

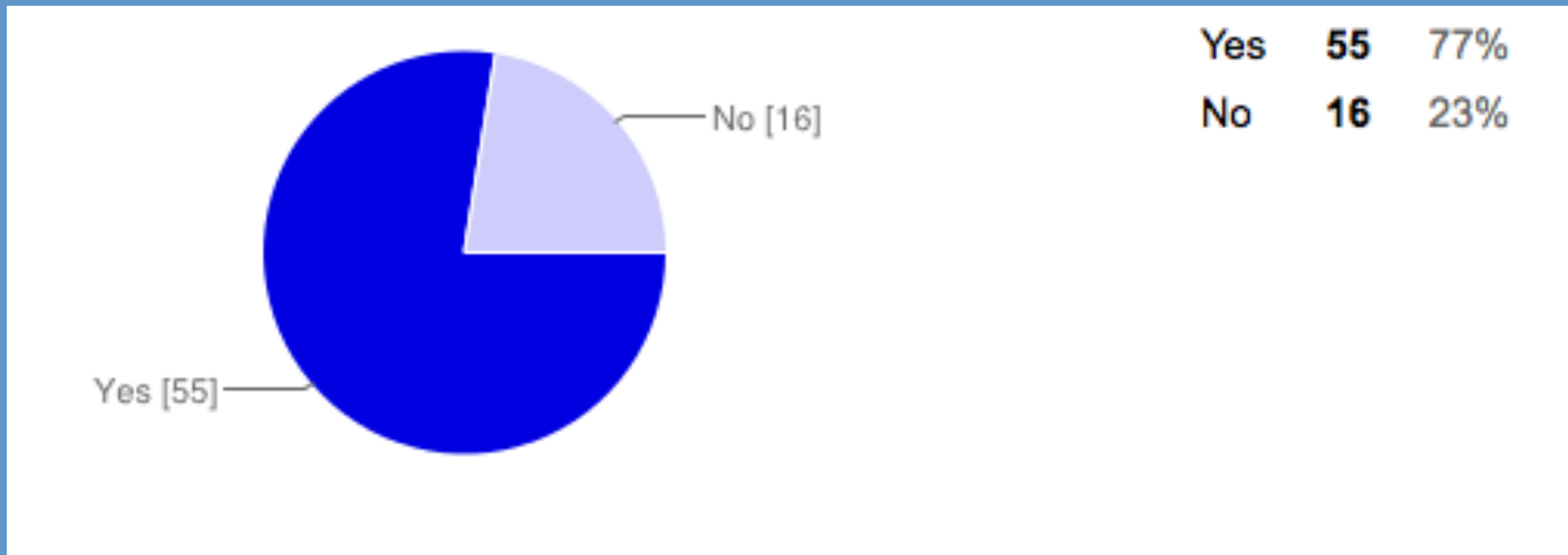
FLIPPED CATECHESIS:  
**3 ESSENTIALS** FOR  
Activating Family Faith



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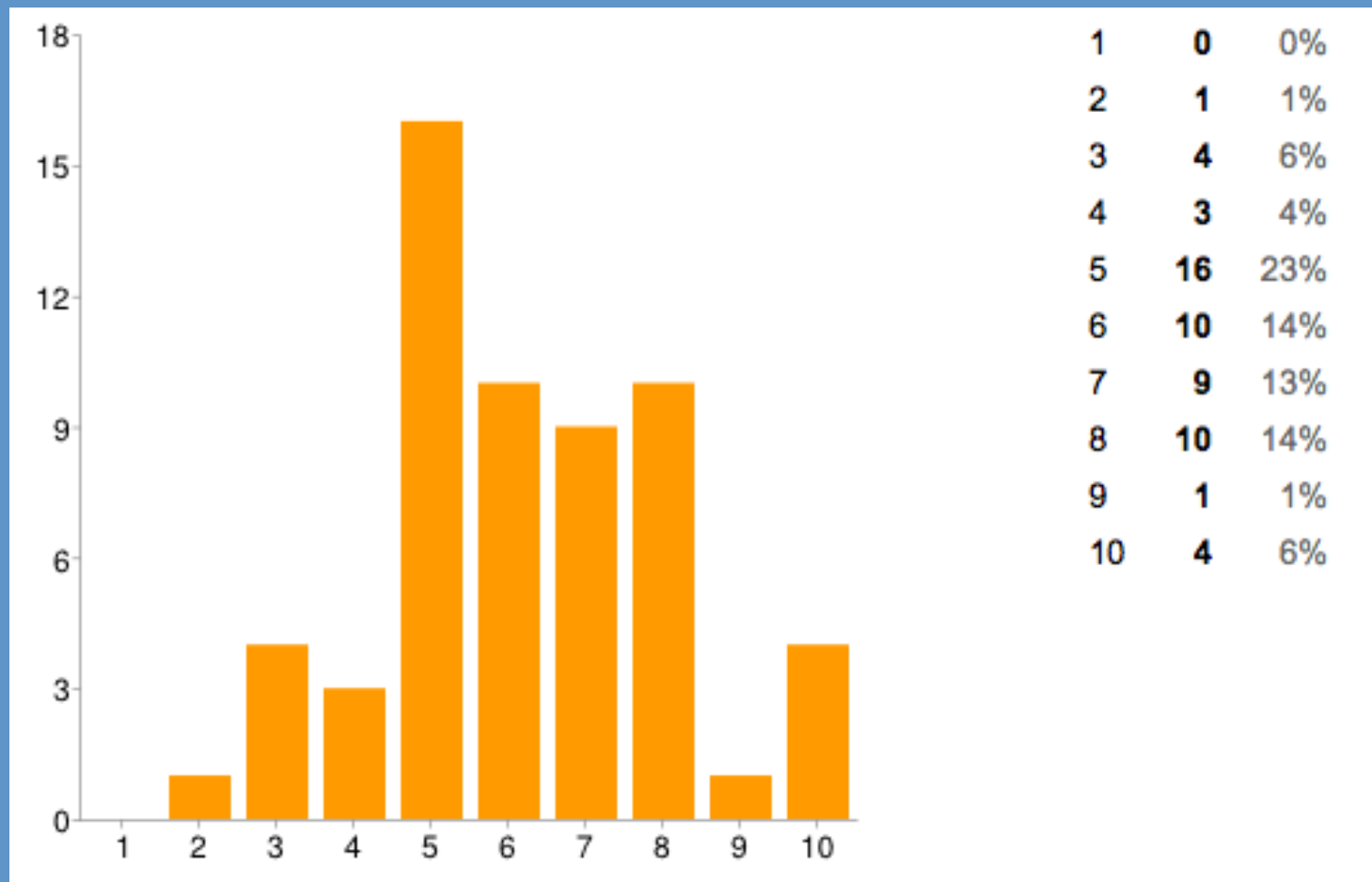
# Survey Questions

In your program, do you feel parents receive important information on a timely basis in the most effective way?



