

GWAC 2022 survey results

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About this report

This report provides the results of the May 2022 survey of 10:30am and 5:00pm members. The survey was completed online during the services on Sunday 1st of May, and individuals were also welcome to complete the survey in their own time between Wednesday 27th April and Tuesday 3rd May.

This report is long! It is not intended that you read through all of it in one go. Focus on pages 2-5 for an overall summary of results. Pages 6-34 provide a breakdown of responses for each survey question. These can be viewed for those who have a specific interest in certain questions.

Summary of results

Summary of 10:30am feedback

A total of 59 people who predominantly attend the 10:30am service responded to the questionnaire. It is notable that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and that responses were very respectfully phrased.

There is a spread of ages from 30-90 years old. There is a particularly large group of individuals aged 51-60 years old, and a notably small group of 31-40 year olds. A large majority are married.

The vast majority of respondents identify as Christians and feel they are growing in their faith. The vast majority are both baptised and confirmed, and have predominantly attended Anglican churches. 74% appreciate having elements of the prayer book within a service, these individuals vary in age from 31-90 years old. 19% are unfamiliar with the prayer book, these individuals vary from 31-80 years old.

Approximately half have attended GWAC for 10 or more years. They mostly attend weekly and do not join on livestream very often. Only 1 respondent tunes in exclusively via livestream. 59% are serving on a roster.

85% of respondents reported that they have children; most of these are adults. 7 respondents indicated that their children attend Spark kids. The majority indicated that Spark kids is enjoyable. 29% indicated that Spark kids is not assisting their children to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus. There was written feedback suggesting that the program is often not accessible to preschool aged children (i.e., there will be a memory verse for the children to memorise which is not possible for children who cannot yet read).

The feedback about the 10:30am service was overwhelmingly positive. People find the community welcoming and encouraging. People find the elements of the service helpful. They appreciate that the service starts on time and isn't too long. All but 3 respondents are happy with the starting time of the service. There was some constructive feedback given which is outlined in the 'written feedback' section below.

10:30am written feedback

Respondents were invited to respond to the following question: *"What is the most encouraging or enjoyable thing about joining in the services at GWAC?"*

There were a total of 56 responses to the question. They can be summarised into the following main themes:

- Teaching: Applicable, bible based and informative sermons. Immersion in God's word. This theme was mentioned by 33 people.
- Fellowship: Fellowship with other believers. Feeling part of a community. Encouragement in the Christian walk. This theme was also mentioned by 33 people.
- Music: Corporate musical worship. This theme was mentioned by 16 people.
- Corporate prayer was mentioned by 5 people and sharing communion together was mentioned by 2 people.

Respondents were also invited to respond to the following question: *"If there was one thing you could change at the service you attend what would it be?"*

There were a total of 47 responses to the question. The following 3 suggestions came up multiple times:

- Music: Inclusion of traditional hymns and songs (7 responses to this effect). Music volume to be softer so that the congregation can hear each other sing (3 responses to this effect). Ensuring the music is biblically sound (1 response).
- Children and families: More children to be present at the service. Involvement of children within the service, including having a children's talk. For the Spark program to be more age appropriate for preschool aged children. This was mentioned by 5 people.
- Communion to be shared more often. This was mentioned by 3 people.

The following suggestions were made by individuals:

- A GWAC weekend away
- More creative elements (i.e., drama or dance).
- More variety in general rather than the same format (OOS) each week.
- The congregation to be punctual at start of service
- More prayerbook elements
- Hearing from members more often, i.e., testimonies
- A bit more of an 'up beat' feel during worship. People seem disengaged.

- More women upfront.
- The bible reading to better capture the audience

Summary of 5:00pm feedback

A total of 66 people who predominantly attend the 5:00pm service responded to the questionnaire. It is notable that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and that responses were very respectfully phrased.

There is a spread of ages from 12-70 years old. There is a particularly large group of individuals aged 18-30 years old, and a notably small group of 31-40 year olds (the latter was also noted at the 10:30 service and is likely a factor in the small number of young children currently attending GWAC). Just over half are married and there is a large group of single people.

A large majority of respondents identify as Christians and feel they are growing in their faith. There is a small group who are still exploring their beliefs. Approximately half are both baptised and confirmed. A large group have attended Anglican churches, although there are a variety of church backgrounds. Approximately half have attended GWAC for 10 or more years. They mostly attend weekly, with approximately 1 quarter reporting that they periodically join in via livestream. 64% are serving on a roster.

27% of respondents reported that they have children. 8 respondents indicated that their children attend Spark kids. The majority indicated that Spark kids is enjoyable and helpful.

The feedback about the 5:00pm service was overwhelmingly positive. In particular, the 5:00pm congregation reported that they find the community welcoming and encouraging. All but 3 respondents are happy with the starting time. There was some constructive feedback given which is outlined in the 'written feedback' section below.

5:00pm written feedback

Respondents were invited to respond to the following question: *"What is the most encouraging or enjoyable thing about joining in the services at GWAC?"*

There were a total of 50 responses to the question. They can be summarised into the following main themes. These are written in order of how often they were mentioned by respondents:

- **Community:** Fellowship with other believers. Feeling part of a community. The community is friendly and there is a good atmosphere. This theme was mentioned by 33 people.

- Teaching: The bible-based teaching. Learning about God. This theme was mentioned by 12 people.
- Music: Corporate musical worship. There is an appreciation of contemporary worship. This theme was mentioned by 10 people.

Respondents were also invited to respond to the following question: *“If there was one thing you could change at the service you attend what would it be?”*

There were a total of 49 responses to the question. The following suggestions came up multiple times:

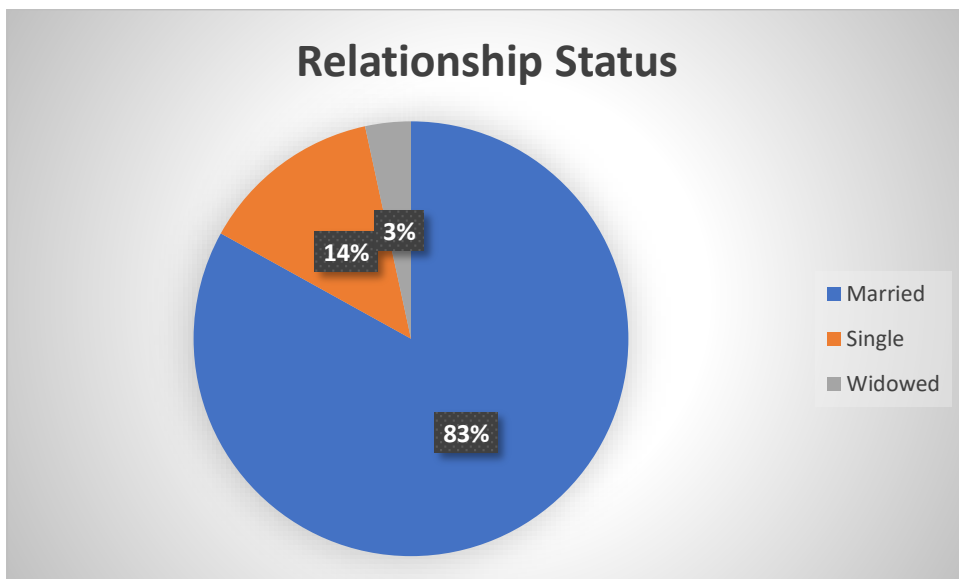
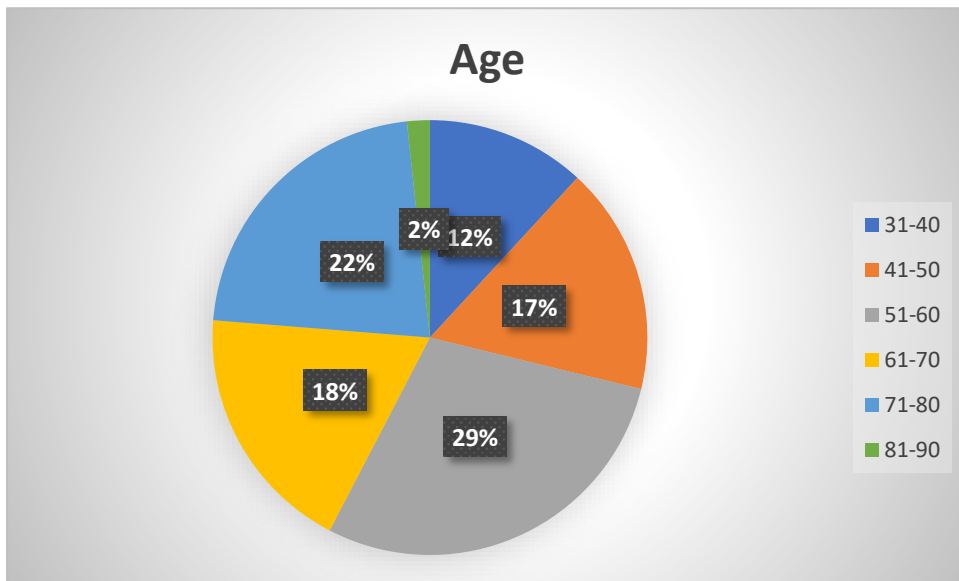
- Variety: More variety and creativity in the services. Inclusion of mediums of worship and teaching that suit multiple learning styles and passions. There were 11 responses in this theme, and an additional 2 responses suggesting sermons should be shorter.
- Music: 7 people indicated that they find the music too loud; they want to be able to hear the congregation sing (of these 7 one is aged 18-30, the remaining are aged 31-70). 6 people indicated they would like to see more variety in the genre of music and lyrics with more depth.
- More female leadership, rather than women having auxiliary roles. This was mentioned by 3 people.
- Sharing meals together after the service. This was mentioned by 4 people.
- Ensuring that the service is appealing and applicable to youth/young adults, and that those people have opportunities to have a prominent role within the services. This was mentioned by 6 people. Some of these individuals were parents and others were young people.

