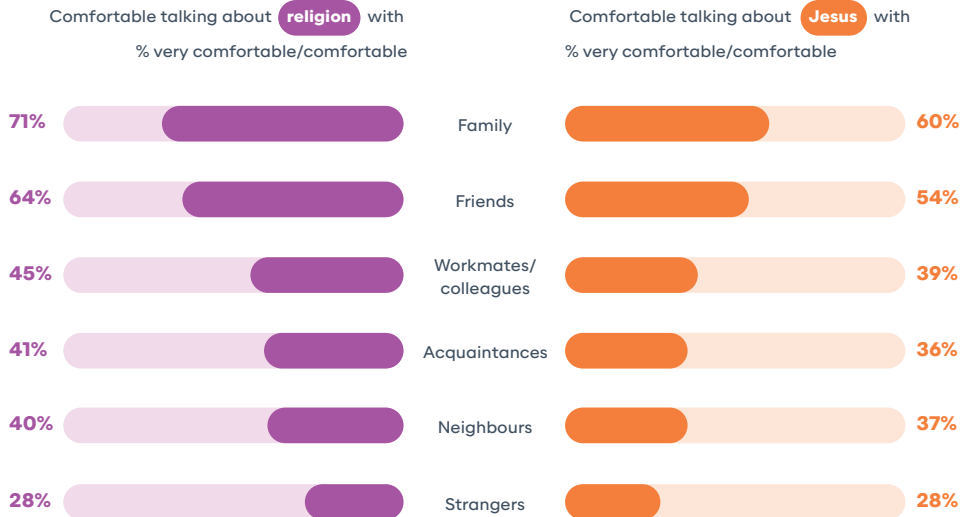


UK National Ministry Survey 2021

UNDERSTANDING THE JOURNEY TO FAITH AND PERCEPTIONS OF CHRISTIANITY

THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE COMFORTABLE ENGAGING IN FAITH CONVERSATIONS



CHRISTIANS ARE SHARING THEIR FAITH



45% of church leaders talk about their faith with a non-Christian outside of their role in ministry at least weekly



25% of churchgoers have had a conversation about their faith with a non-Christian in the past week

METHODOLOGY

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TOP FOUR KEY FACTORS IN BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

Attending church services in person



The influence and encouragement of their parents or family members



Reading the Bible on their own



Seeing a Christian's lifestyle



TOP FOUR KEY FACTORS IN CONTINUING AS A CHRISTIAN

46% The church community is welcoming and inclusive

42% The church community provides them with emotional support

41% Church music and worship

36% The Bible's teaching brings them comfort

TOP FOUR REASONS GIVEN BY THOSE BROUGHT UP AS CHRISTIAN FOR WHY THEY ARE NO LONGER CHRISTIAN

48% found that science better answered my questions

19% felt alienated by Church scandals and hypocrisy

28% disagreed with Church teachings

19% personal experience of suffering or witnessing suffering of others close to me

THE GENERAL PUBLIC FEEL COMFORTABLE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING

% very comfortable/comfortable

A church service celebrating Christmas **57%**

A church service celebrating Easter **50%**

A normal Sunday church service **45%**

A course explaining Christianity **30%**

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