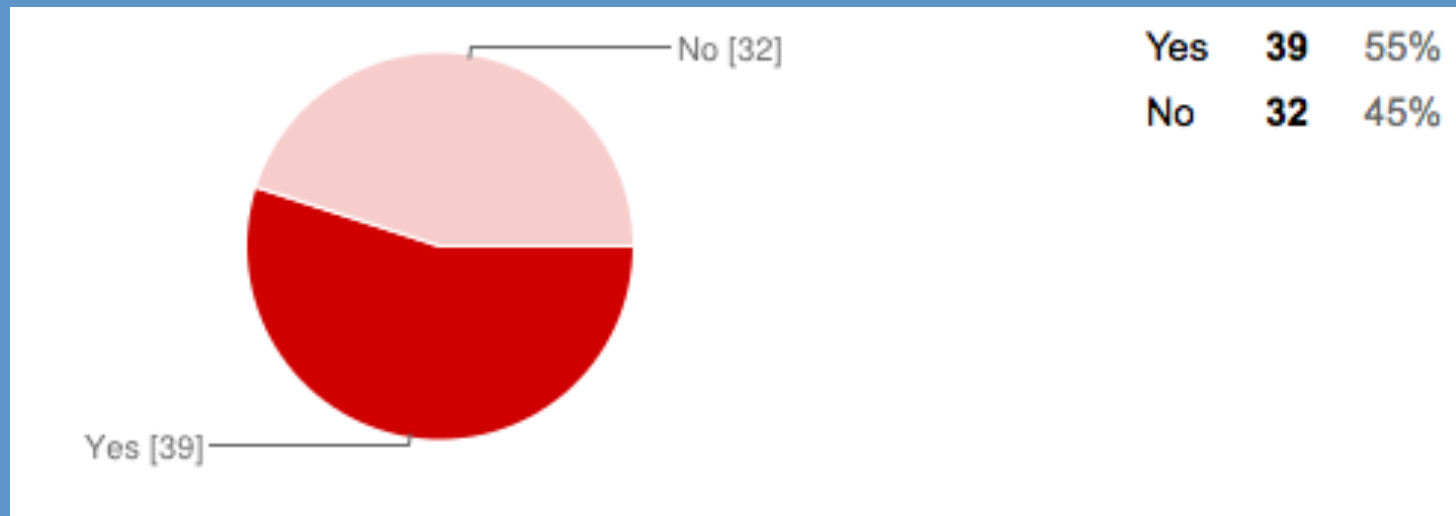
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If your ministry has an open channel for feedback, how effective is it?



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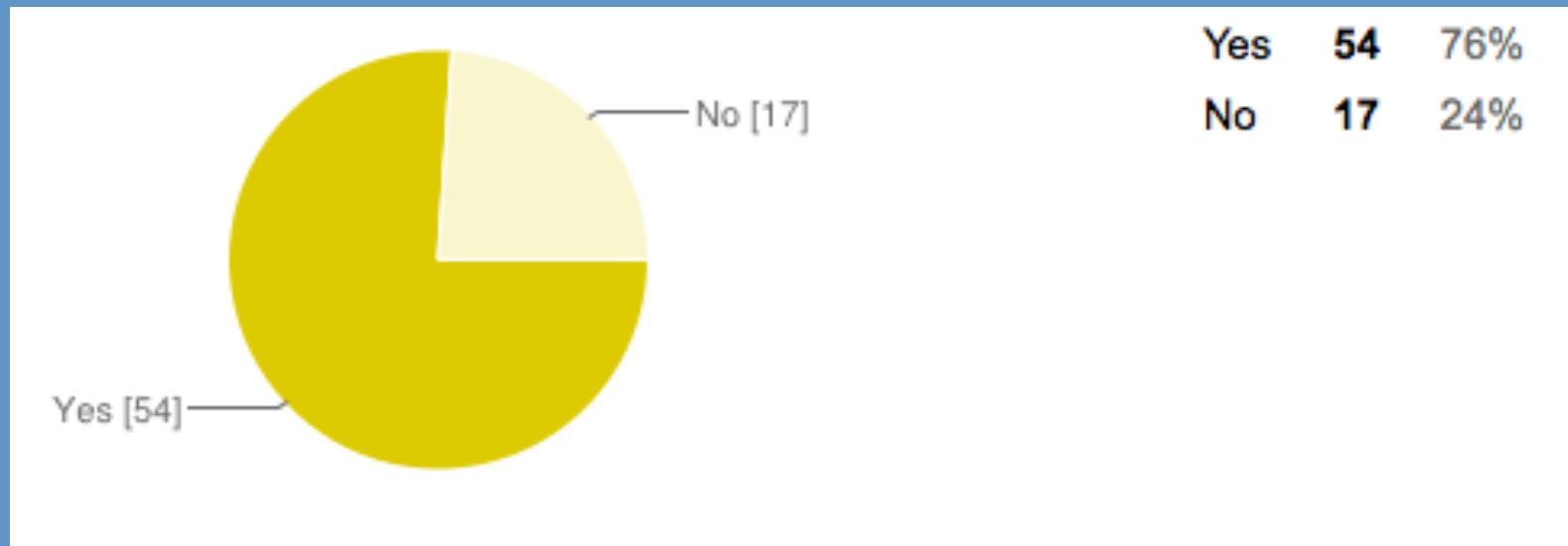
Outside of session time, have you been able to connect members of small groups such as Bible Study, Youth Ministry, or even parents of a grade level class?