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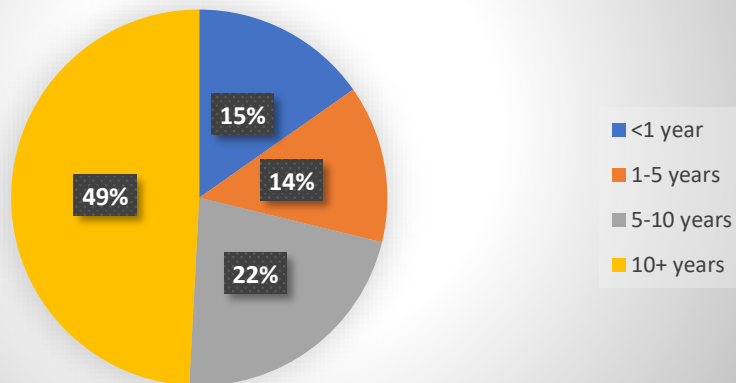
- Increase in frequency of communion (this was mentioned by 2 people).
- More use of the prayer book
- More events that people can invite non-Christians to
- More emphasis on outreach to the community
- More expository preaching that goes through a whole book of the bible

10:30 results

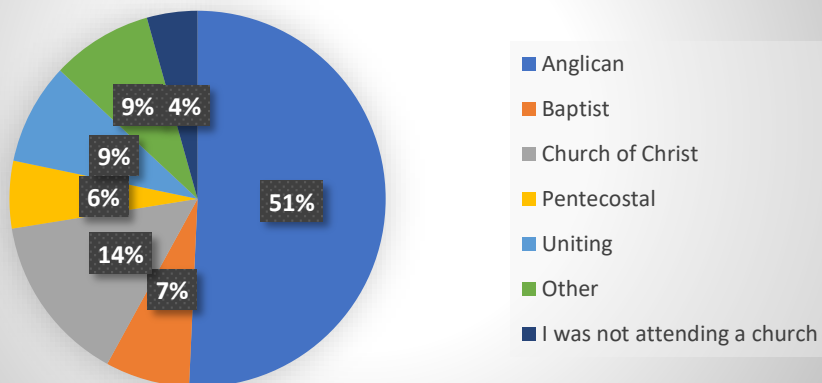
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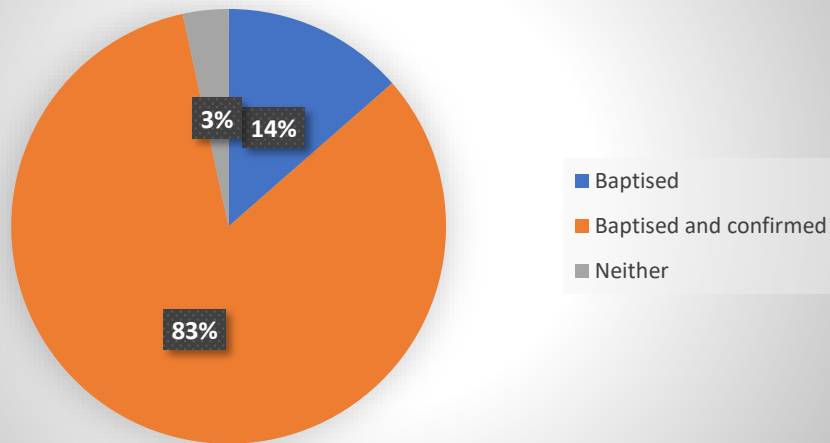
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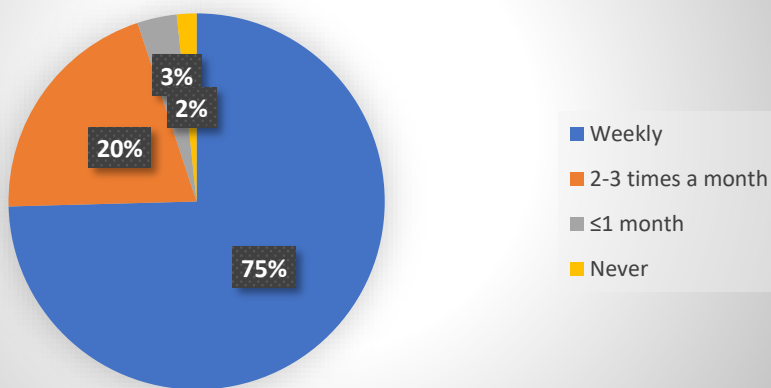
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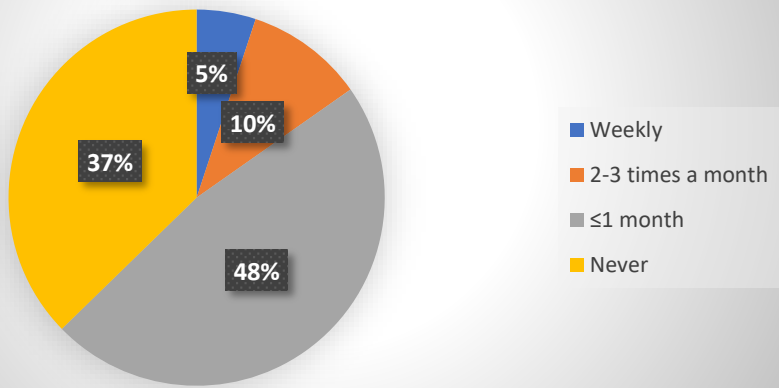
2 people indicated that they are interested in hearing more about baptism or confirmation.

