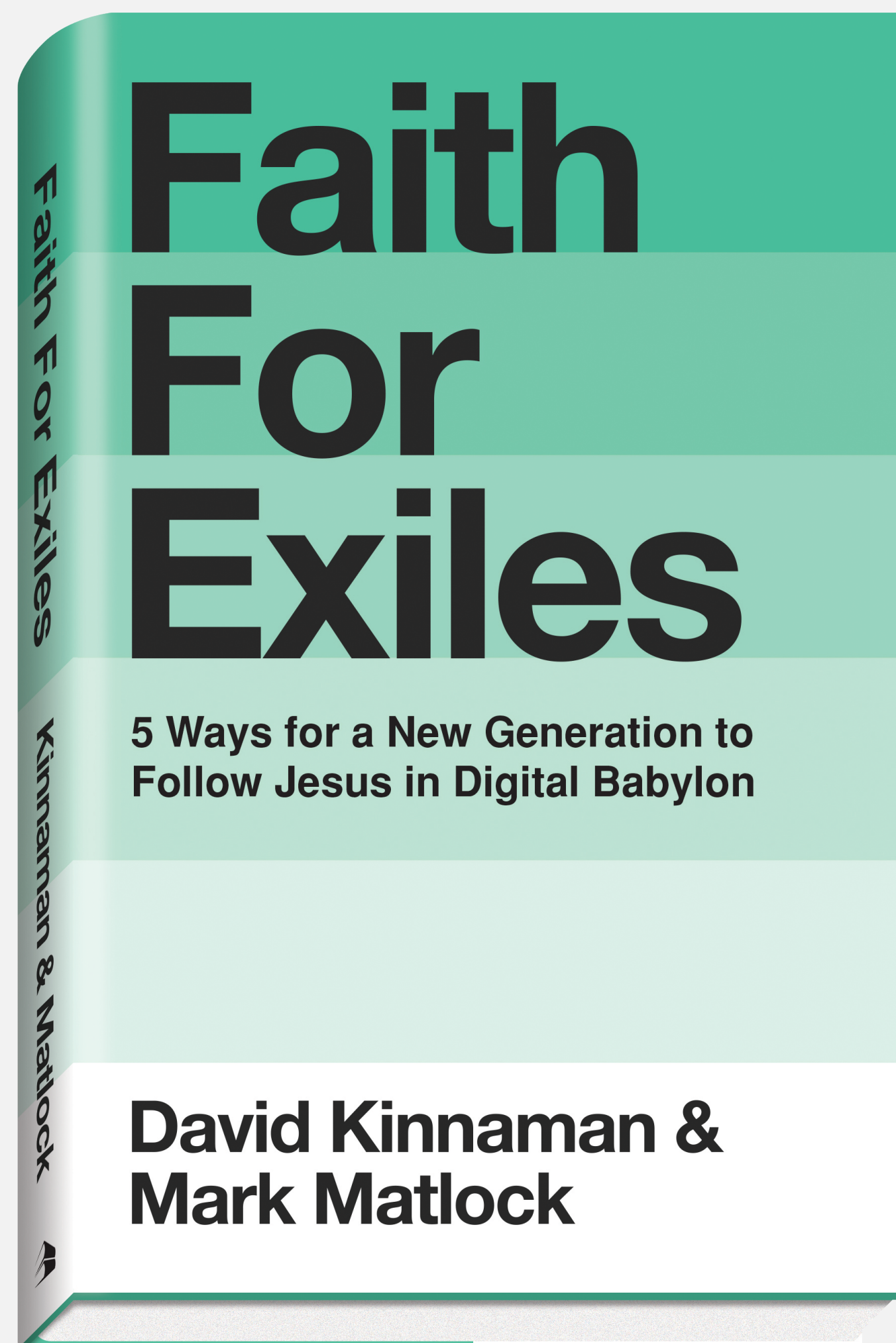


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# Digital Babylon



# We live in a complicated, accelerated culture.

## **“Jerusalem”**

- \* Faith at the center
- \* Monotheistic
- \* Slower pace
- \* Idol: false piety
- \* Simple life

## **“Babylon”**


- \* Faith in the margins
- \* Pluralistic
- \* Accelerated, frenetic
- \* Idol: fitting in, being up to speed
- \* Bitter/sweet tension







Among “typical” 15- to 23-year-olds, estimated number of hours per year ...