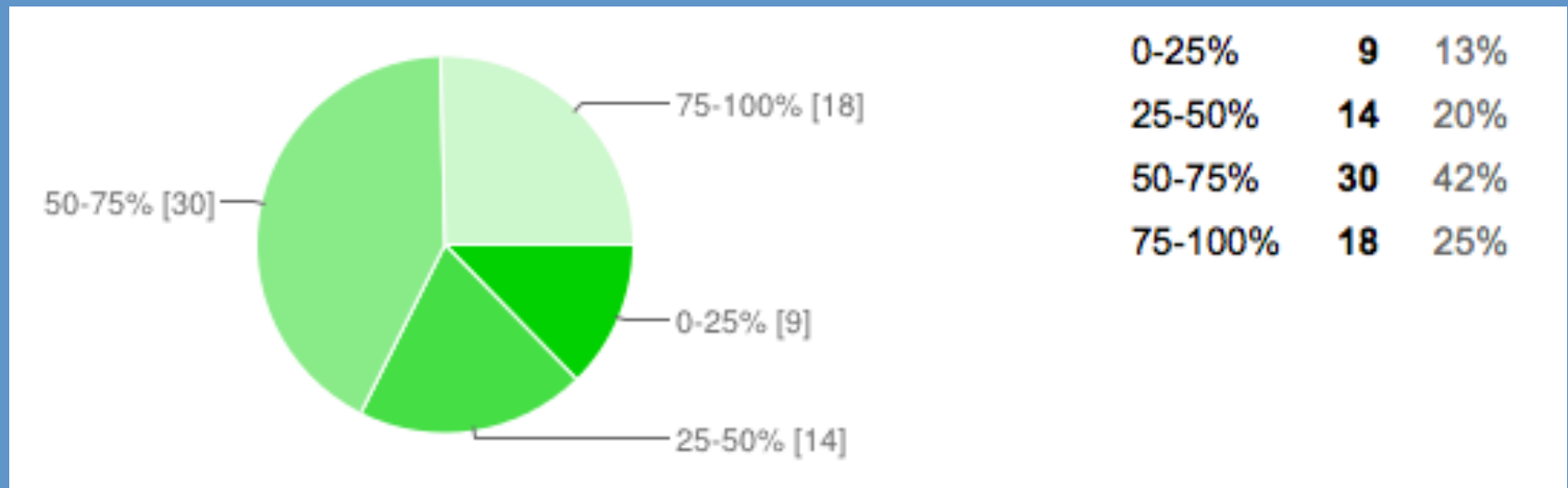
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Have you ever said, “I have a difficult time getting the parents to do anything with their kids at home?”



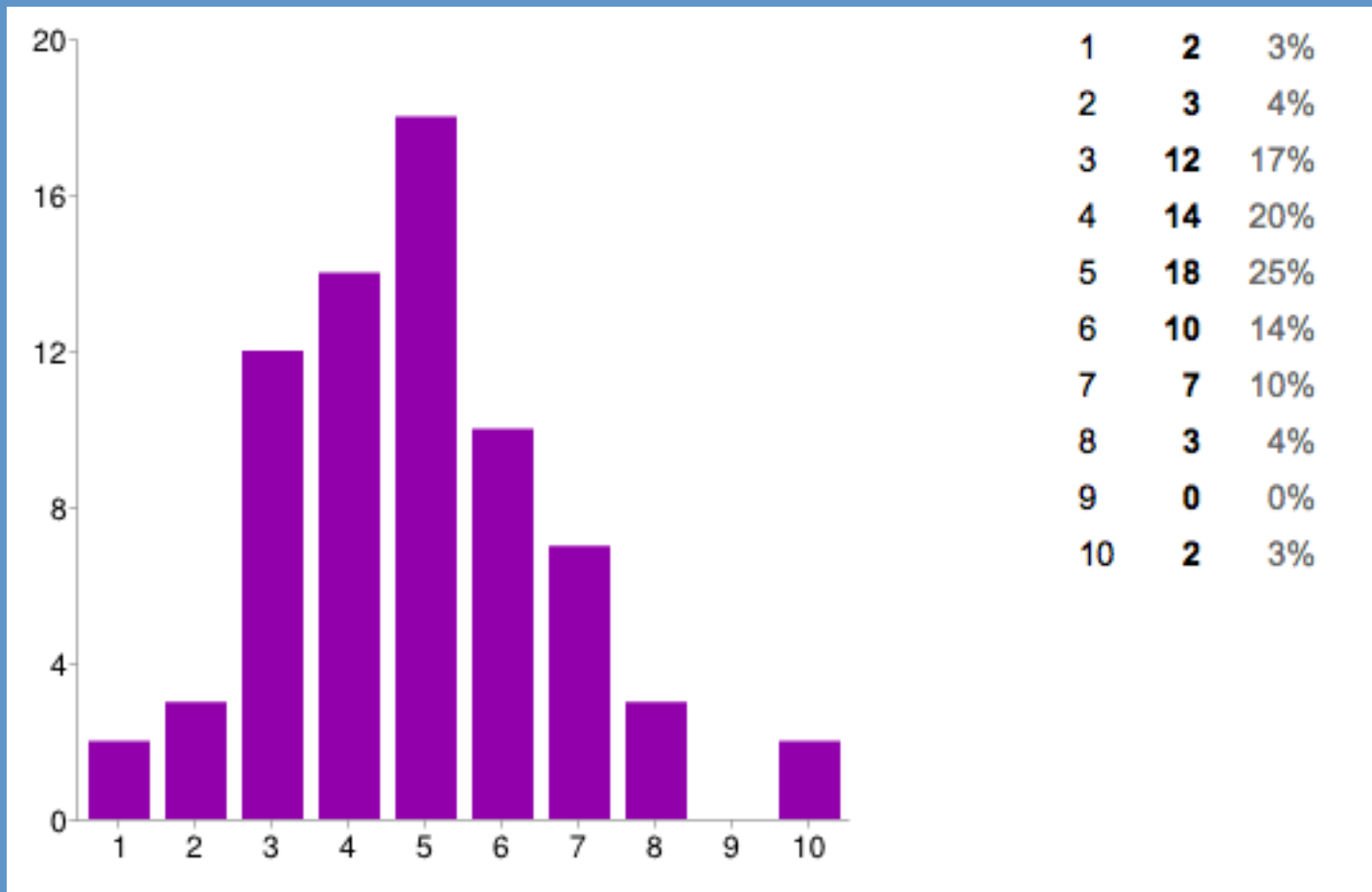
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What percent of parents think that the church should be the primary educator of faith for their children?



