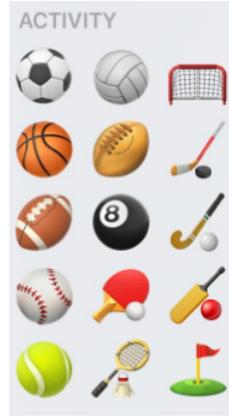
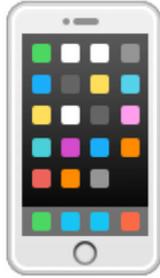




# Talking about talking....



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Question asked to those  
who said they didn't have a  
Christian faith:

“Do you know an active,  
practising Christian?”

67% of adults said yes  
55% of youth said yes

# Talking Jesus

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Follow-up question....  
“Has that active Christian  
ever talked to you about  
Jesus?”

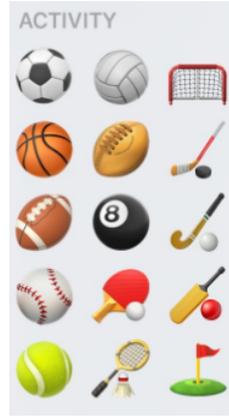
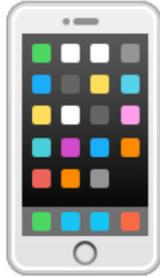
41% of adults said no  
48% of youth said no

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Taking a risk to talk about Jesus

# Acts 17: 16-23 (NIVUK)

<sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the market-place day by day with those who happened to be there.



## **Acts 17: 16-23 (NIVUK)**

<sup>18</sup> A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, 'What is this babbler trying to say?' Others remarked, 'He seems to be advocating foreign gods.' They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.



## **Acts 17: 16-23 (NIVUK)**

<sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?' <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.'



# Acts 17: 16-23 (NIVUK)

<sup>21</sup> (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.



# Acts 17: 16-23 (NIVUK)

<sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.



# Acts 17: 32-34a (NIVUK)

<sup>32</sup> When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, 'We want to hear you again on this subject.' <sup>33</sup> At that, Paul left the Council. <sup>34</sup> Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed.....



# Acts 18:1 (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

# 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 (NIVUK)

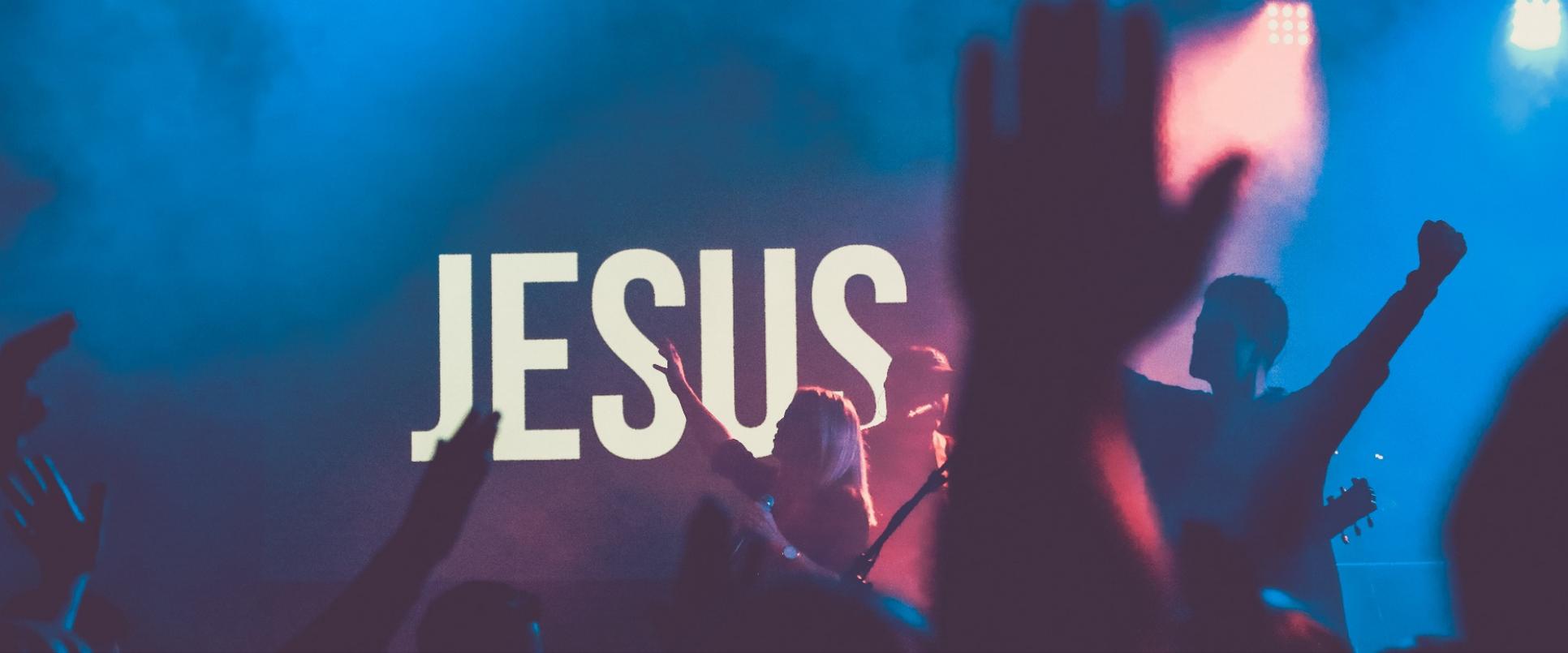
<sup>1</sup> And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.



