



FISHERS OF MEN

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MATTHEW 4:18-19

- And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (NKJV)

- One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people! (NLT)



ATTRIBUTES OF FISHING

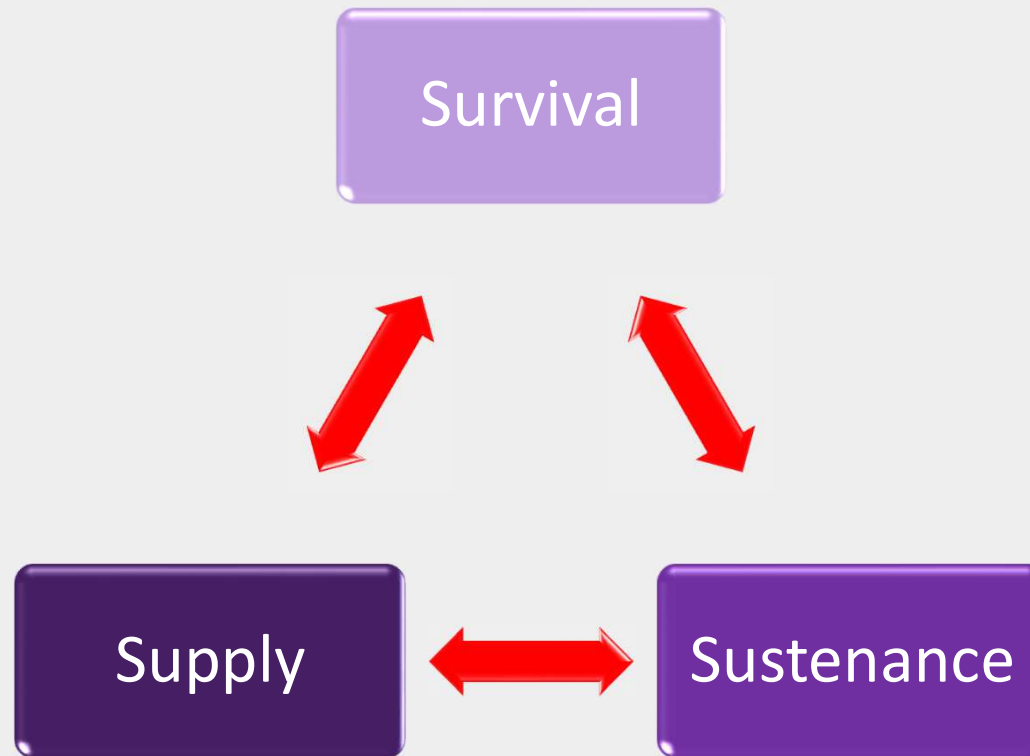
Matthew 4:18-19

- Activity
- Business
- Culture



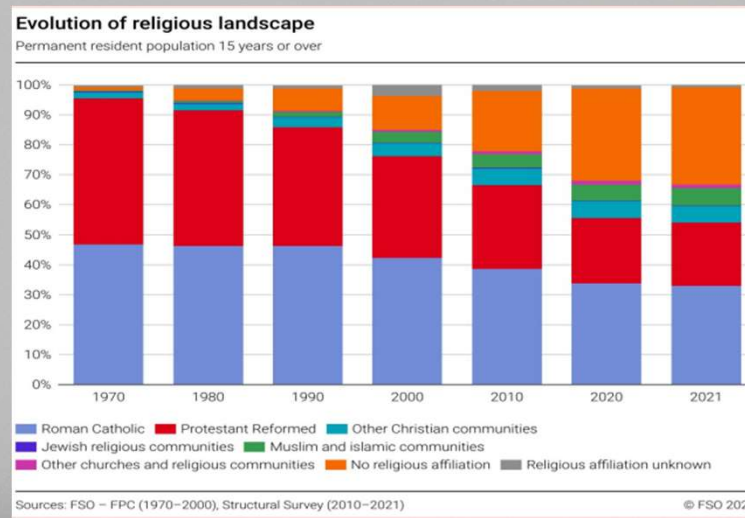


PURPOSE OF FISHING





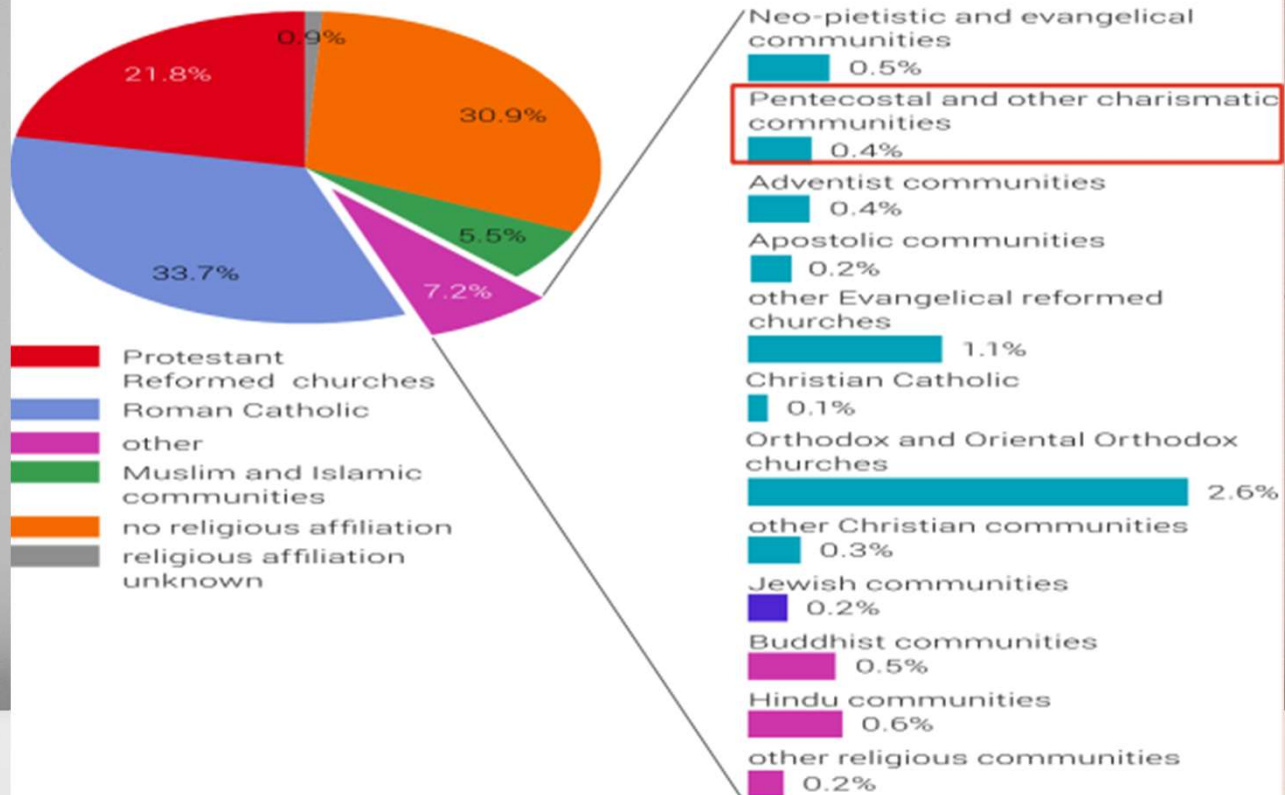
Which groups are decreasing/increasing ?





Religion 2019 – 2021

Permanent resident population 15 years or over



Source: FSO – Structural survey

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PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Three quarter of the population (74%) go to a place of worship to attend a religious service for a maximum of five times a year.
- 68% of members of other Evangelical communities attend a religious service at least once a week.
- Roman Catholics most likely to attend a collective religious service between six times a year and at least once a month (26%)
- Reformed Protestants are most likely to go to church between 1 and 5 times per year (49%)

Source: Federal Statistical Office, 2023



FREQUENCY OF PRAYER / BELIEF IN GOD

- Protestants are more likely (38%) to have never prayed in the last 12 months than Muslims (31%) and Catholics (30%).
- Evangelical communities pray more frequently; 30% pray several times a day and 54% pray almost every day.
- About one in five who indicated no religious affiliation pray occasionally.
- Of Catholic and Protestants, 51% and 40% respectively stated that they believed in a single God.
 - More than a fifth (23%) of the first group and almost a third (31%) of the second identify rather with a belief in a type of superior power.

Source: Federal Statistical Office, 2023



RELIGION IN EVERYDAY LIFE

- More than one in two persons (53%) considers that religion or spirituality plays a rather important or very important role at difficult moments in life, and 44% in the event of illness.
- 40% of the population aged 15 and over say that religion or spirituality is important in their attitude towards the environment and 42% in bringing up children.
- The areas of life where religion or spirituality are less important are working life (21%), decisions in referendums or political orientation (14%), sexuality (16%) or eating habits (14%).

Source: Federal Statistical Office, 2023

TO BECOME FISHER OF MEN

Matthew 4:19

- Look up to Him
- Copy His example
- Stay close





CHALLENGE OF FISHING PEOPLE

Matthew 8:34

And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they pleaded with Him to leave their region

- Rejection
- Being Uncomfortable
- Being misunderstood
- Delayed results
- 'No' result

John 10:31-32

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”



THANK YOU FOR WATCHING