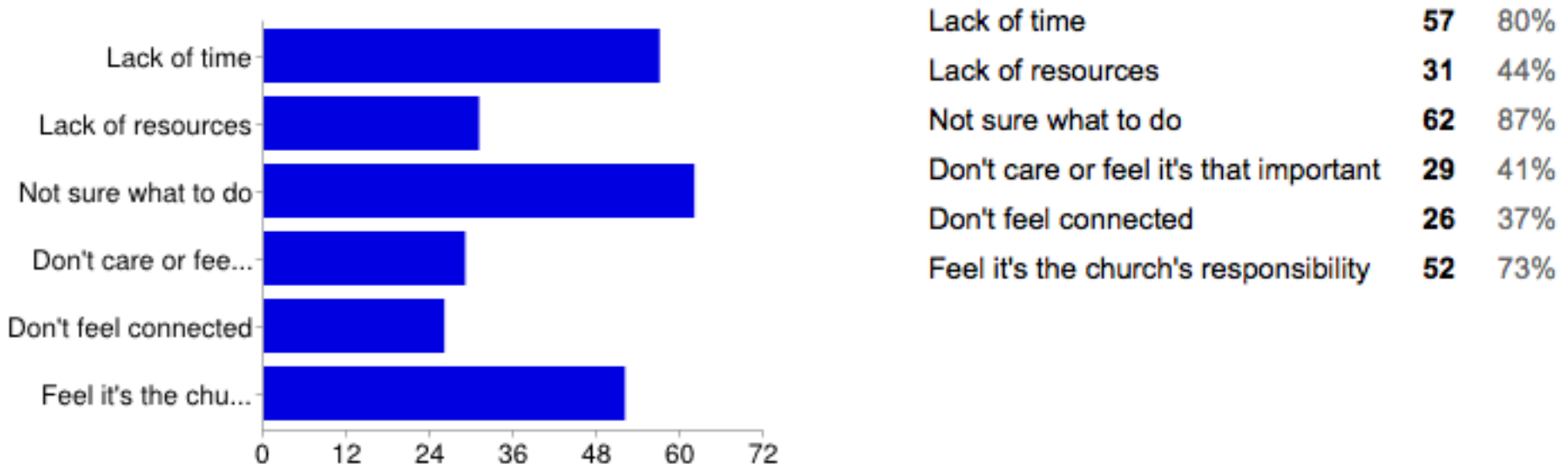
# Survey Questions

Overall, how active are parents with respect to at home faith formation of their children?



# Survey Questions

Why do you think parents may find faith formation at home challenging?



# Survey Questions

What impact do I want the Catholic faith to have in the lives of my children in their adulthood?



# Survey Questions

“Most parents would say yes, I want the Catholic faith to have an impact in the lives of my children in their adulthood.

*How that occurs is the problem.”*



# 3 Essentials for Activating Family Faith







MAXIMIZE CONNECTIVITY



# Maximize Connectivity

People are searching for meaning in their lives...

- Paradox of Prosperity – Craving for Transcendence
- Abundance of yoga and meditation classes
- Movies on Faith and God
- Inspiring Social Media Posts
- Candles are a 2.5 Billion Dollar/year industry

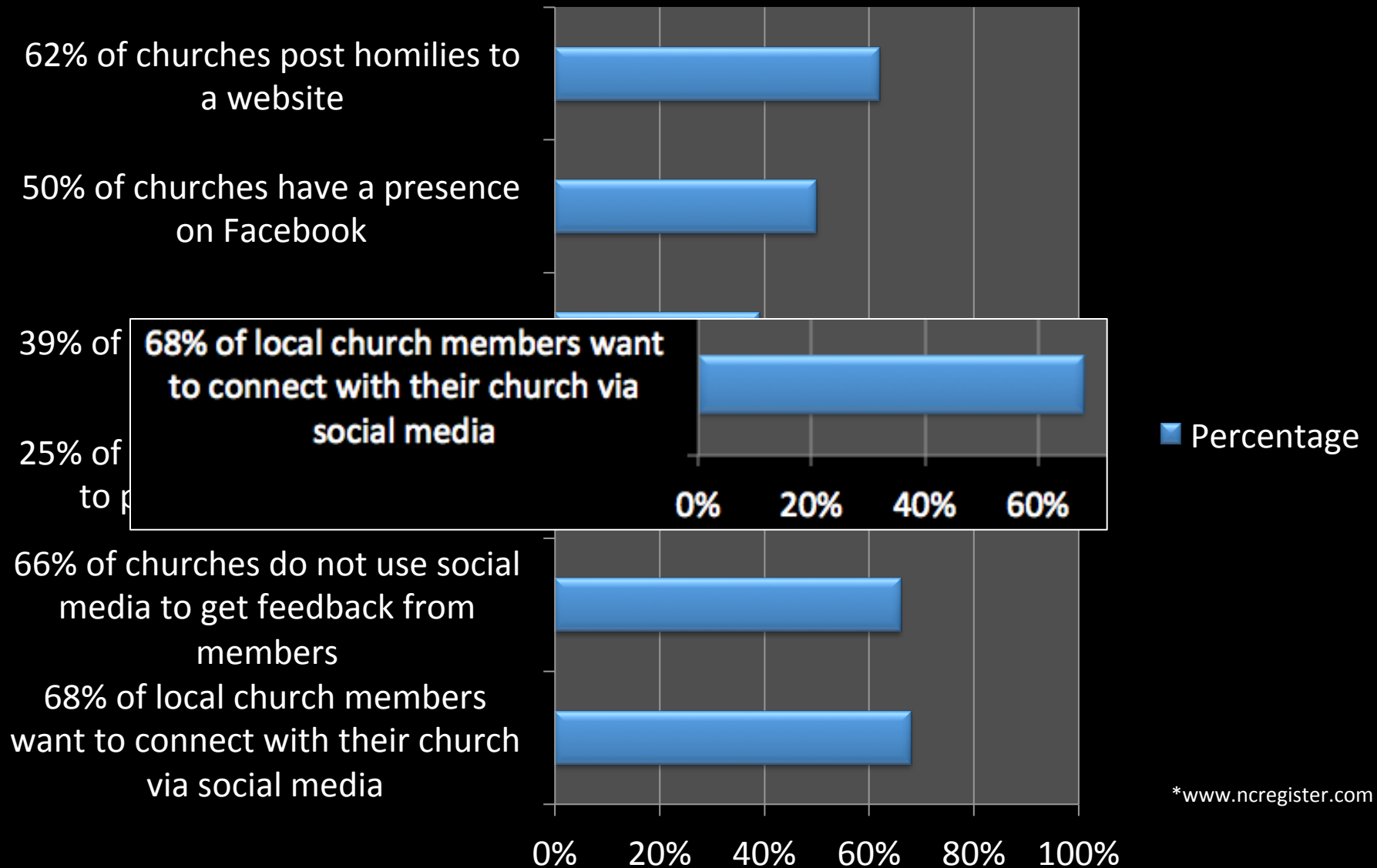
(A Whole New Mind – Daniel Pink)

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People are searching for meaning in their lives...