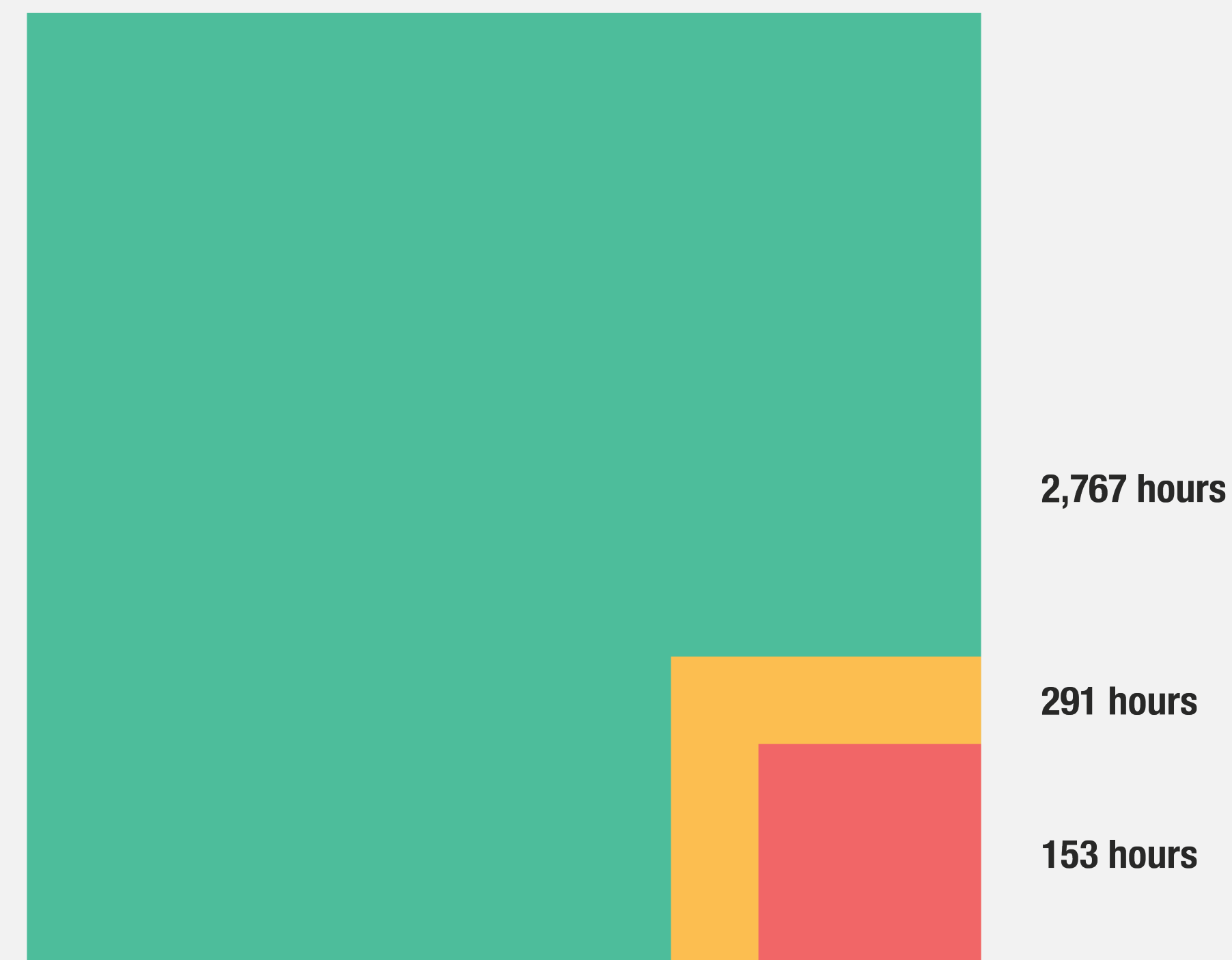
Using screen media

 Typical 15- to 23-year-old  
2,767 hours

Taking in spiritual content

 Typical 15- to 23-year-old  
153 hours

 Typical 15- to 23-year-old churchgoer  
291 hours





# Screens disciple.



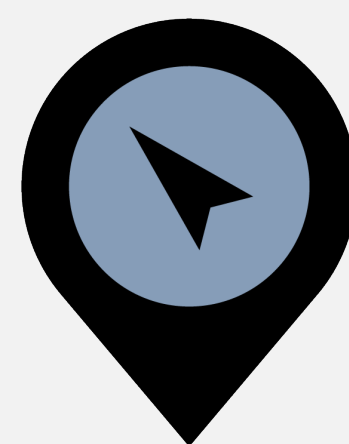
# Four Kinds of Exiles

18- to 29-year-olds who grew up as Christians



22%

**Prodigals**  
**(ex-Christians)**



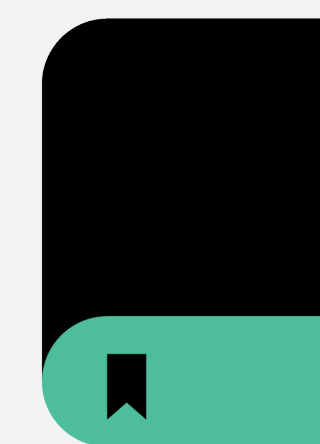
30%

**Nomads**  
**(lapsed Christians)**



38%

**Habitual**  
**Churchgoers**



10%

**Resilient**  
**Disciples**





Resilient Discipleship:

Developing Jesus followers who are resiliently faithful in the face of cultural coercion and who live a vibrant life in the Spirit.