# 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 (NIVUK)

<sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



A photograph of a church service. In the center, the word "JESUS" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. The background is a dimly lit church interior with blue and purple lighting. Several people are visible, some with their hands raised in the air, suggesting a moment of praise or prayer. The overall atmosphere is one of worship and devotion.

**JESUS**

**1) Live a life that's all about Jesus**

**(Acts 17:18, 1 Cor. 2:2)**

A photograph of a church service. The scene is dimly lit with blue and red stage lights. In the center, the word "JESUS" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. In the foreground, several people are silhouetted against the light, with their hands raised in the air. One person on the right is holding a guitar. The overall atmosphere is one of worship and praise.

**JESUS**

**2) The main message is Jesus**



“The success of our ministry (*or life*) isn't in doing everything right, but in doing the right things”

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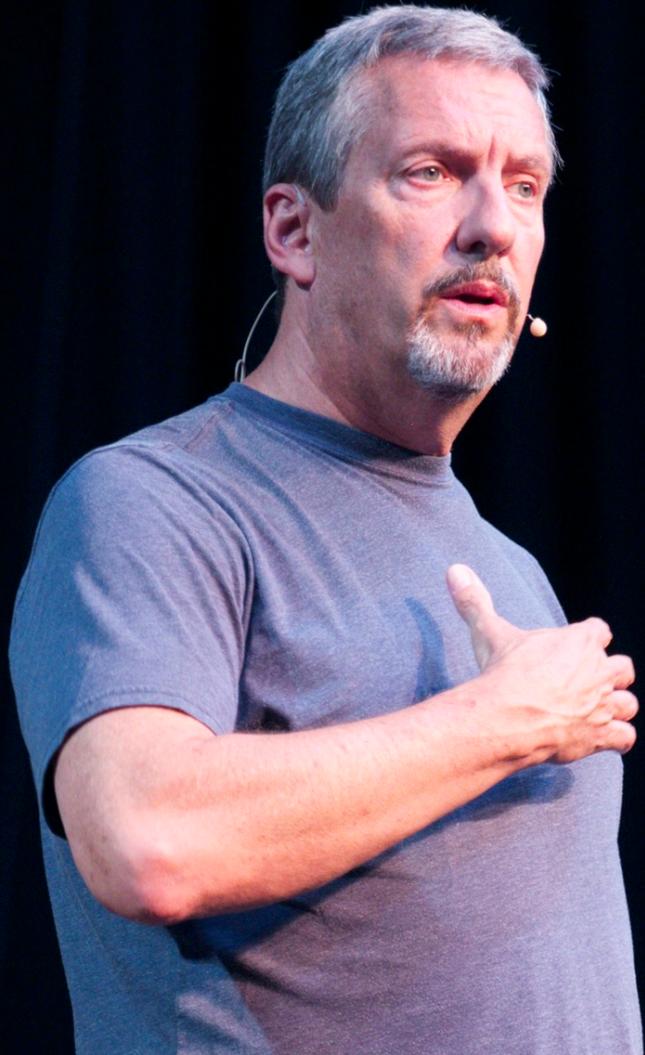
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3) Expect opportunities & take a risk



**Everyone, everyday, everywhere**



**JUST DO IT.**

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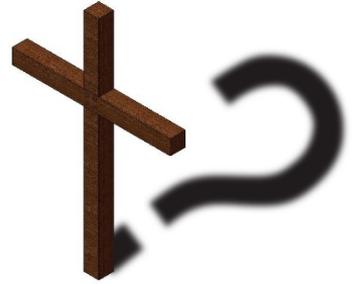
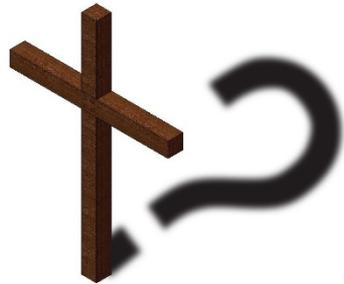
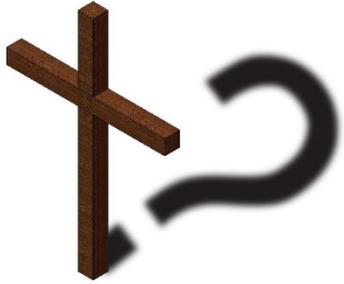
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Taking a risk to talk about Jesus

A row of lit candles with flames of varying heights against a dark background. The candles are arranged in a line, and their flames are bright orange and yellow, contrasting sharply with the dark background. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Talking about Jesus....



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Acts 4:29-31 (NIVUK)

<sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy

servant Jesus,

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# RISK TAKERS

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Acts 4:29-31 (NIVUK)

<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.