Involvement at 10:30am service

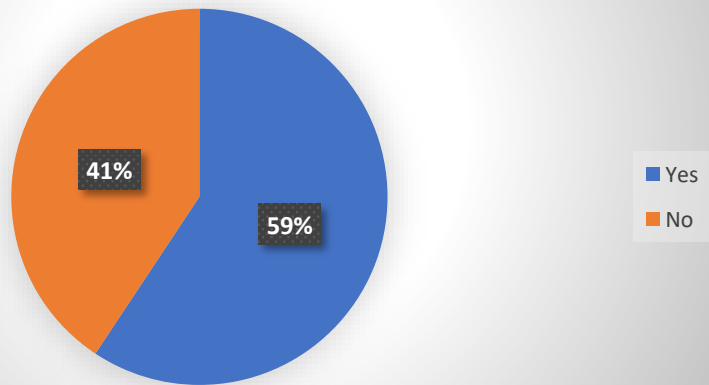
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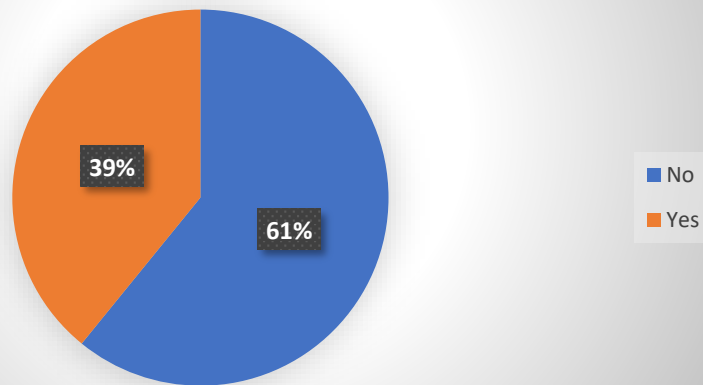
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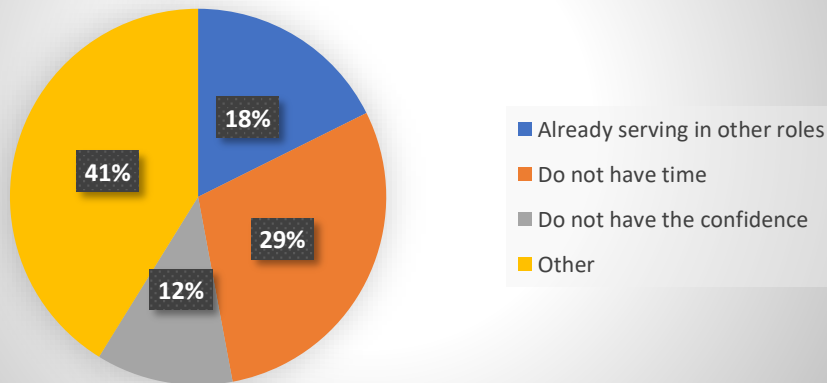
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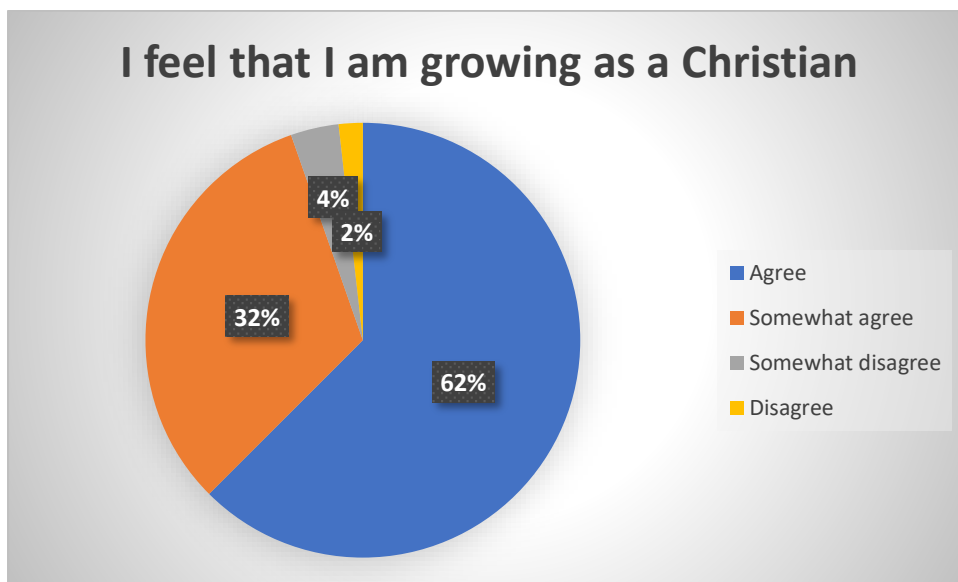
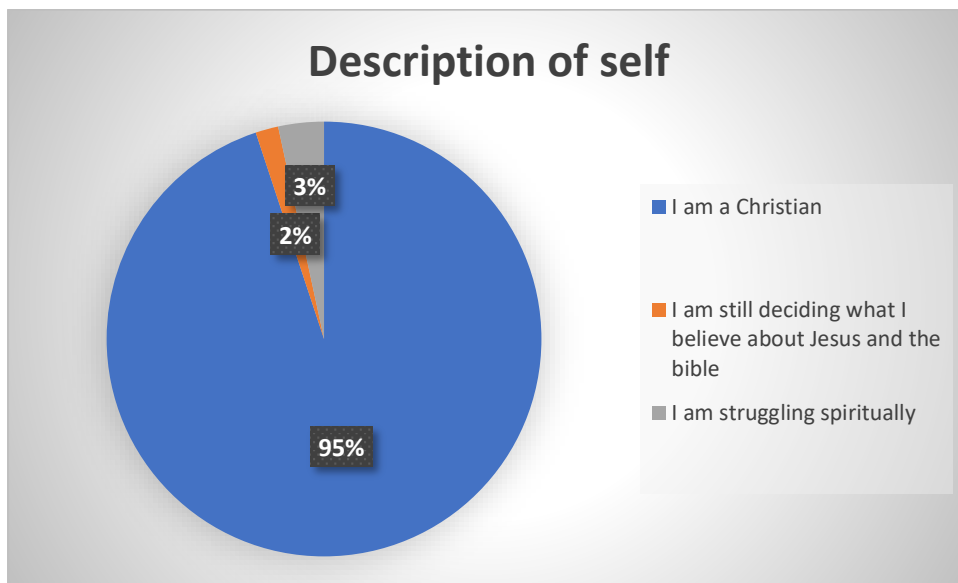
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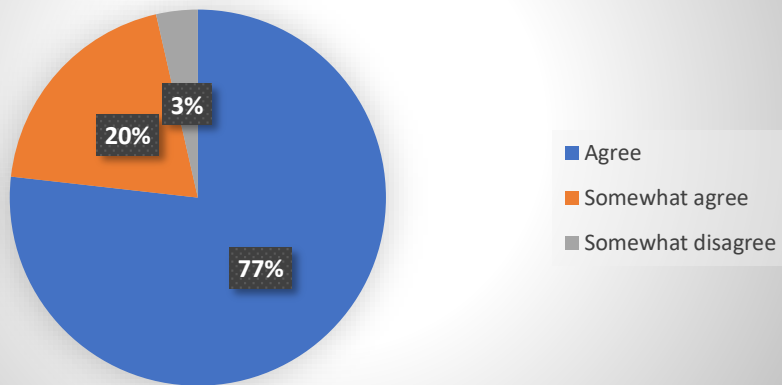
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Spiritual identity and growth

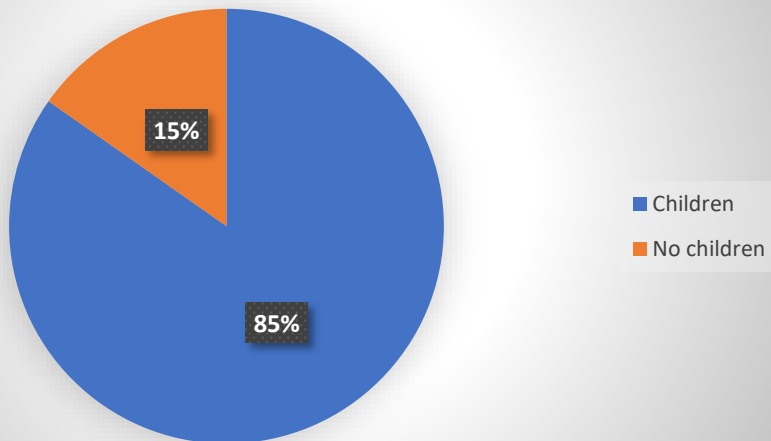


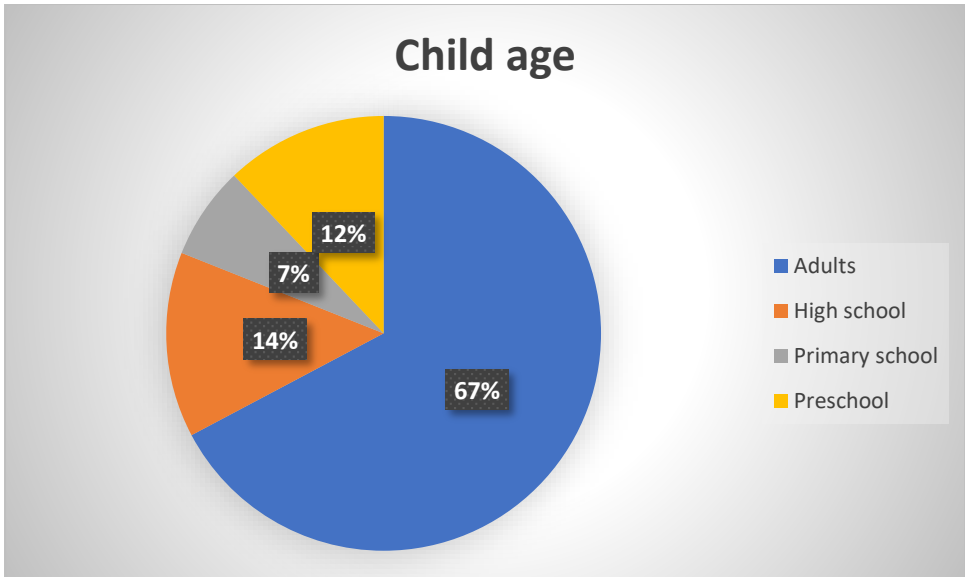
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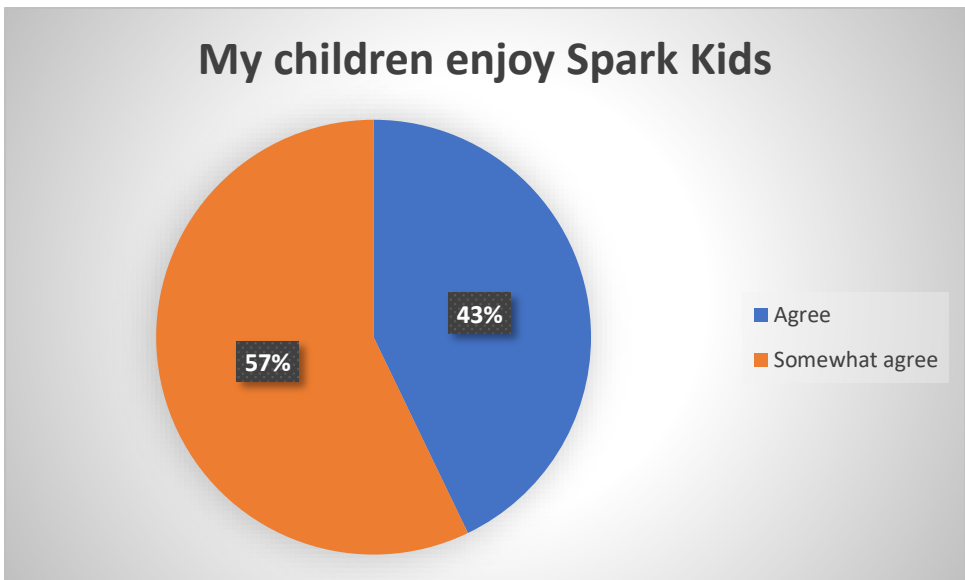
Feedback about children's ministry