“For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?” (Joy of the Gospel)

## Social Media Statistics\*



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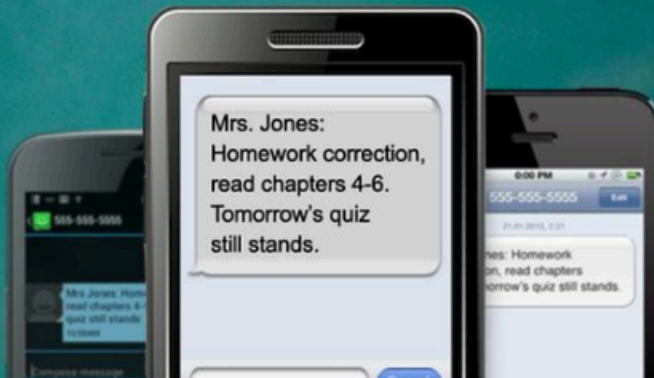
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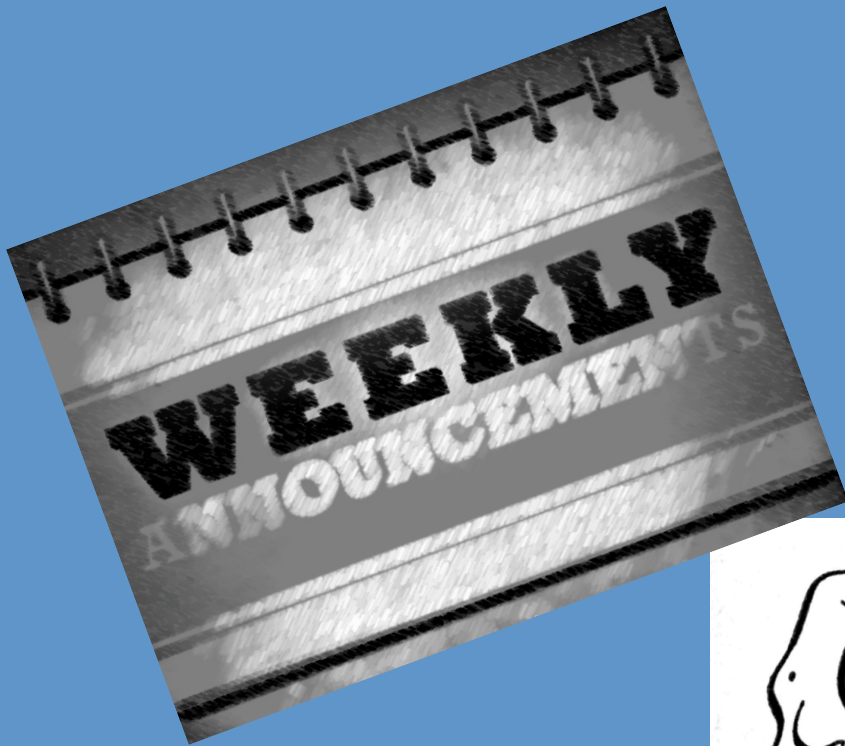
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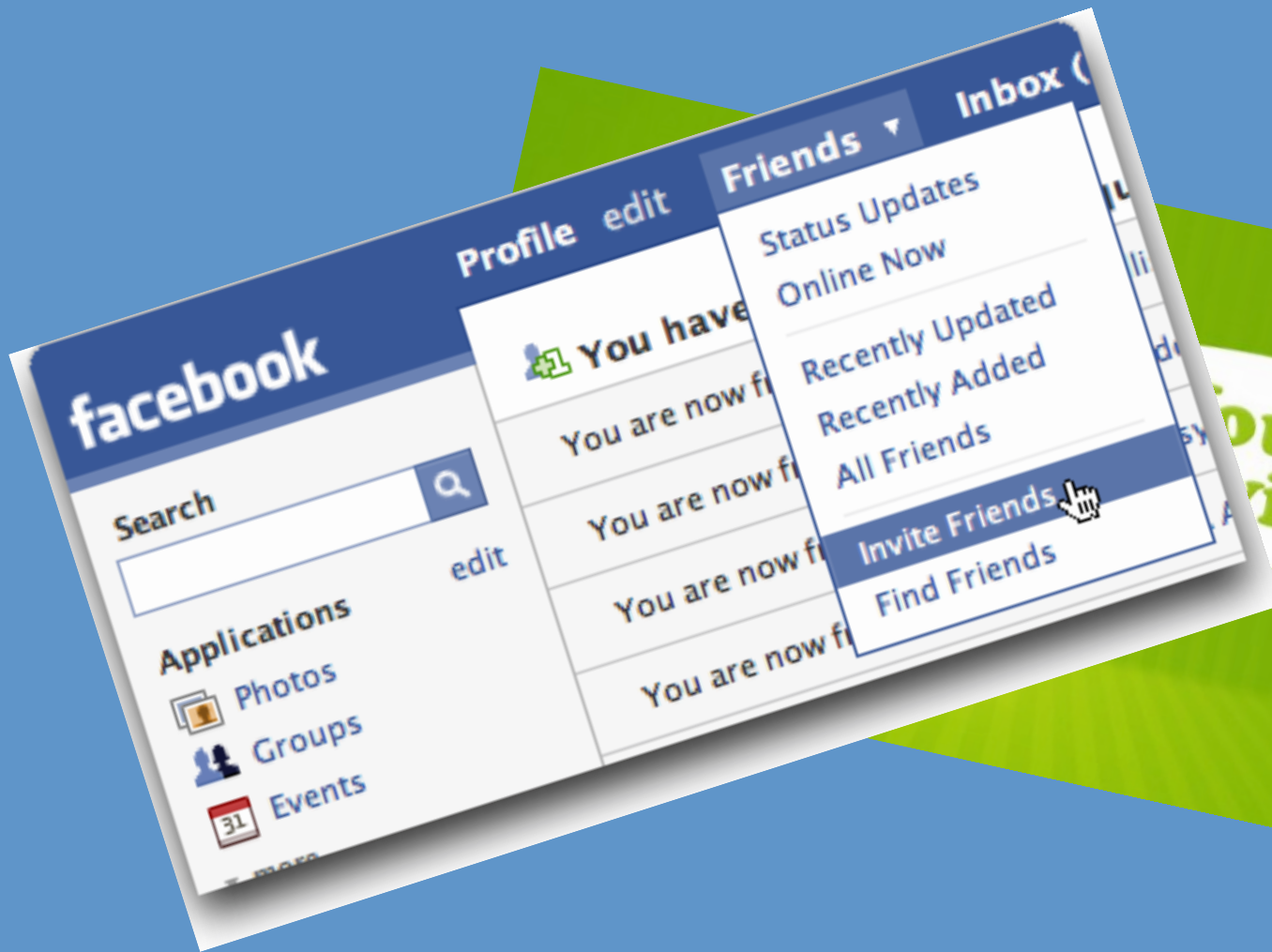
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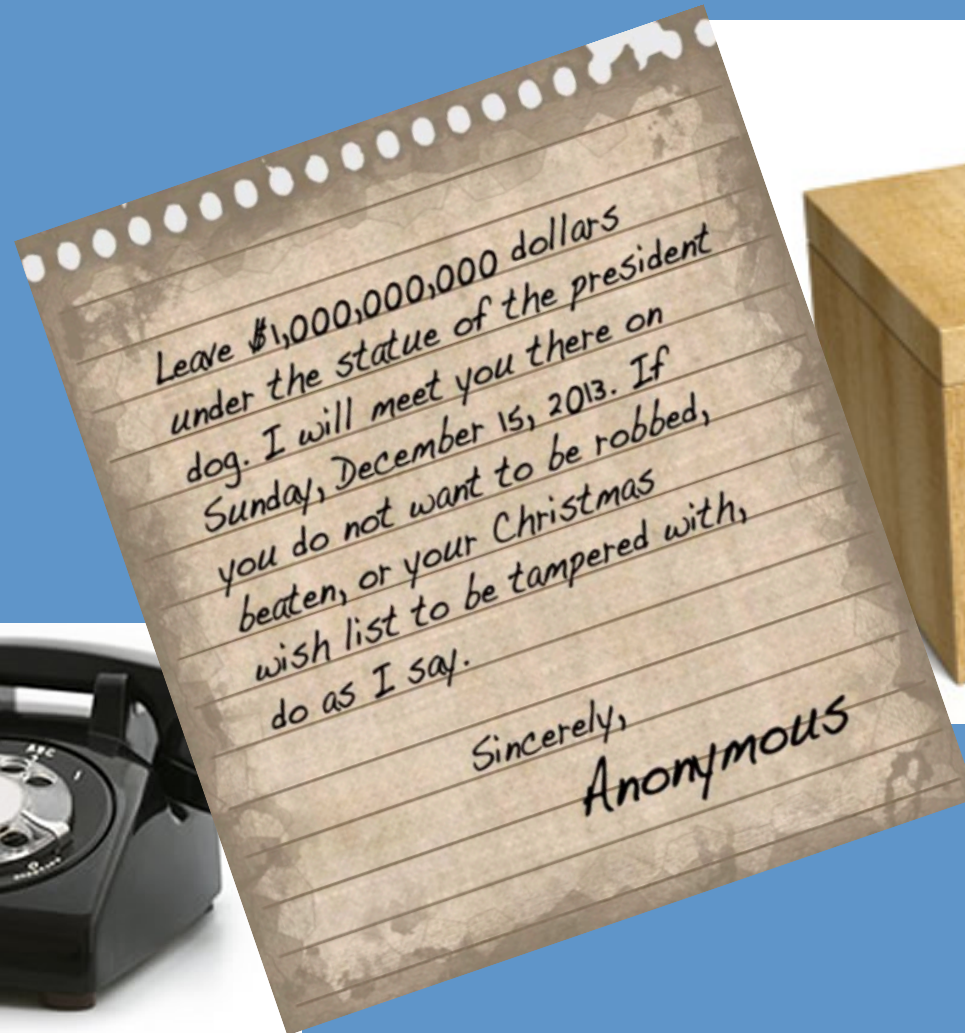
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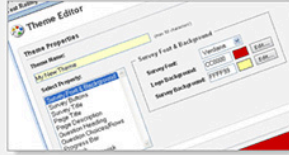
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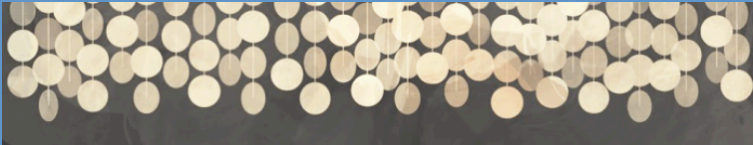
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#### Collect Responses



