

# Brave Men's Survey Results

## Executive Summary



### 92% - "Bible Study meets my needs."

49 out of 53 men described our Bible Study as "very well" or "extremely well" in terms of meeting their needs.

In late November, 2017 we sent out a 29 question survey to 535 men who have attended our Bible Study over the years. 82, or 15% of the men responded. 81% of the respondents indicated they would "promote" or recommend our Bible Study to a friend or colleague.

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#### PERSONAL TOUCH

63% Were invited by a friend to our Bible Study

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#### LONGEVITY

77% Have been attending for 3 years or more

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#### HIGH QUALITY

90% Rated our Bible Study as "High Quality"



#### Rating Our Teachers

See how we rated our four main teachers.



#### Denominations

Read about the variety of churches we represent.



#### Regular Attendance

Discover how often most men show-up on Fridays.

## High Quality

### "Very Satisfied" Describes the Men

High marks jump out in response to our first ever survey of the Brave Men. Overall, 89% of the men who responded indicated they were "very satisfied" with the weekly Bible Study. The words they chose to describe our Bible Study were, "reliable," "high quality," "useful," and "unique."

In regards to how well the Bible Study meets the needs of our men, 93% indicated that it did so "extremely well" or "very well."

All four of our main teachers received high marks. Even with Dr. Bruce Bickel on the "disabled list" at the time of the survey, he still ranked the highest. The teaching of Dr. Jeff Stivason, who has stepped in where Bruce left off, was rated highly as a Bible teacher.

Our "adjunct professors" also received high marks from the men. Both Don Maurer and the Rev. Ted Wood received strong ratings.

Consider that 51 of the men who responded have been Christians for six years or longer, with 67% following Christ for 30 years or more. We have all seen a variety of Bible teachers in our day, and we can be tough critics as we witness from the lively discussions each week.



And the men who responded attend our Bible Study regularly. 71% or 37 of the 52 that answered indicated they attend every week or almost every week.

When asked if the men would approve of a Directory with contact information (email & phone #'s only) posted to our website, 76% said, "yes" while 18% said, "no." Two asked for password protection.

Read the whole survey to learn more about our perceptions of our host and the warm-up, the weekly newsletter, our website, the transcripts and where we can make improvements. The men also listed topics they would like to study in the future.

Thanks be to God! Please contact Sig Tragard with any questions at [sigtragard@comcast.net](mailto:sigtragard@comcast.net).

## THE DENOMINATIONS WE REPRESENT

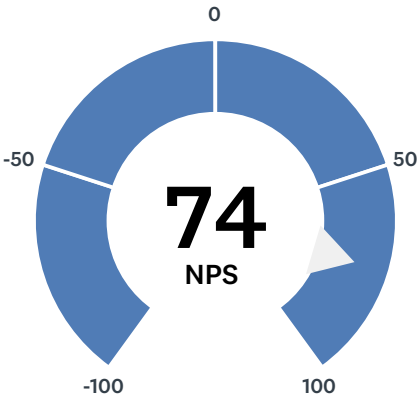
The respondents fell into seven denominations. Of the 81 who completed the survey 53 told us their church denomination. Independents ranked first with 31% or 16 representatives. The most "independents" were from Christ Church at Grove Farm (14 of the 16). Coming in second were the Presbyterians at 25% or 13 men. Then the Anglicans with 21% or 11 representatives. 9% of our men are Catholic and 8% are Reformed. Baptists make up 6% with one of our men being a Pentecostal for a 2% representation.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know how God is working through us to help us all understand what we believe and why we believe it. May God continue to use us to tell his story to more men.



# Q1 How likely is it that you would recommend our Men's Bible Study to a friend or colleague?

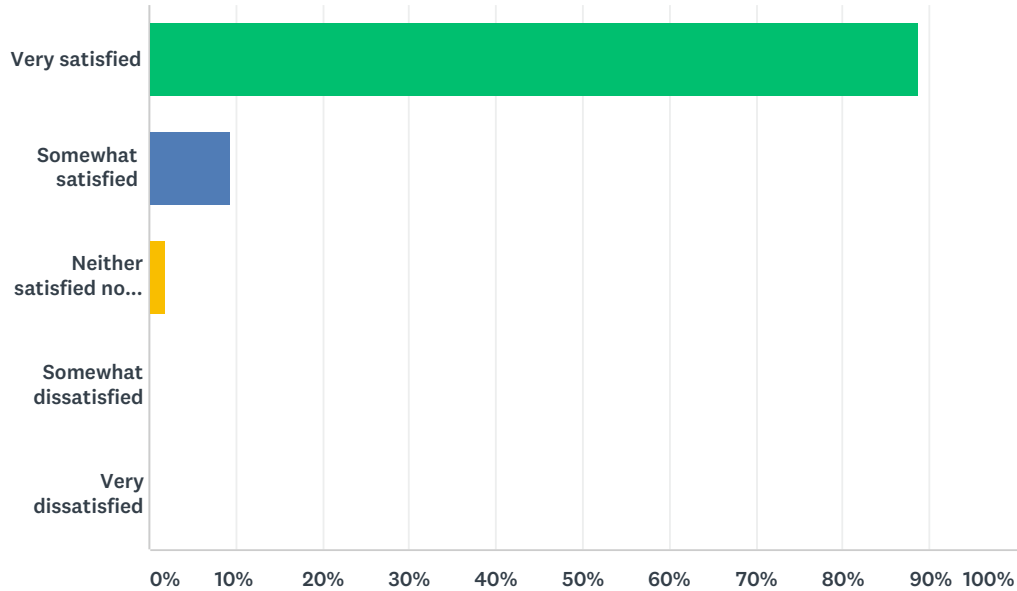
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DETRACTORS (0-6)	PASSIVES (7-8)	PROMOTERS (9-10)	NET PROMOTER® SCORE
6% 5	13% 10	81% 63	74

Q2 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Brave Men's Bible Study?