Children

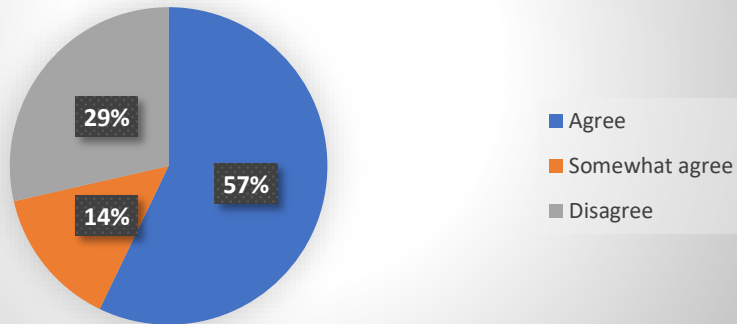




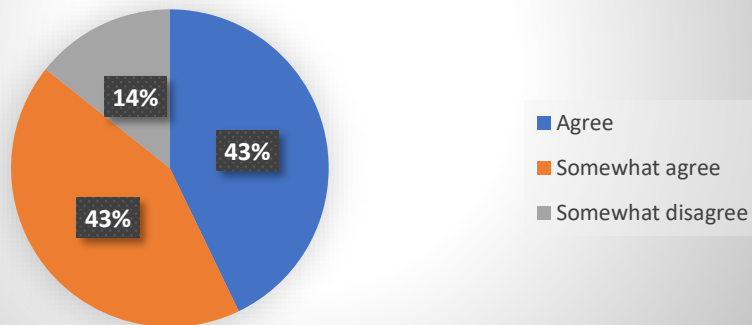
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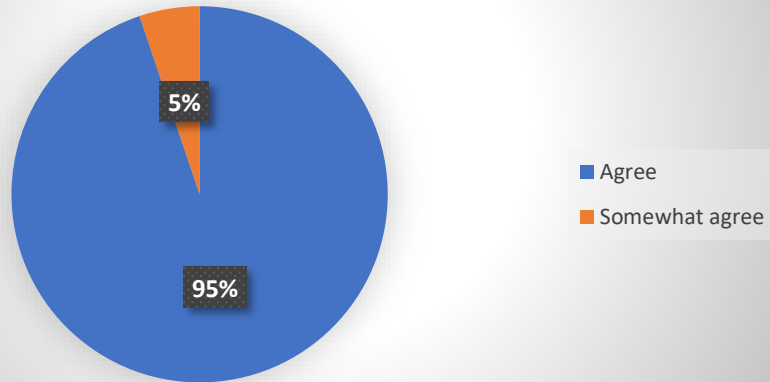


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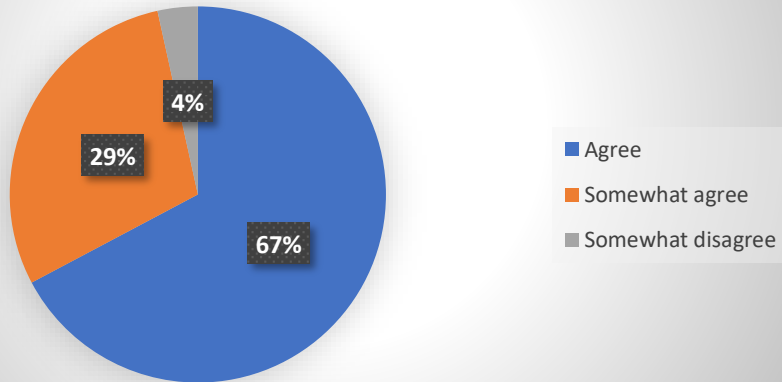