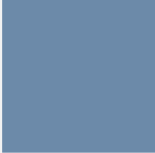


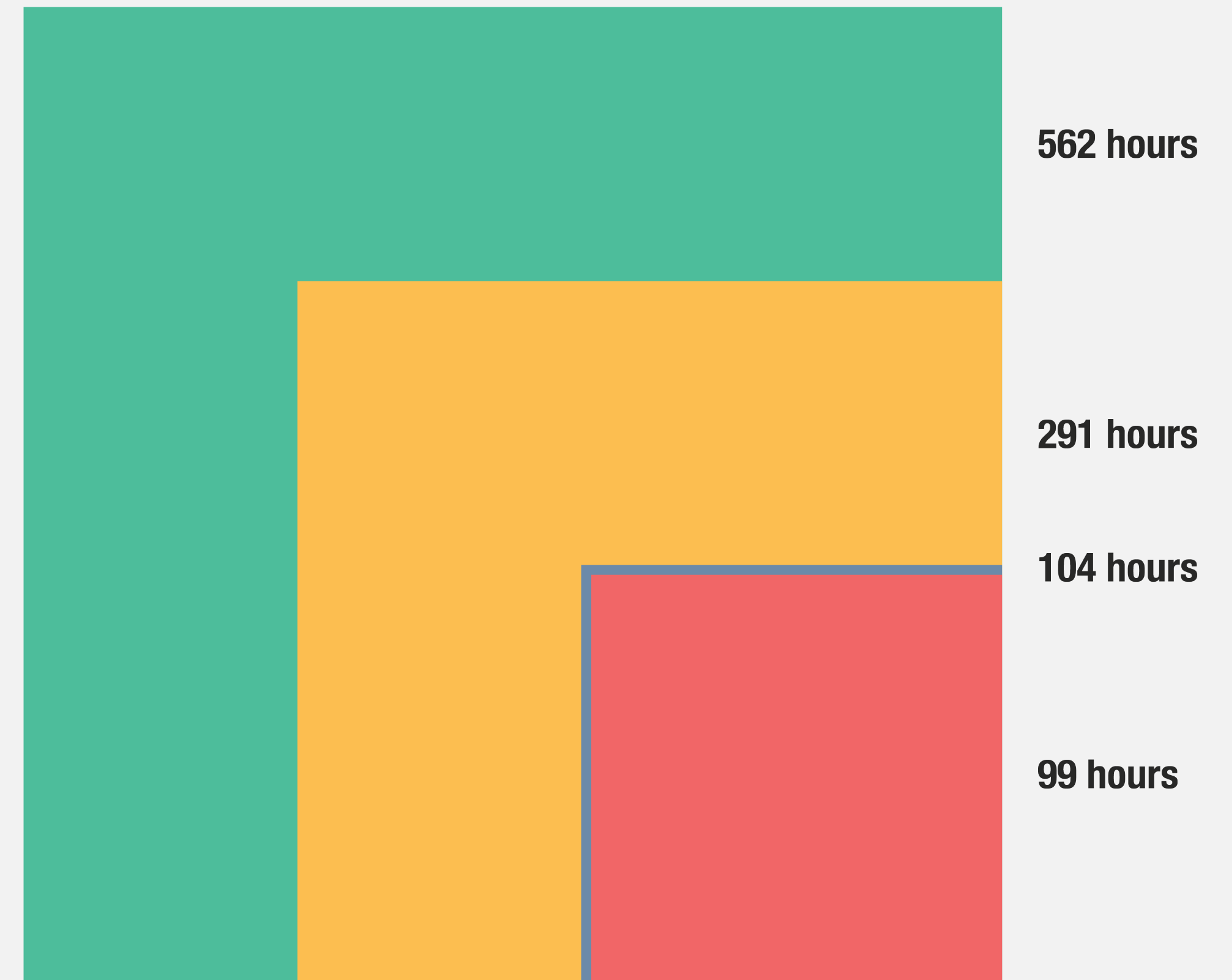


## Habits Matter:

Resilient Disciples Digest Nearly  
Double the Hours of Christian Content Annually

### Annual Intake of Faith Content, 15-23-year-olds

	<b>Prodigals / ex-Christians</b>	<b>99 hours</b>
	<b>Nomads / unchurched</b>	<b>104 hours</b>
	<b>Habitual churchgoers</b>	<b>291 hours</b>
	<b>Resilient disciples</b>	<b>562 hours</b>