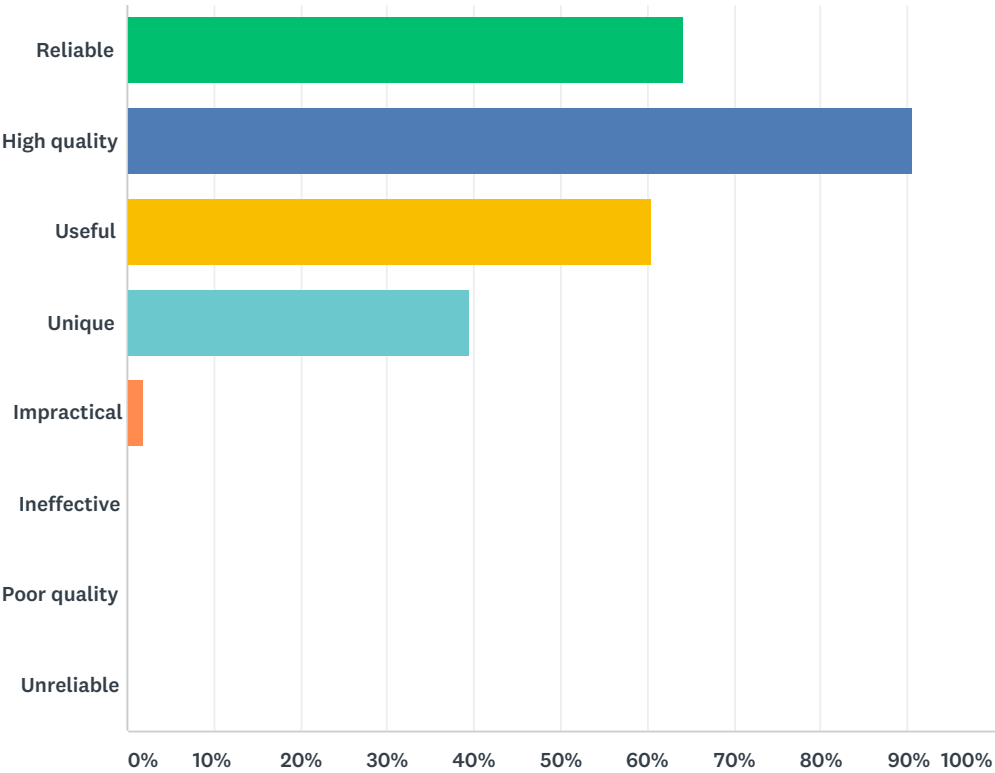
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Very satisfied		88.68%	47
Somewhat satisfied		9.43%	5
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		1.89%	1
Somewhat dissatisfied		0.00%	0
Very dissatisfied		0.00%	0
TOTAL			53

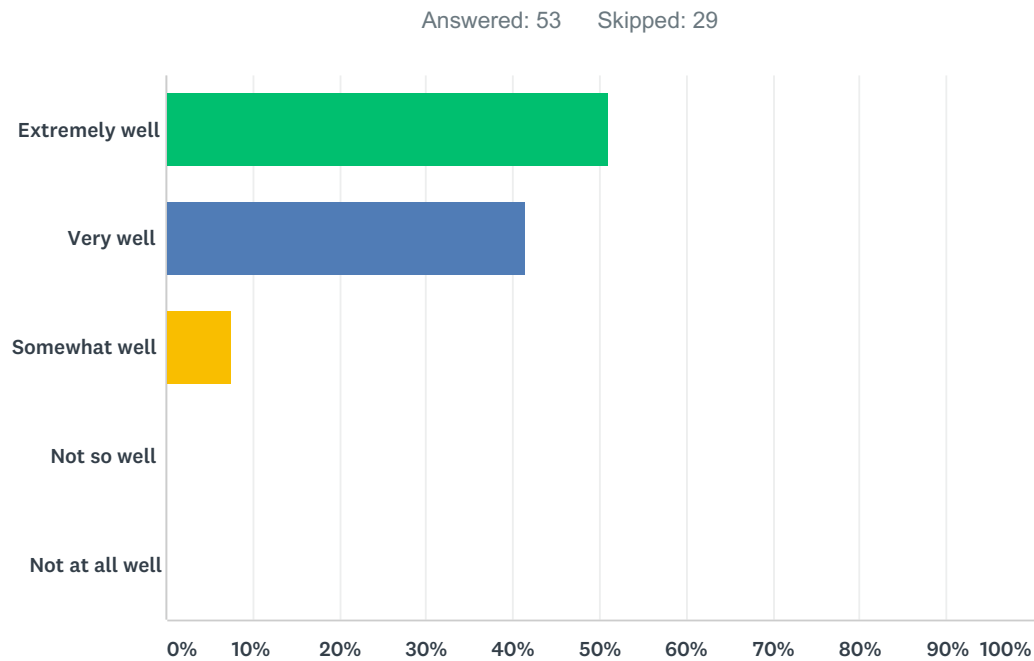
Q3 Which of the following words would you use to describe our Bible Study? Select all that apply.

Answered: 53    Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Reliable	64.15%	34
High quality	90.57%	48
Useful	60.38%	32
Unique	39.62%	21
Impractical	1.89%	1
Ineffective	0.00%	0
Poor quality	0.00%	0
Unreliable	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 53		

Q4 How well does our Bible Study meet your needs?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely well	50.94%	27
Very well	41.51%	22
Somewhat well	7.55%	4
Not so well	0.00%	0
Not at all well	0.00%	0
TOTAL		53

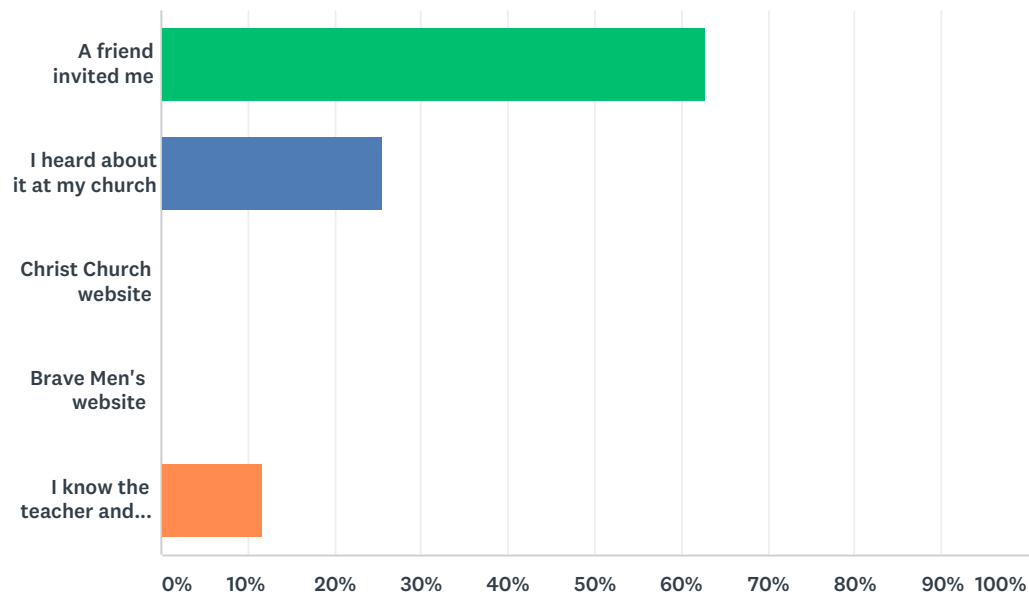
## Q9 What topics would you like to study in our weekly Bible Study?