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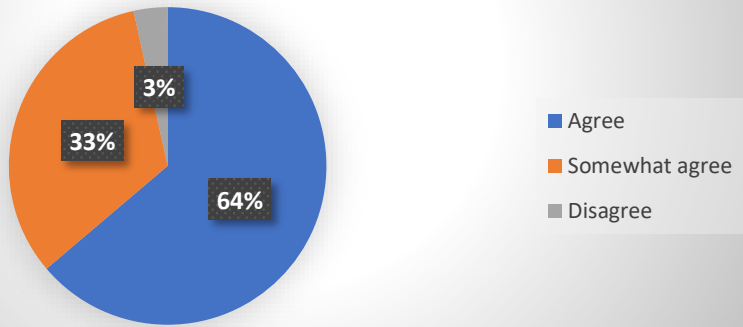
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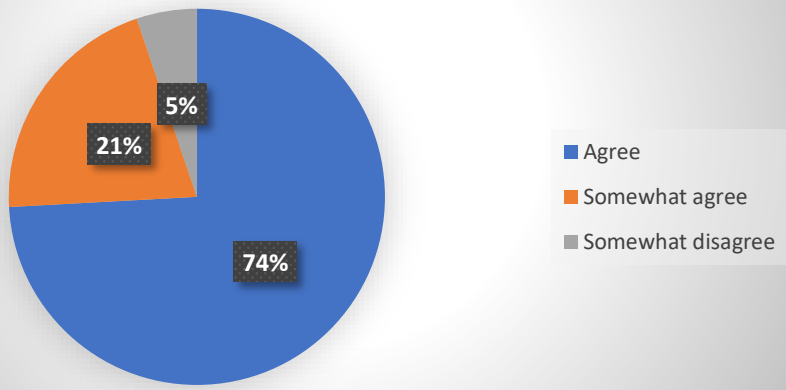
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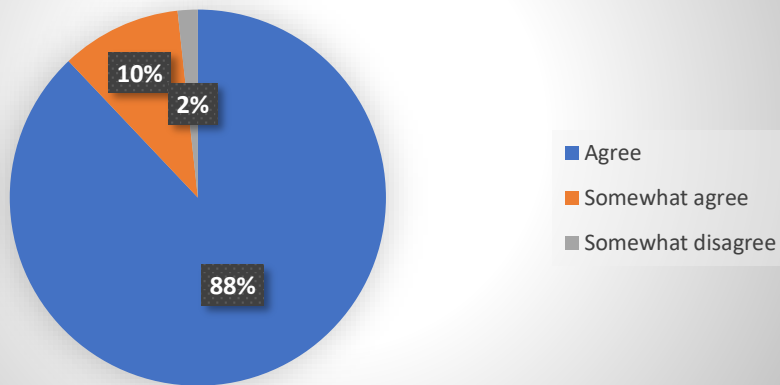
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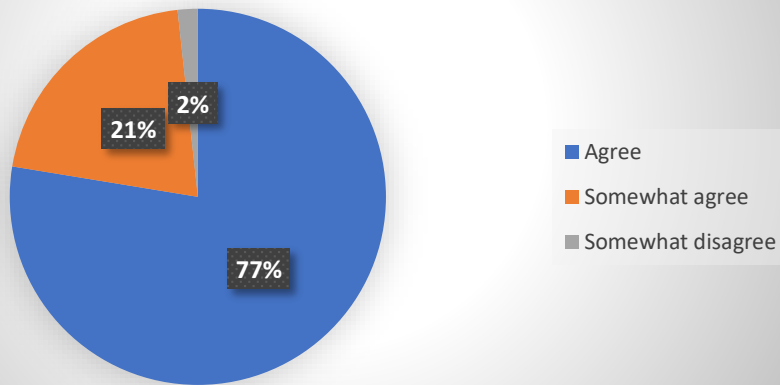
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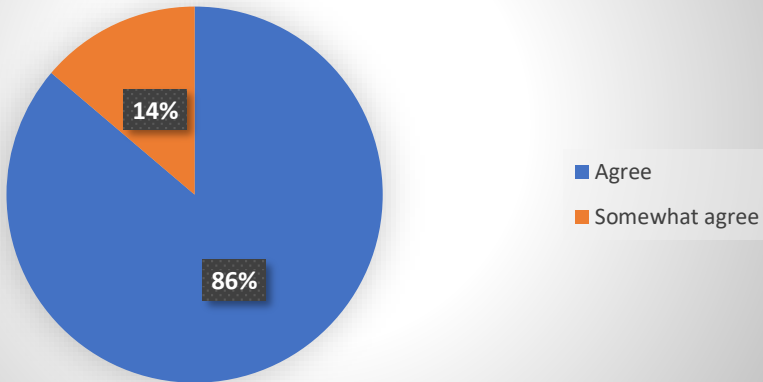
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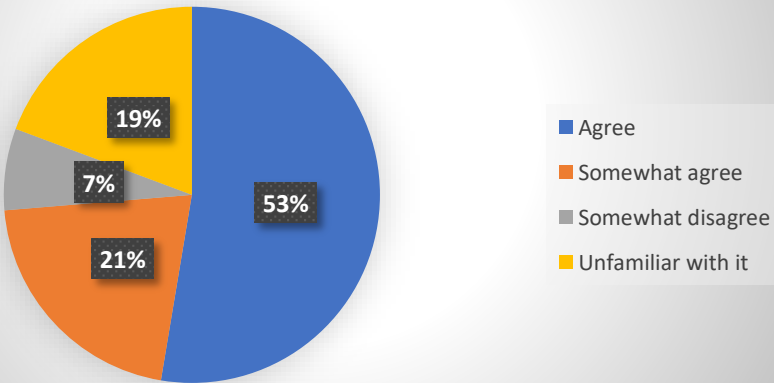
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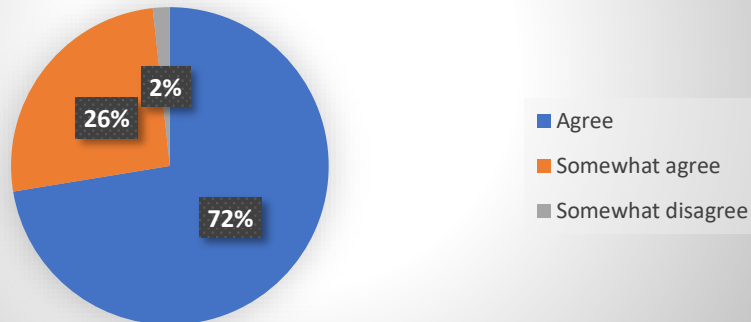
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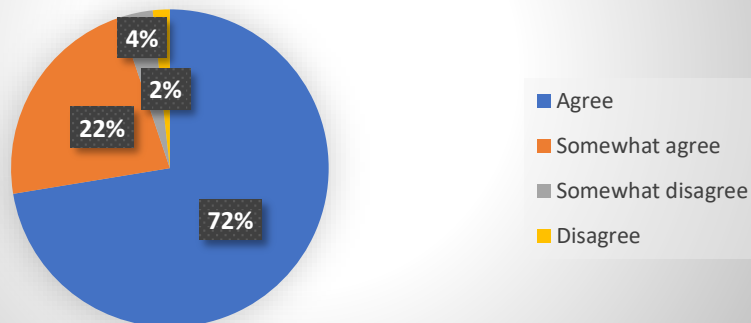
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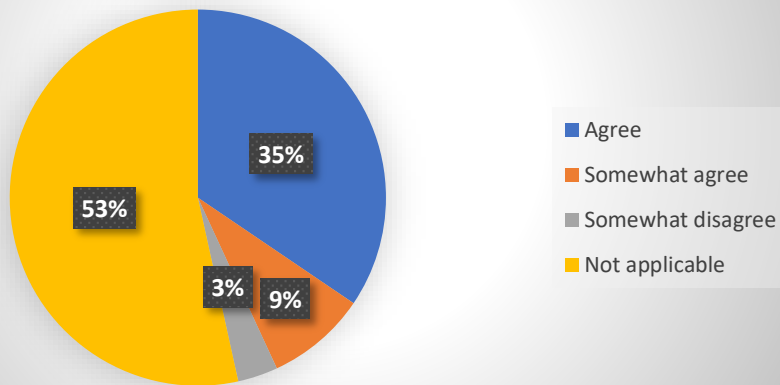
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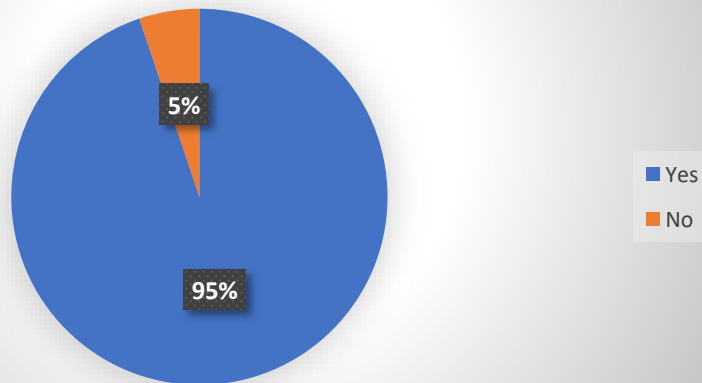