## Parish Catechetical Leaders Gathering & Service Awards

Pre-Gathering Survey - Please answer based on your experience at your parish in your ministry. Thanks!

\* Required

Parish Name \*

## Sample Online Survey

Should you create an online survey?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

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# Questions



- What ways do you connect with your families?
- What channels do you have for seeking honest feedback from you families?
- What new ways might you try to connect with your families?

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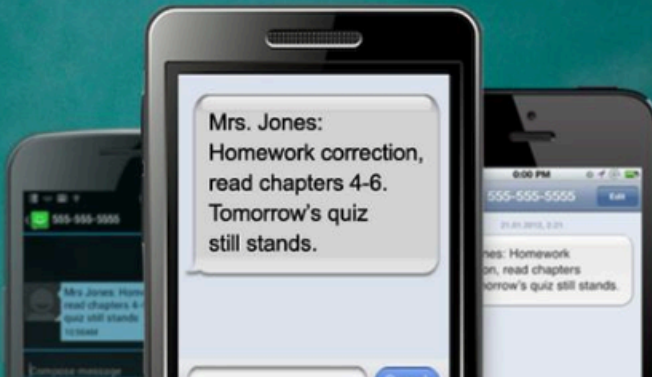


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## Chapter 6: God's Plan for Salvation



\* Required

Which class are you in?

What is your first name and last initial?