Answered: 32   Skipped: 50

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Prayer Heaven	12/17/2017 9:30 PM
2	I'm fine with the teachers choosing the topics with which they want to focus on.	12/14/2017 1:26 PM
3	Bible exposition - not topics	12/1/2017 6:40 PM
4	Book of John	12/1/2017 9:10 AM
5	I like a variety of book studies and theological studies	12/1/2017 7:34 AM
6	Philippians	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
7	the book of Hebrews	11/29/2017 9:22 AM
8	Involvement in ministry—Doers not only listeners	11/28/2017 11:03 PM
9	Obedience to the WORD	11/28/2017 10:03 PM
10	monergism	11/28/2017 9:15 PM
11	Revelation	11/28/2017 7:53 PM
12	No particular topics come to mind	11/28/2017 5:35 PM
13	Can't get enough of Romans.	11/28/2017 5:35 PM
14	End times	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
15	Acts	11/28/2017 2:34 PM
16	I think the topics are always good and don't have any particular topics that I would like to hear.	11/28/2017 11:06 AM
17	appropriate male behavior	11/28/2017 10:05 AM
18	spiritual disciplines	11/28/2017 9:40 AM
19	Prophecy	11/28/2017 9:30 AM
20	The Prodigal Son	11/28/2017 8:37 AM
21	How to spread the word. How to introduce Christ to others.	11/28/2017 8:36 AM
22	N/A	11/28/2017 8:06 AM
23	Book by book is fine with me, but I am open to topical studies.	11/28/2017 8:03 AM
24	Topics need to be relevant and positive. I feel at times some attempt to show how much they know at the expense of really teaching to the whole group.	11/28/2017 7:52 AM
25	No opinion	11/28/2017 7:27 AM
26	Revelation	11/28/2017 7:21 AM
27	The book of Revelation	11/28/2017 7:05 AM
28	Practical applications to daily life issues	11/28/2017 6:53 AM
29	Same as now	11/28/2017 6:00 AM
30	how to study the Bible	11/28/2017 5:54 AM
31	Religion relative to today's modern times.	11/28/2017 3:00 AM
32	Marriage, parenting and grand parenting.	11/28/2017 2:49 AM

Q10 How did you find out about the Brave Men's weekly Bible Study?

Answered: 51    Skipped: 31

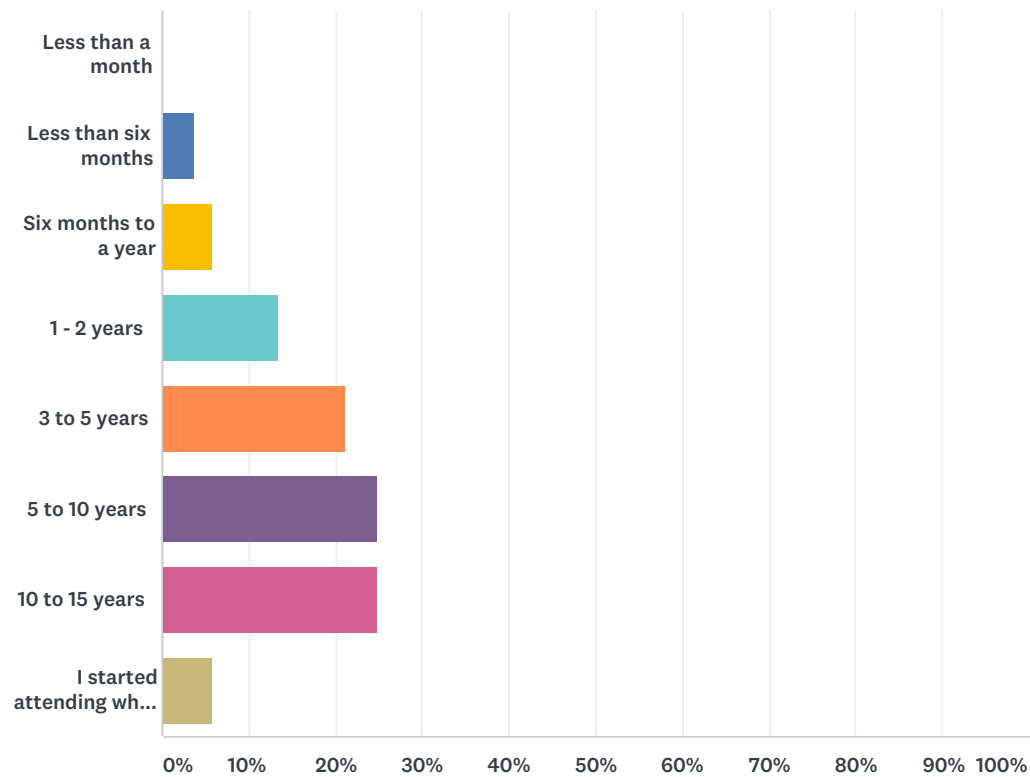


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A friend invited me	62.75%	32
I heard about it at my church	25.49%	13
Christ Church website	0.00%	0
Brave Men's website	0.00%	0
I know the teacher and wanted to learn more from him	11.76%	6
TOTAL		51



Q11 How long have you been attending the Brave Men's Bible Study?