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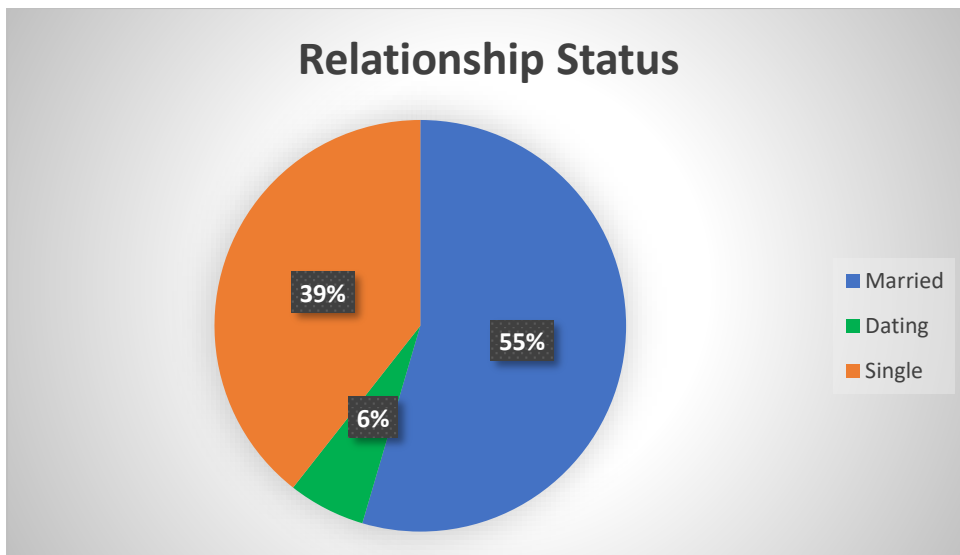
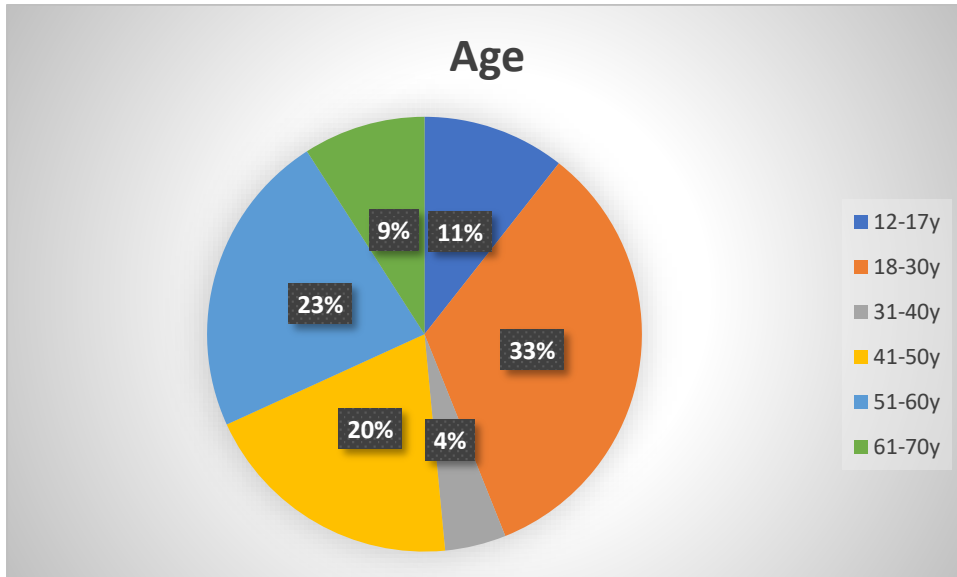
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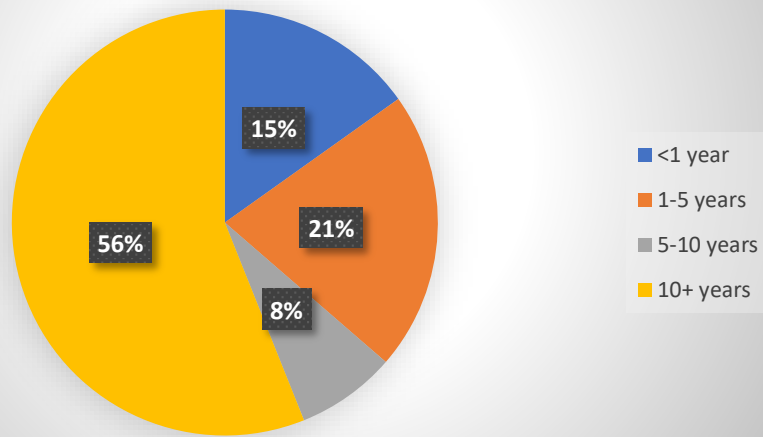
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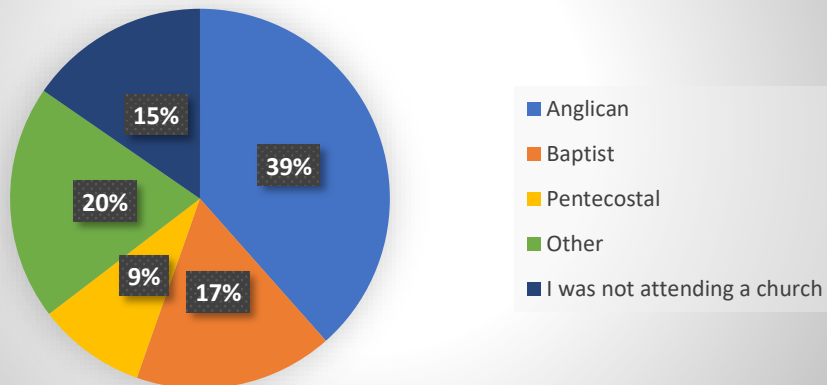
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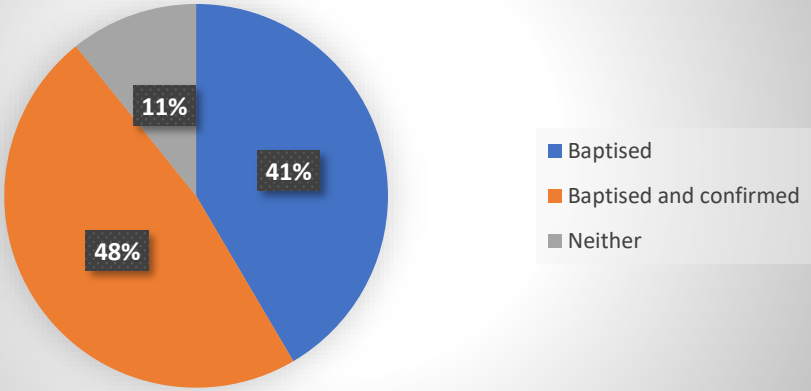
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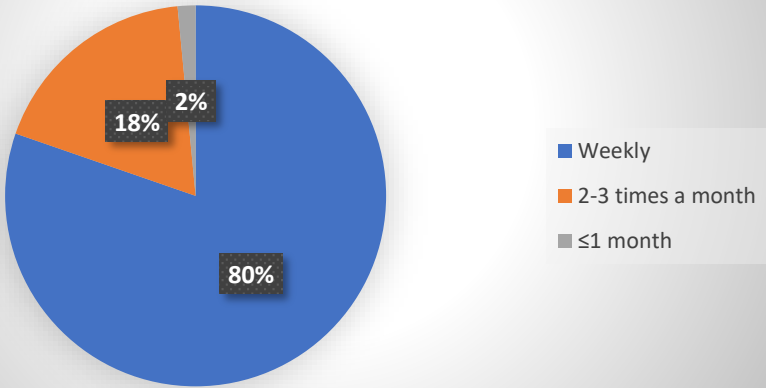
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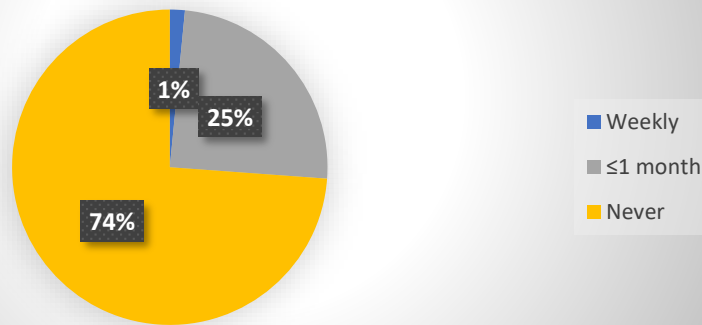
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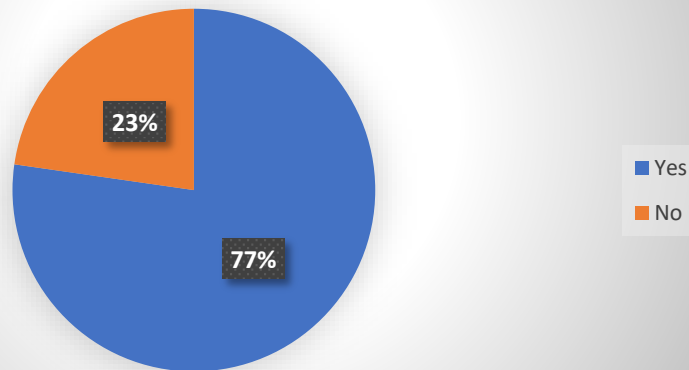
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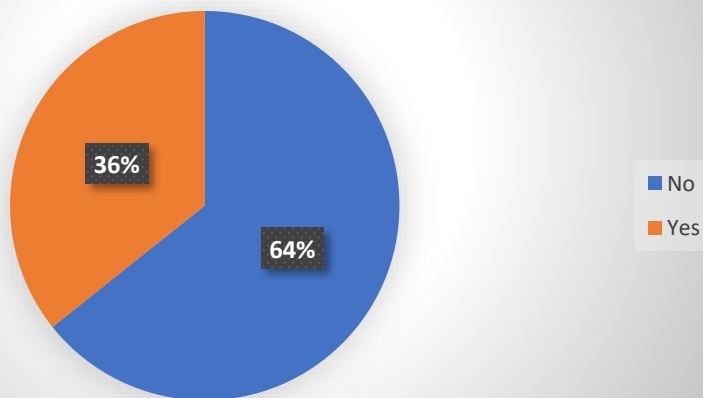
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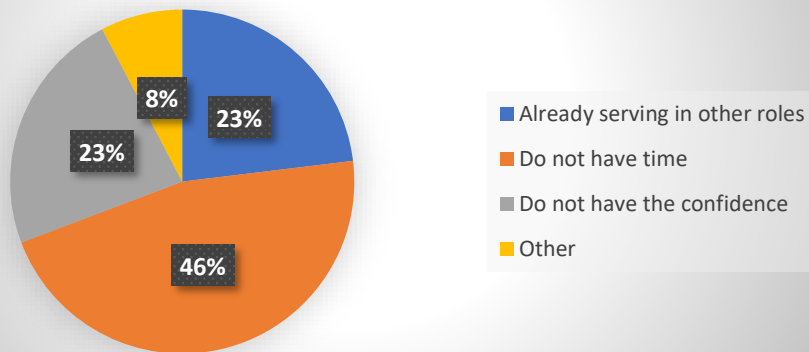
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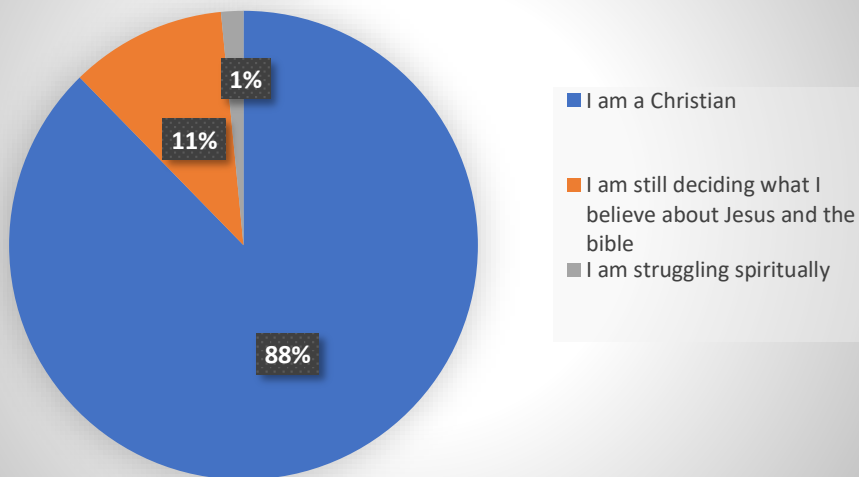