### Your Catholic Faith - What's God's Plan for Me?



**We hope you are having a great week. Please sign in, watch the video and answer the questions. Remember to click SUBMIT.**

Does God have a plan for me? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Is life a random series of events? \*

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

God's plan for me is to... \*

- ☐ Love God
- ☐ Love people
- ☐ Be happy in this life and joyful in the next, forever

What is one way to find happiness in this life? \*

Never submit passwords through Google Forms.





# Flip it

# ivities

- Strategies
- Sequencing
- Keeping
- Using
- Finding
- Never
- Including
- Showing
- Use reverse



# Flip the Switch: Reinforce At-Home Activities



- Benefits
  - Weekly communication
  - Reminder
  - Activate prior knowledge
  - Allow processing time
  - Gives parents at home something to do that doesn't take long
  - Solicit feedback
  - Just in Time Teaching (JiTT)

# Flip the Switch:

## Reinforce At-Home Activities



- Elementary (not necessarily using texting)
  - Send home textbook features before lesson
  - Family created prayer list
  - Send home liturgical seasons activities and display at church
  - Create at-home pocket prayer books
  - At home nature walk & bring back items
  - Have families find a song that has meaning or a message of faith to share in class



# Flip the Switch: Reinforce Home Activities



- Adolescent
  - Send form for weekly class, bible studies, etc.
  - Use for retreats or other large and less-frequent functions
  - Statistics from surveys and polls are interesting to everyone. Get info from flip and use during session. (JiTT)
  - Consider creating longer teaching videos (when comfortable with the process)

# Flip the Switch: Reinforce Home Activities



- Adult
  - Sending relevant children's activities home to align with Adult Ed topics to promote learning
  - After session, post 3 questions to an online discussion board and invite attendees to respond
  - Utilize flipping with small faith groups. Solicit questions to be addressed at the next session
  - Break pre-recorded video sessions into short segments. Develop a few questions for each segment and begin your own online class
  - Record your own session introductions

# Questions



- What ways do you currently flip sessions with your families?
- What new ideas did you glean from this session?
- In your own group, what new ways might you try to use flipping?



**Watch the Glow: Establish Accountability**







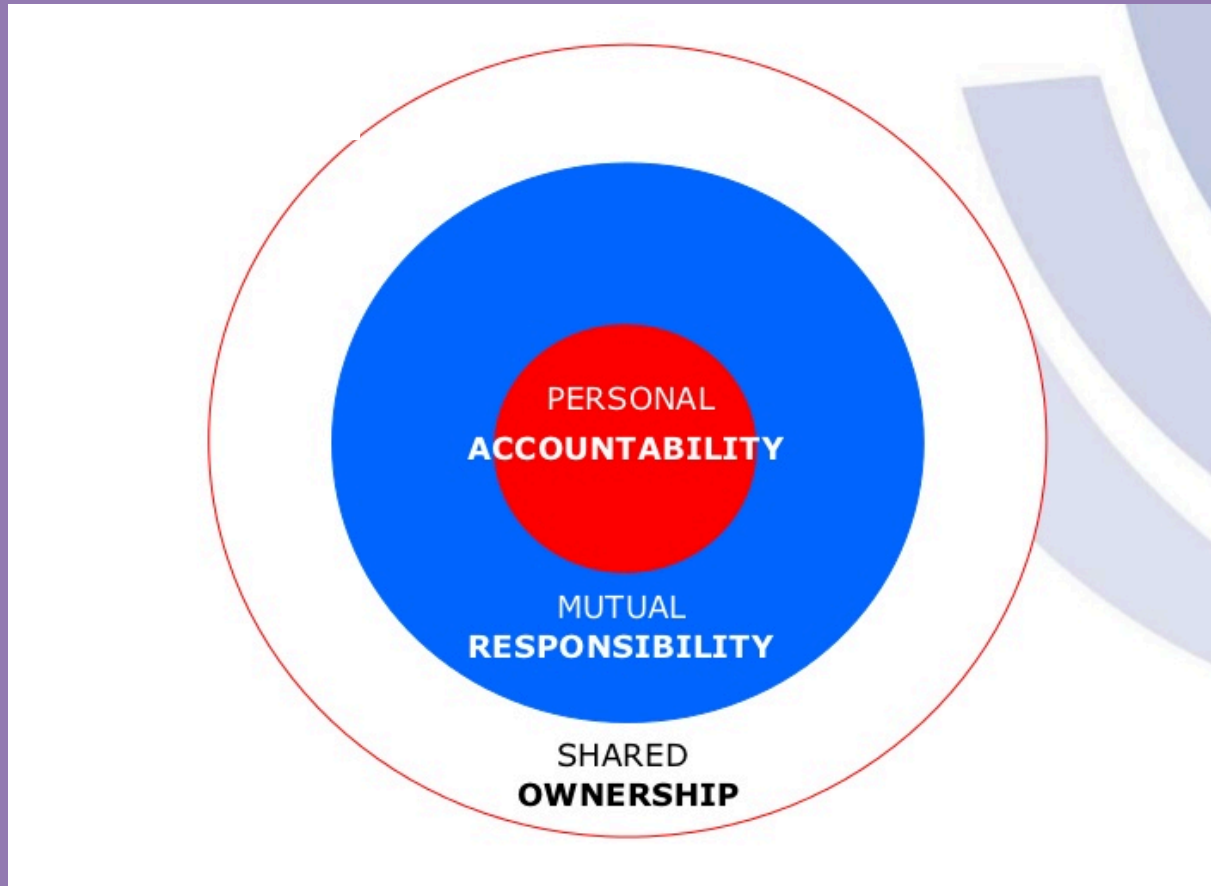
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Create a Culture of Pastoral Accountability



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We are all connected through Christ.