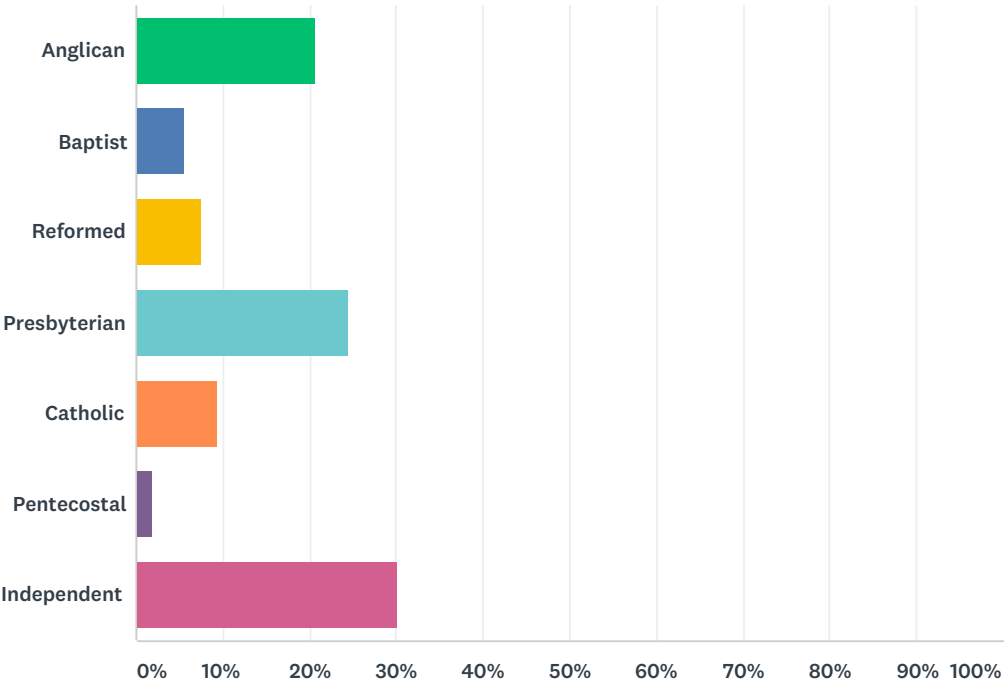
Answered: 52 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a month	0.00%	0
Less than six months	3.85%	2
Six months to a year	5.77%	3
1 - 2 years	13.46%	7
3 to 5 years	21.15%	11
5 to 10 years	25.00%	13
10 to 15 years	25.00%	13
I started attending when it was held at World Vision	5.77%	3
TOTAL		52

Q12 What denomination is your home church?

Answered: 53    Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Anglican	20.75%	11
Baptist	5.66%	3
Reformed	7.55%	4
Presbyterian	24.53%	13
Catholic	9.43%	5
Pentecostal	1.89%	1
Independent	30.19%	16
TOTAL		53

## Q13 What is the name and location of your home church?

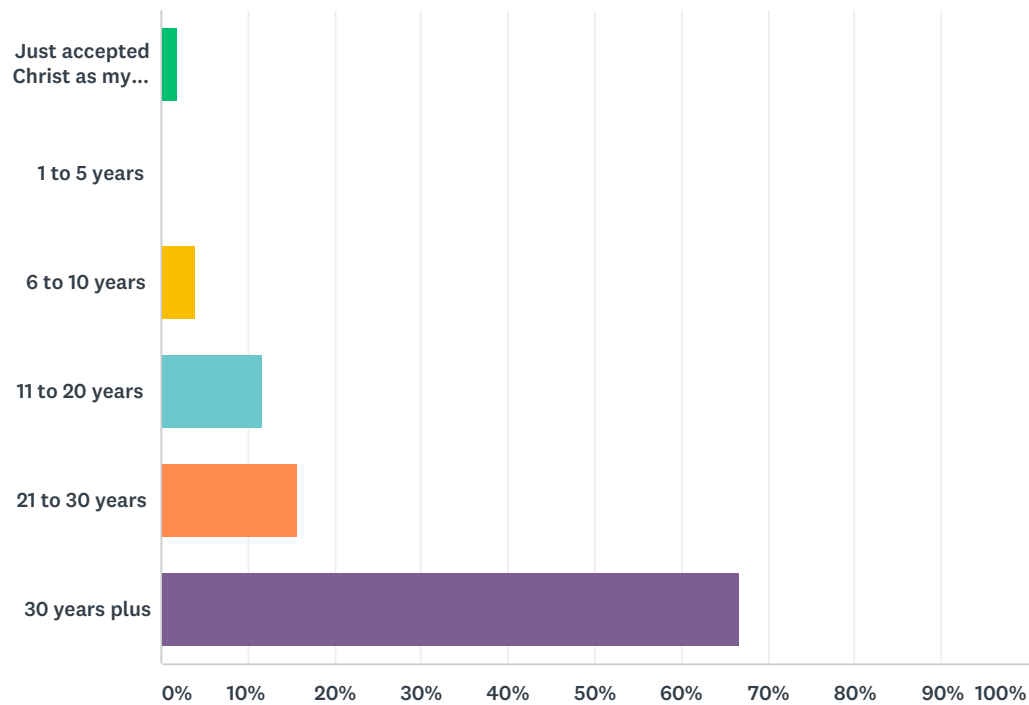
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	St. Bernard, Mt. Lebanon	5/24/2018 4:29 PM
2	Christ Church at Grove Farm	12/17/2017 9:30 PM
3	Christ Church at Grove Farm	12/14/2017 1:26 PM
4	Woodland Valley Church, Mars, PA	12/1/2017 10:18 PM
5	Memorial Park EPC	12/1/2017 6:40 PM
6	CCGF	12/1/2017 9:10 AM
7	Christ church at grove farm	12/1/2017 7:37 AM
8	Christ Church at Grove Farm	12/1/2017 7:34 AM
9	New community church, wexford	11/30/2017 11:39 PM
10	Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
11	providence presbyterian church (PCA) Robinson Township	11/29/2017 9:22 AM
12	Christ Church @ Grove Farm—Ohio Twp	11/28/2017 11:03 PM
13	New Song	11/28/2017 10:03 PM
14	New Life Hopewell TWP.	11/28/2017 9:15 PM
15	Christ Church St Grove Farm	11/28/2017 7:53 PM
16	Providence PCA - McKees Rocks, PA	11/28/2017 5:35 PM
17	CC@GF	11/28/2017 5:35 PM
18	New Community Church Wexford, PA	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
19	st stephens sewickley	11/28/2017 3:03 PM
20	Christ Church Grove/Four Mile Church Beaver	11/28/2017 2:50 PM
21	First Presbyterian Church Pittsburgh	11/28/2017 2:46 PM
22	Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, Indian Springs, Alabama	11/28/2017 2:34 PM
23	Faith United Presbyterian Church	11/28/2017 2:21 PM
24	Christ Church of Grove Farm	11/28/2017 1:36 PM
25	Covenant Fellowship Reformed Ppresbyterian Church in Wilkinsburg, PA	11/28/2017 1:24 PM
26	Memorial Park Church - Allison Park, PA	11/28/2017 11:27 AM
27	Allison Park Church	11/28/2017 11:19 AM
28	St. Stanislaus Kostka in the Strip District	11/28/2017 11:06 AM
29	St. Stephen's Sewickley	11/28/2017 10:23 AM
30	Grace RP Church, Gibsonia, PA	11/28/2017 10:13 AM
31	Christ Church Mt Nebo	11/28/2017 10:05 AM
32	Memorial Park Church, Allison Park	11/28/2017 9:49 AM
33	Burry's ch	11/28/2017 9:40 AM
34	Christ Church of Grove Farm	11/28/2017 9:40 AM
35	?	11/28/2017 9:30 AM