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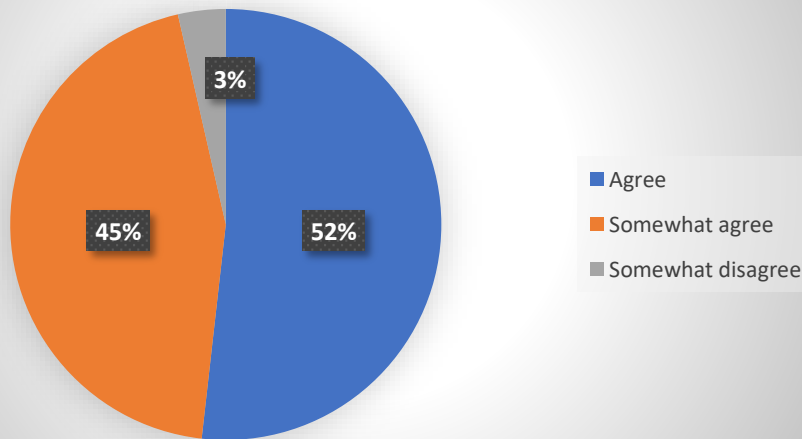


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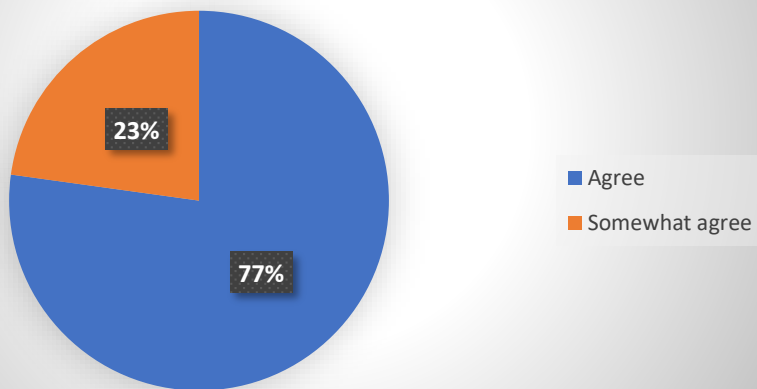
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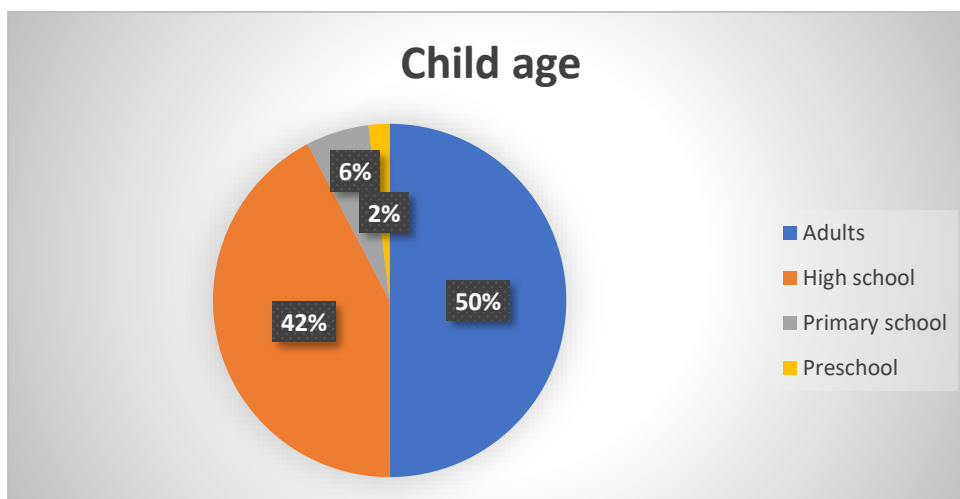
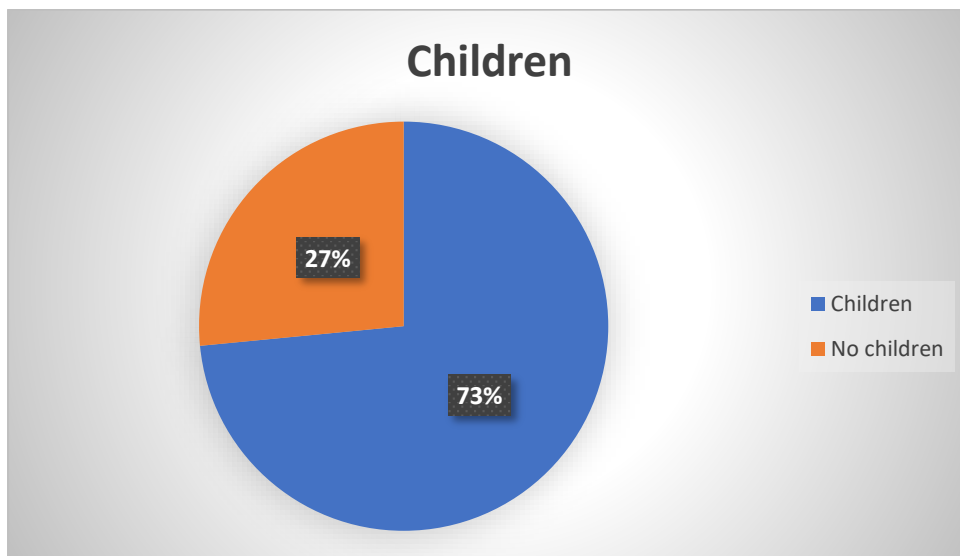
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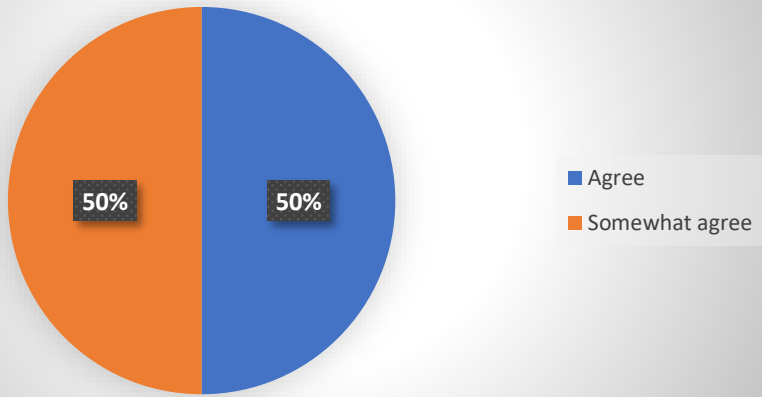


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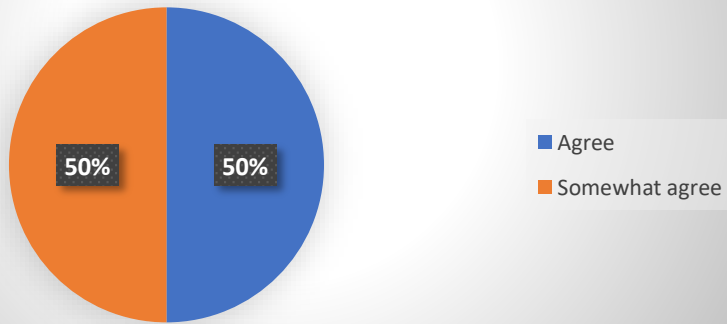


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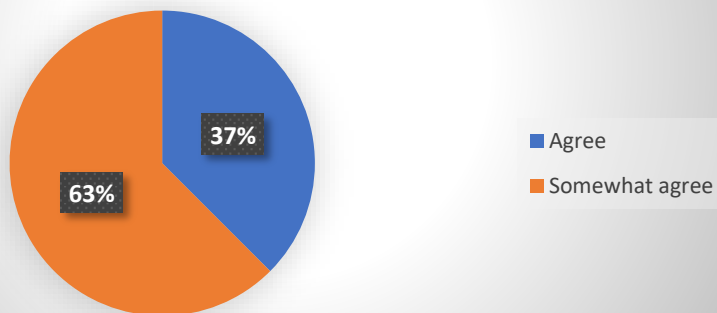
My children enjoy Spark Kids



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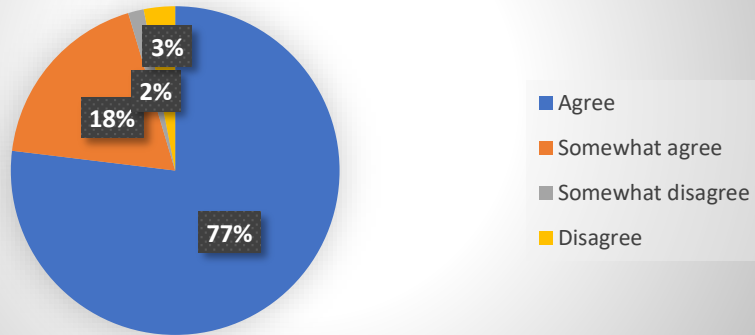


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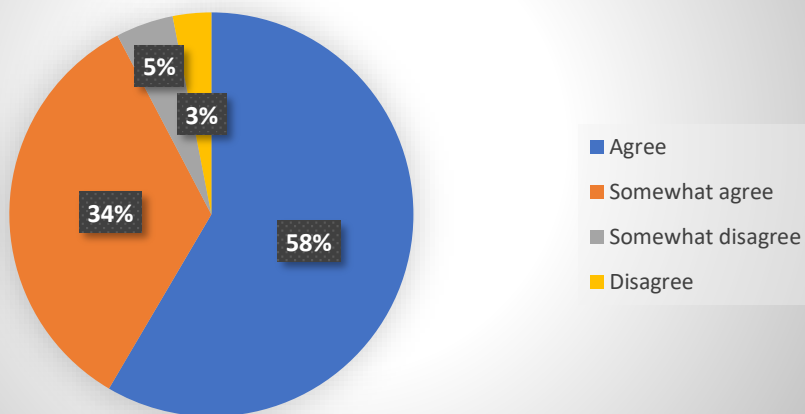