As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” . . . If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (1 Cor. 12:20-21, 26)

# Watch the Glow: Establish Accountability

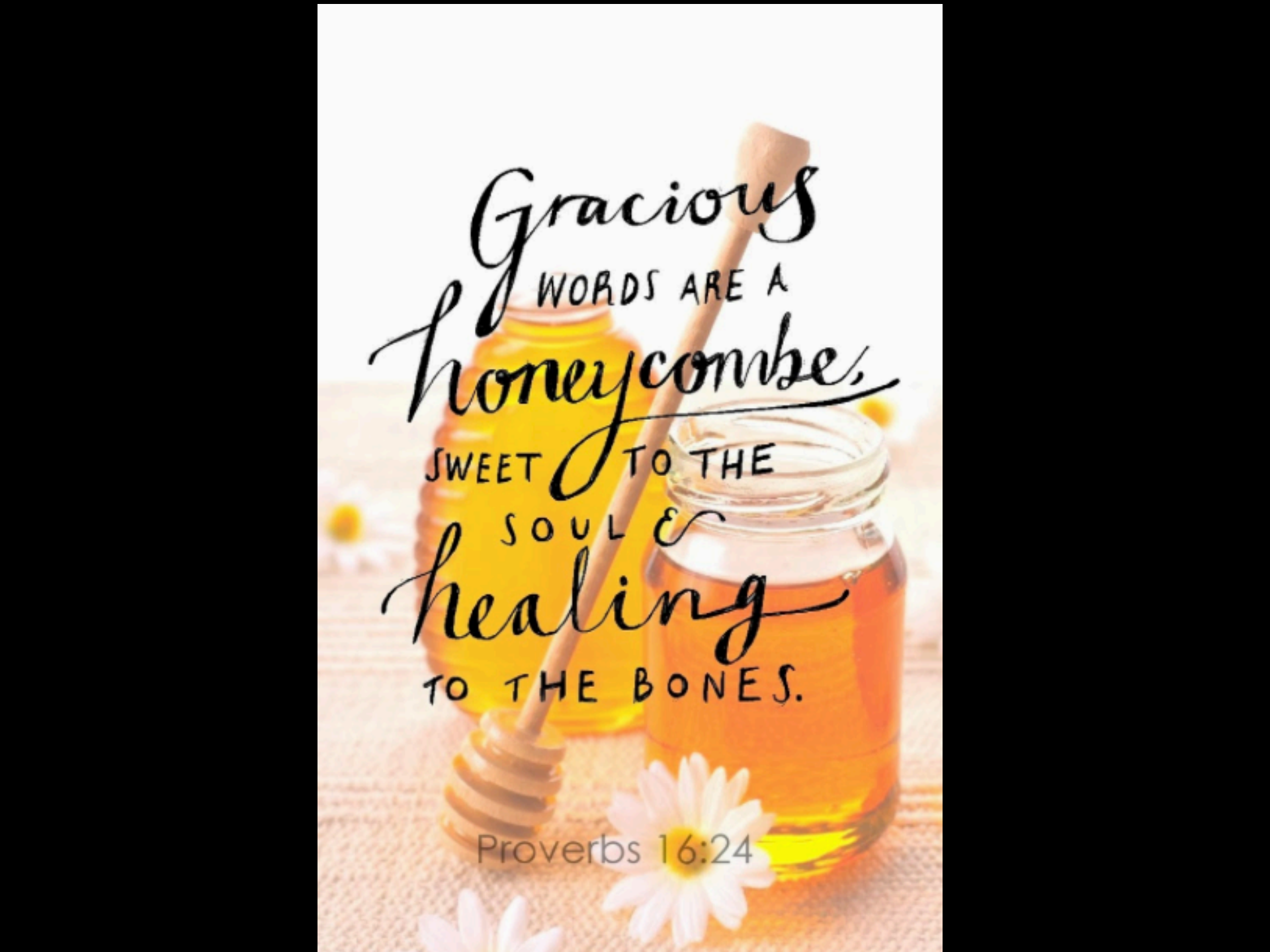


Friendship and Trust

Respect is earned.  
Honesty is appreciated.  
Trust is gained.  
Loyalty is returned.

- *Unknown*





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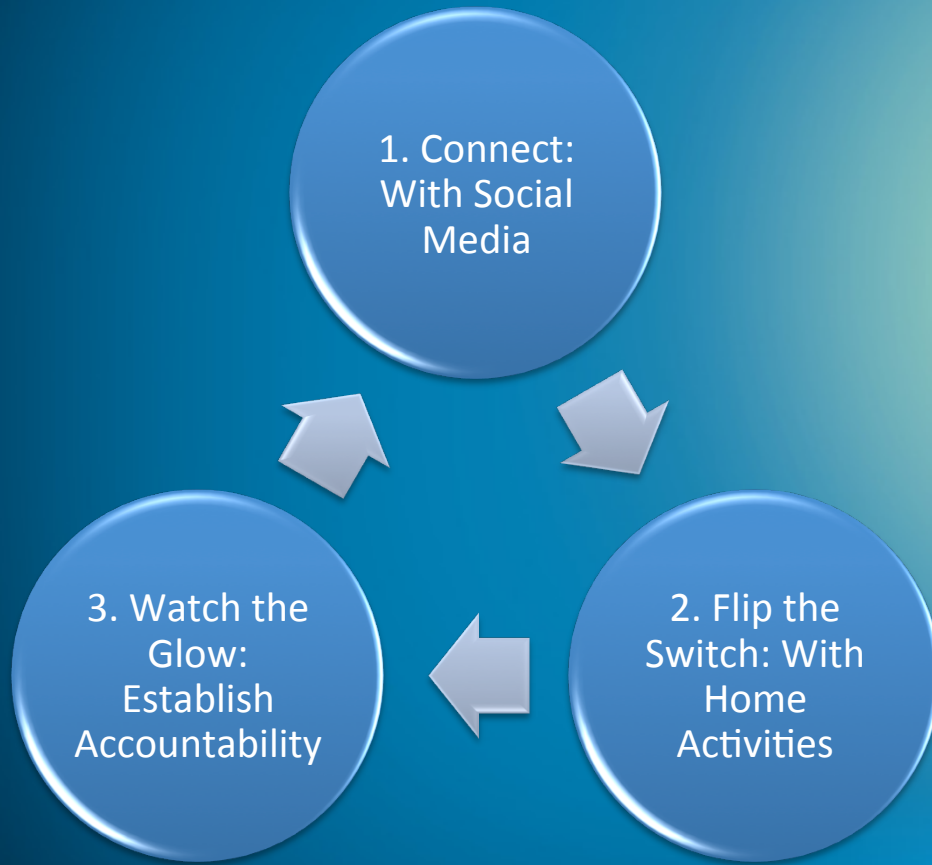
Proverbs 16:24

# Questions



- What are the desired outcomes for your program?
- What are the differences between responsibility and accountability?
- How do/can you set expectations, communicate them, and follow through with them in a collaborative way that does not compromise or give up on things?

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# Questions?

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