36	Christ Church @ Grove Farm	11/28/2017 9:12 AM
37	Dormision of the Theotokos, Aliquippa, PA	11/28/2017 8:37 AM
38	Kenmawr Presbyterian	11/28/2017 8:36 AM
39	First Presbyterian Beaver	11/28/2017 8:06 AM
40	CCGF	11/28/2017 8:03 AM
41	Looking to find a church I feel comfortable in where I leave each Sunday fulfilled and inspired.	11/28/2017 7:52 AM
42	Sts John & Paul	11/28/2017 7:28 AM
43	Central Presb. Tarentum	11/28/2017 7:27 AM
44	First Baptist Church of Rochester, PA	11/28/2017 7:21 AM
45	St John Neuman	11/28/2017 7:05 AM
46	St Stephen's Sewickley	11/28/2017 6:53 AM
47	Good Shepherd Anglican, Sewickley	11/28/2017 6:00 AM
48	Ccgf	11/28/2017 4:51 AM
49	I have none	11/28/2017 3:00 AM
50	Trinity Ukrainian Catholic, Carnegie	11/28/2017 2:49 AM

Q14 How long have you been a Christian?

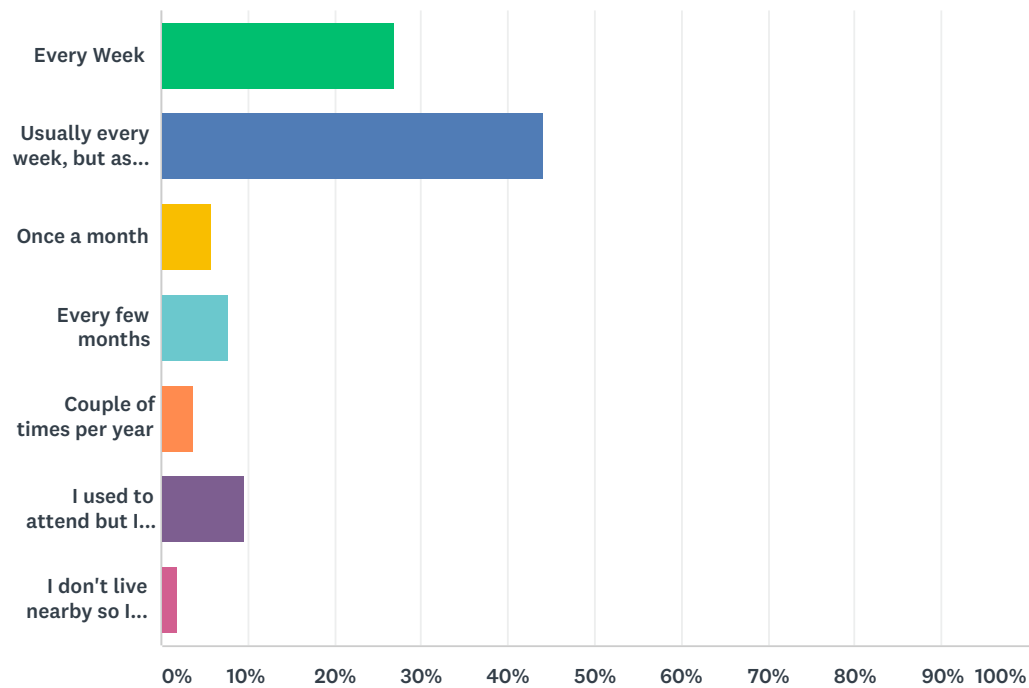
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just accepted Christ as my savior	1.96%	1
1 to 5 years	0.00%	0
6 to 10 years	3.92%	2
11 to 20 years	11.76%	6
21 to 30 years	15.69%	8
30 years plus	66.67%	34
TOTAL		51

Q15 How often do you attend the Brave Men's Bible Study?

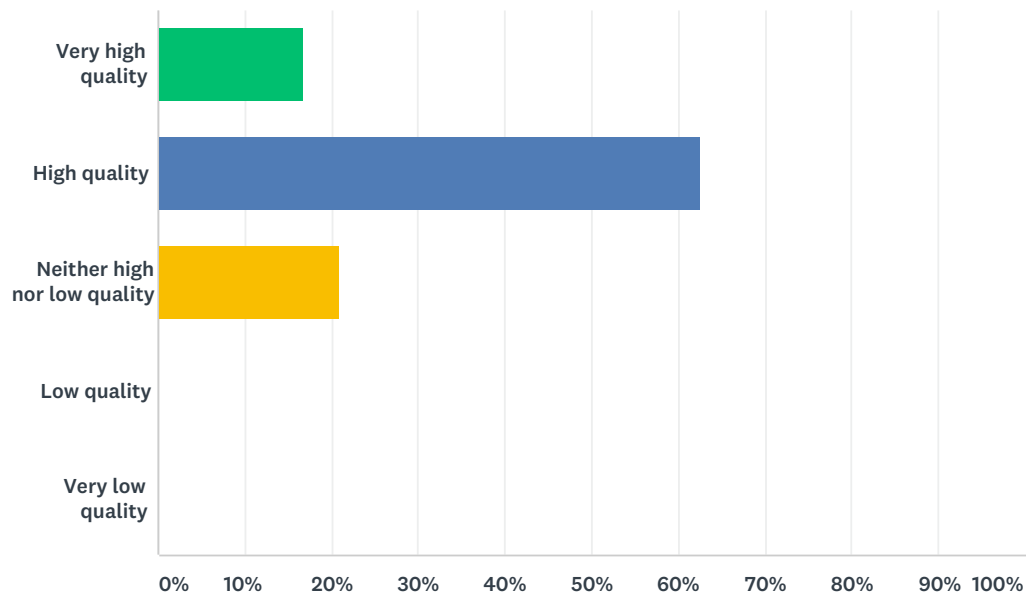
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every Week	26.92%	14
Usually every week, but as often as I can	44.23%	23
Once a month	5.77%	3
Every few months	7.69%	4
Couple of times per year	3.85%	2
I used to attend but I don't attend any more	9.62%	5
I don't live nearby so I only attend when I'm in town	1.92%	1
TOTAL		52

Q16 How would you rate the quality of our website, bravemen.org?