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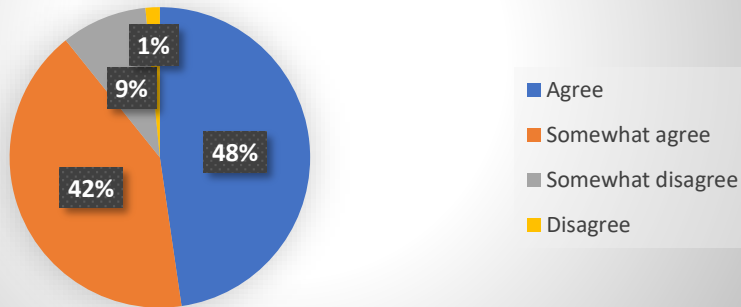
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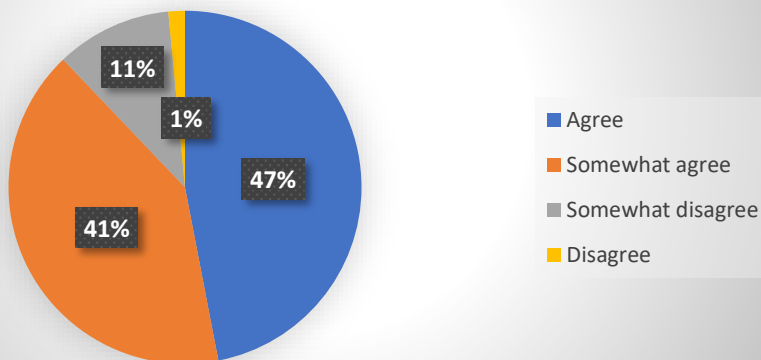
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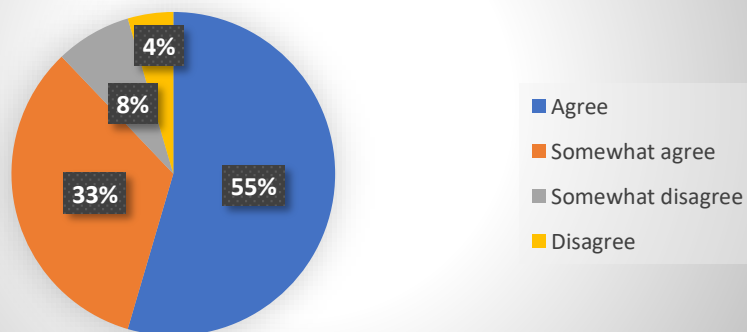
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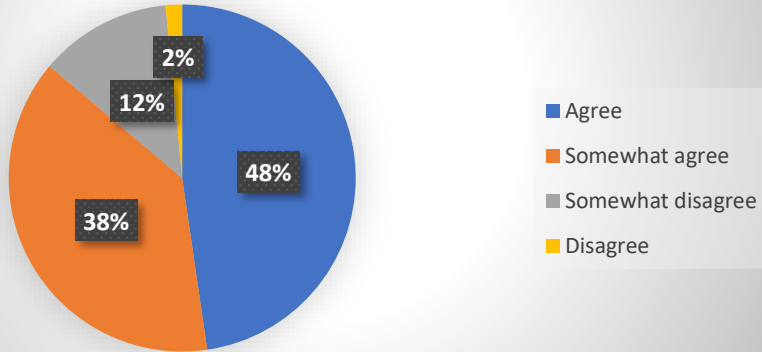
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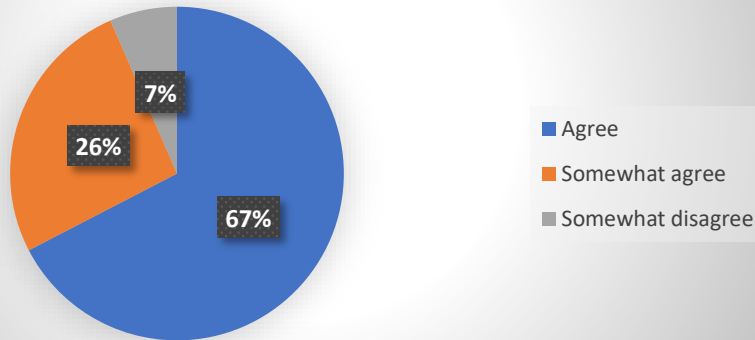
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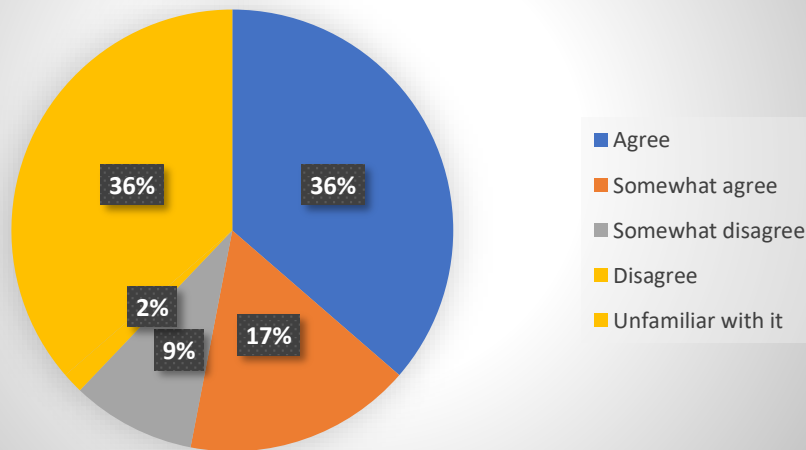
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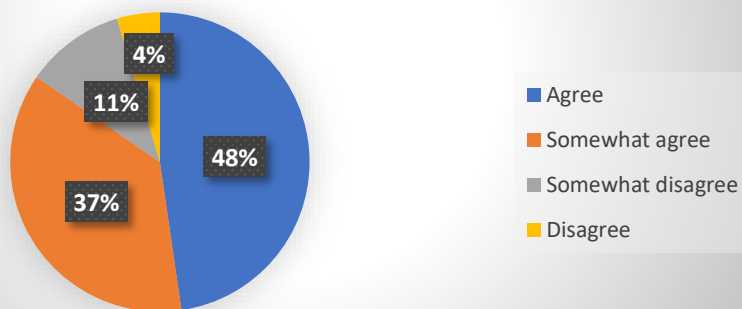
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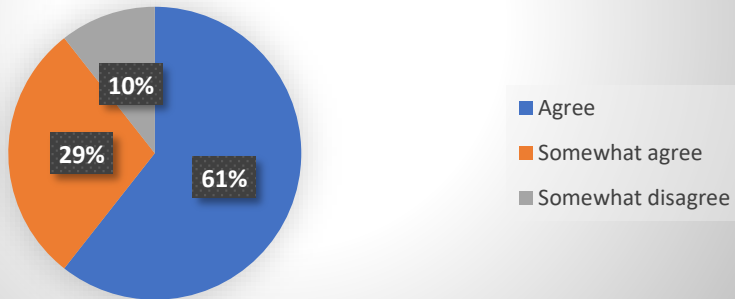
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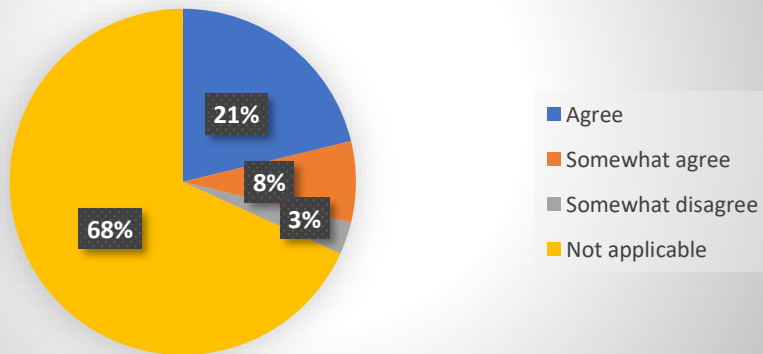
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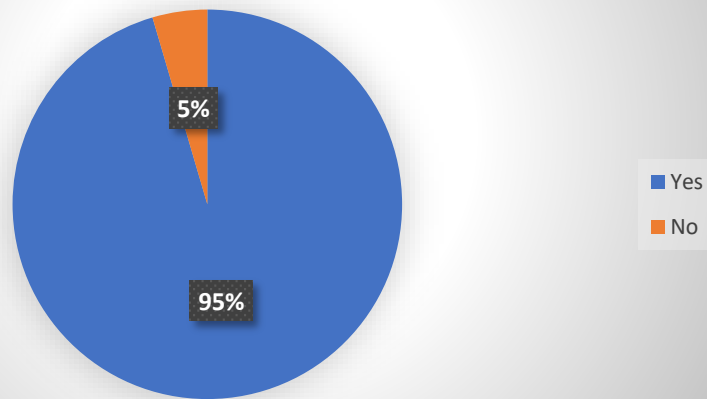
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2 people indicated that a later start time would suit them better, while 1 person indicated that an earlier start time would suit them better.