## What Practices Distinguish Resilient Disciples?



**Experiencing Jesus**



**Cultural Discernment**



**Meaningful Relationships**



**Vocational Discipleship**



**Countercultural Mission**





Practice 1

# Experiencing Jesus

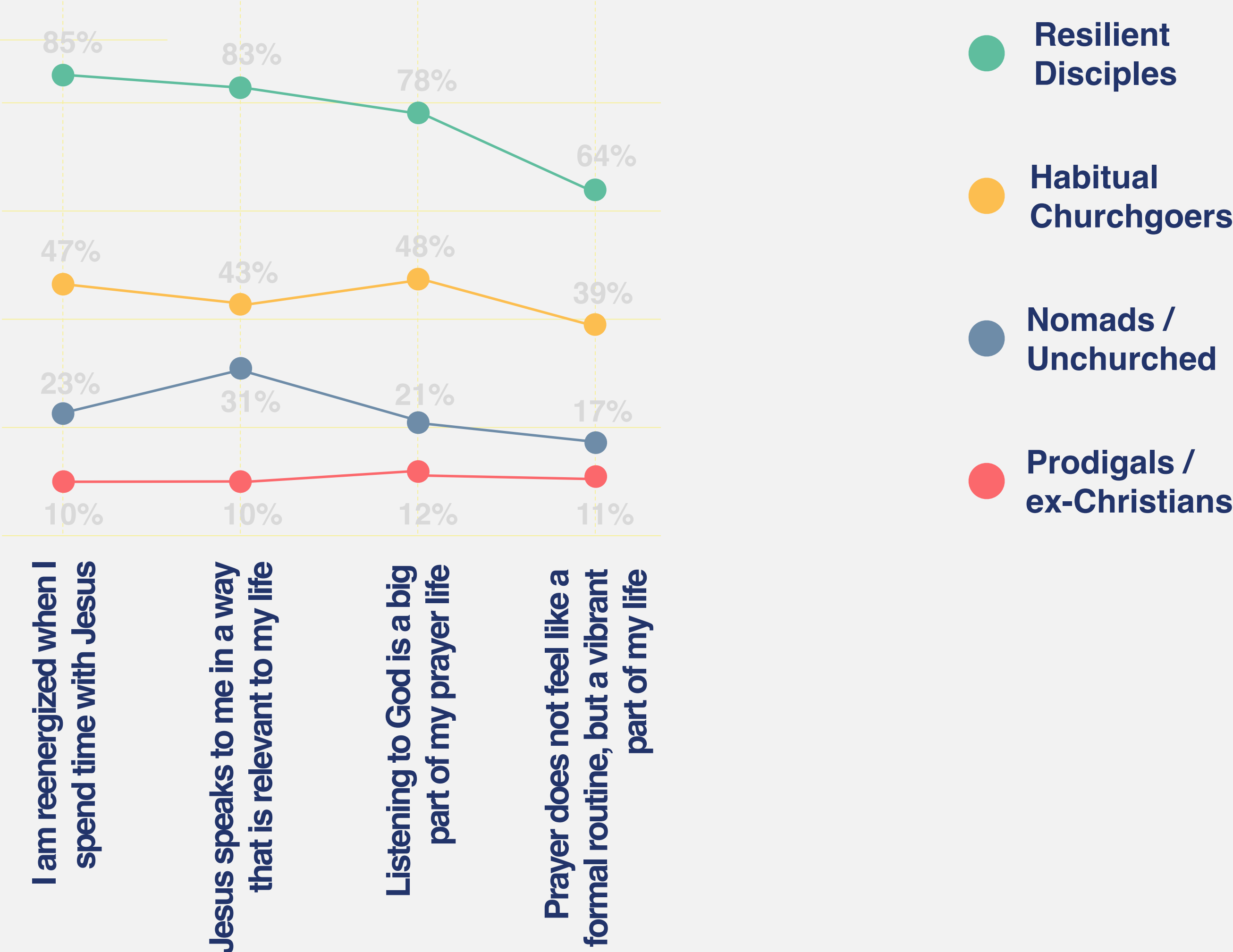


Experiencing Jesus means  
clearing religious clutter for  
closeness with and joy in Christ.





Talking with Jesus



n=1,514 18-29-year-olds who grew up as Christians | February 2018



**11**  
**RESILIENTS**

**9**  
**HABITUALS**

**8**  
**NOMADS**

**8**  
**PRODIGALS**





**12**  
**RESILIENTS**

**8**  
**HABITUALS**

**7**  
**NOMADS**

**6**  
**PRODIGALS**



# Discipling in Digital Babylon





Exiles find their home in God.



# But our citizenship is in heaven....

Phil 3:20





We are therefore Christ's  
ambassadors, as though God were  
making his appeal through us.

2 Cor 5:20



How can we make our homes  
like embassies for Heaven?



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