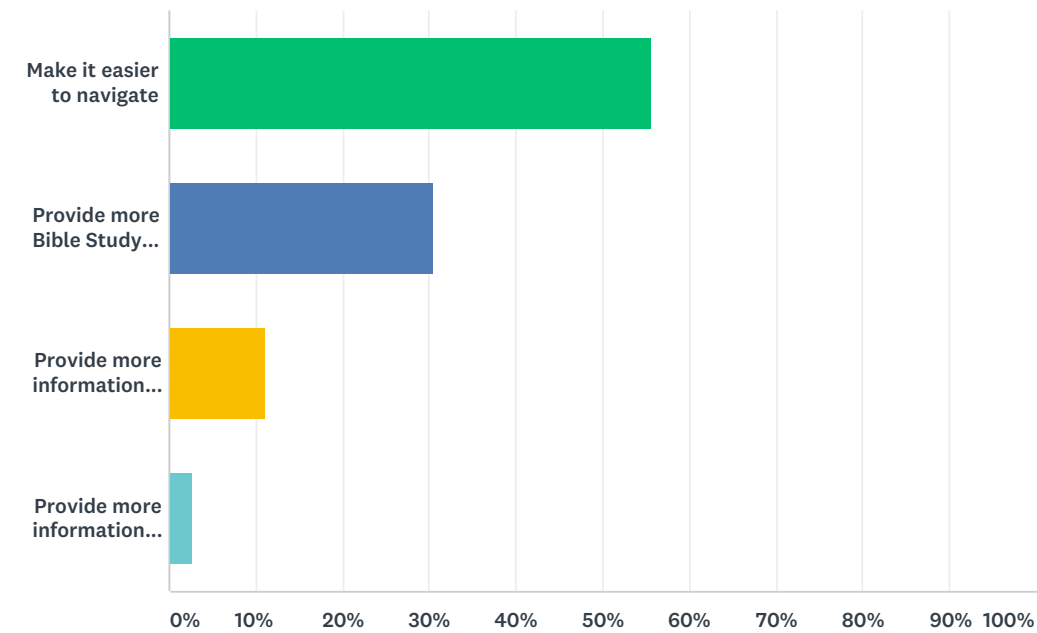
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very high quality	16.67%	8
High quality	62.50%	30
Neither high nor low quality	20.83%	10
Low quality	0.00%	0
Very low quality	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 48		

Q17 What would you suggest to improve the quality of our website?

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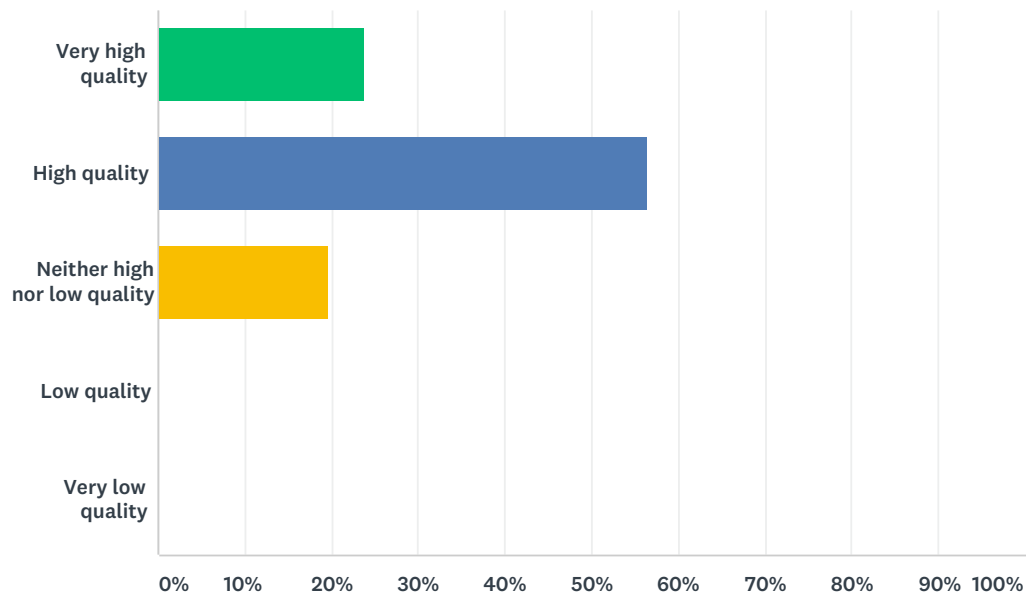


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Make it easier to navigate	55.56%	20
Provide more Bible Study Resources	30.56%	11
Provide more information about the individual Brave Men	11.11%	4
Provide more information about the prayer requests	2.78%	1
TOTAL		36



Q18 How would you rate the quality of our weekly email newsletter?

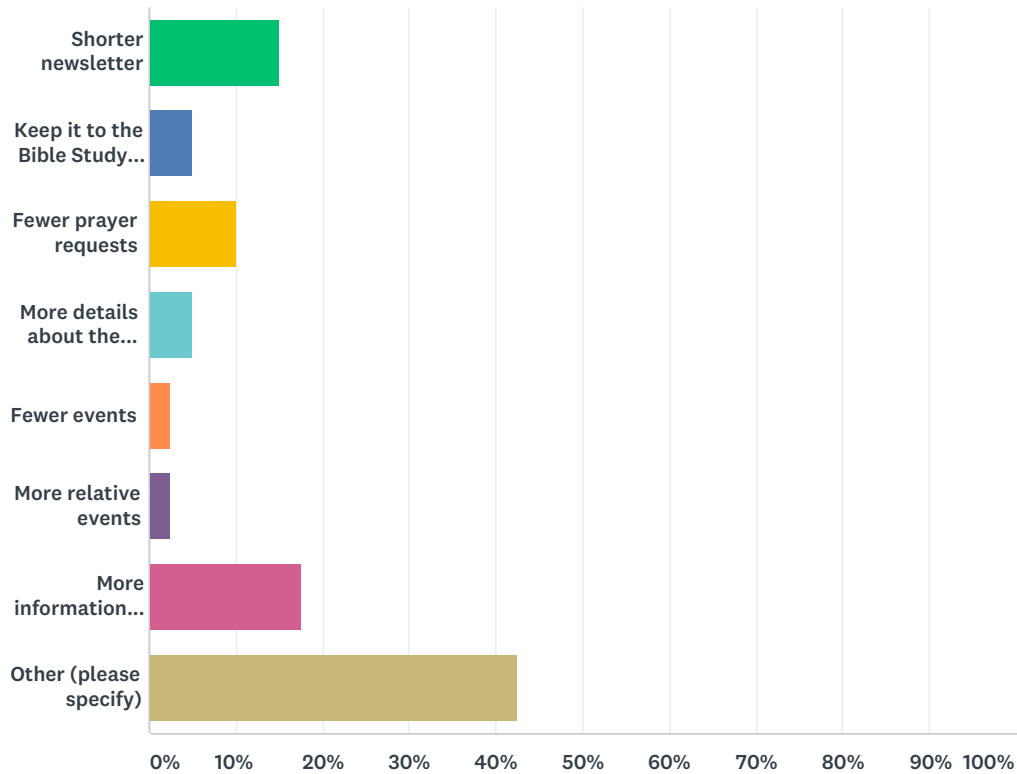
Answered: 46 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very high quality	23.91%	11
High quality	56.52%	26
Neither high nor low quality	19.57%	9
Low quality	0.00%	0
Very low quality	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 46		

Q19 What would you suggest to improve our weekly newsletter?

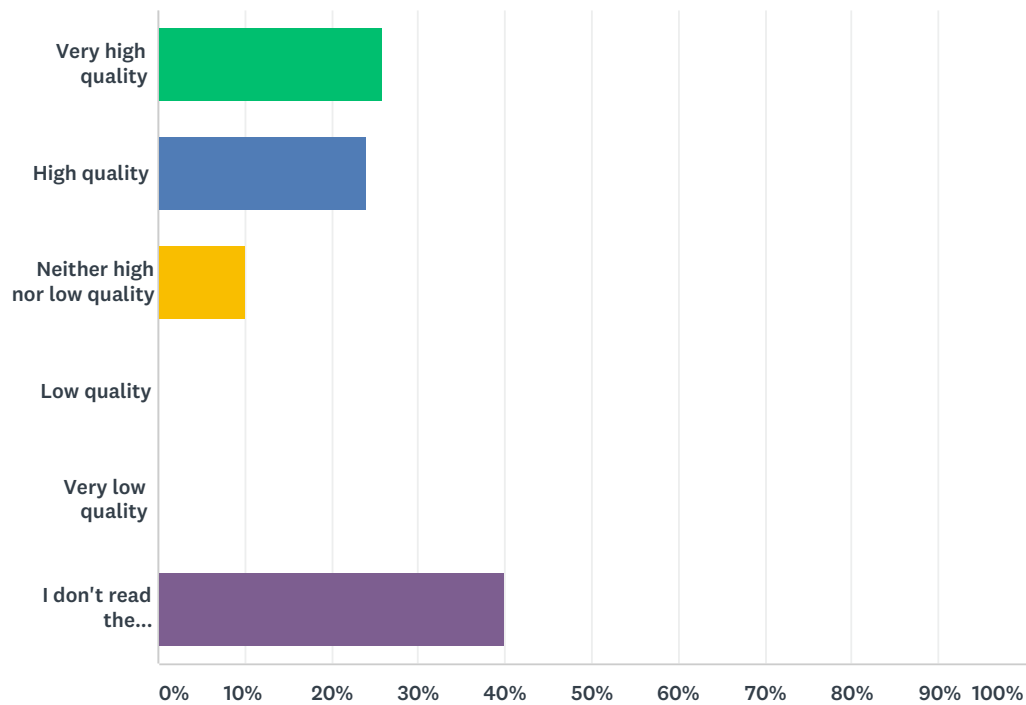
Answered: 40 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Shorter newsletter	15.00%	6
Keep it to the Bible Study material	5.00%	2
Fewer prayer requests	10.00%	4
More details about the prayer requests	5.00%	2
Fewer events	2.50%	1
More relative events	2.50%	1
More information about this week's Bible Study	17.50%	7
Other (please specify)	42.50%	17
TOTAL		40

Q20 How would you rate the quality of our weekly transcripts?

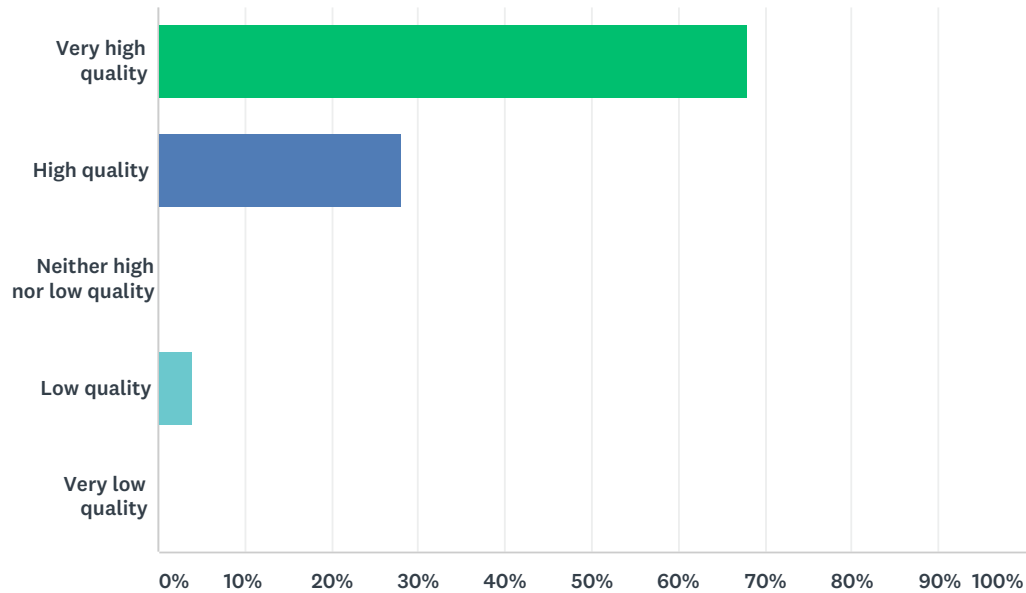
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very high quality	26.00%	13
High quality	24.00%	12
Neither high nor low quality	10.00%	5
Low quality	0.00%	0
Very low quality	0.00%	0
I don't read the transcripts.	40.00%	20
Total Respondents: 50		

Q21 How would you rate the quality of our host, Sig Tragard?

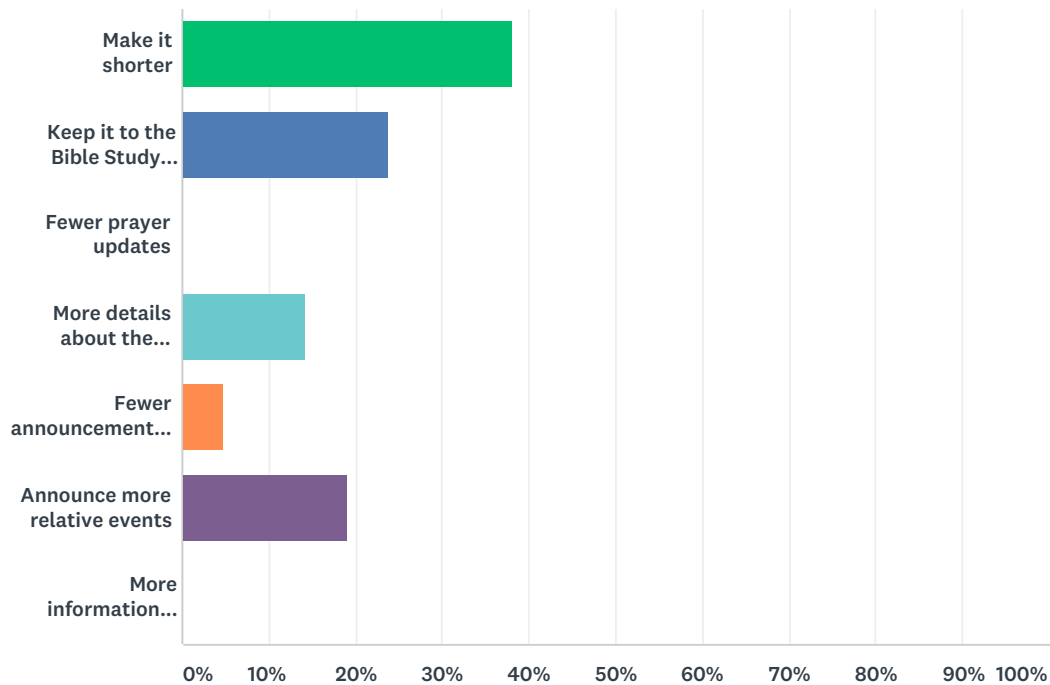
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very high quality	68.00%	34
High quality	28.00%	14
Neither high nor low quality	0.00%	0
Low quality	4.00%	2
Very low quality	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 50		

Q22 What would you suggest to improve the warmup prior to the Bible Study?

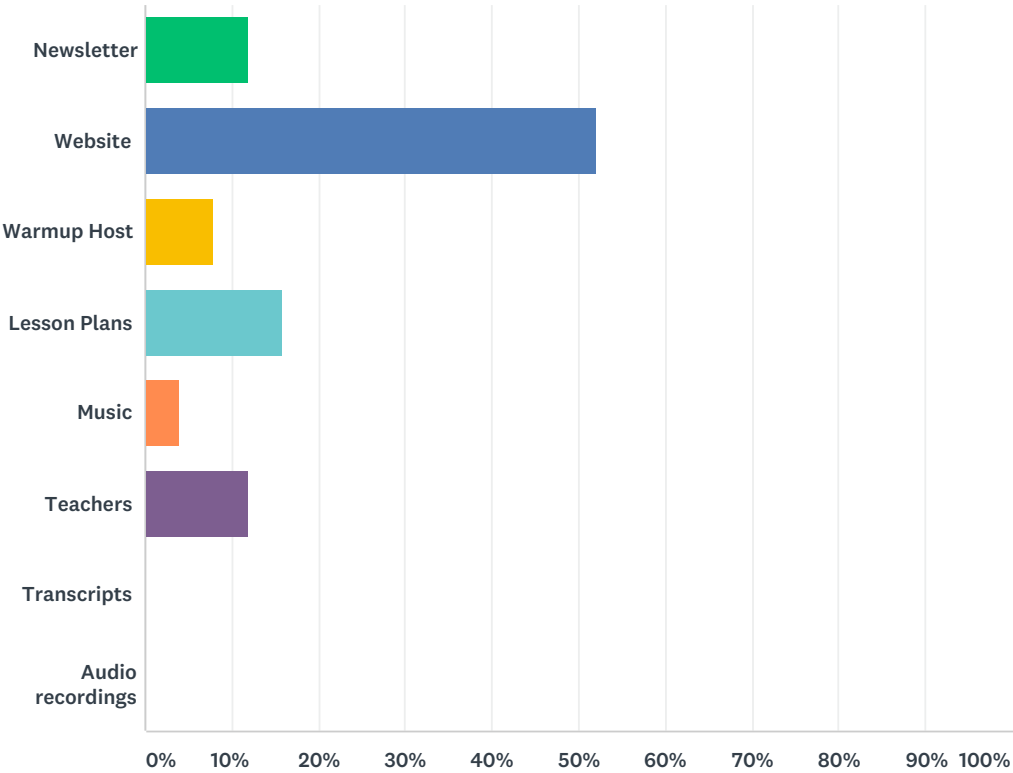
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Make it shorter	38.10%	8
Keep it to the Bible Study material	23.81%	5
Fewer prayer updates	0.00%	0
More details about the prayer requests	14.29%	3
Fewer announcements about events	4.76%	1
Announce more relative events	19.05%	4
More information about the men	0.00%	0
TOTAL		21

Q23 Of all the aspects of our weekly Bible Study what needs to be improved the most? Check all that apply.

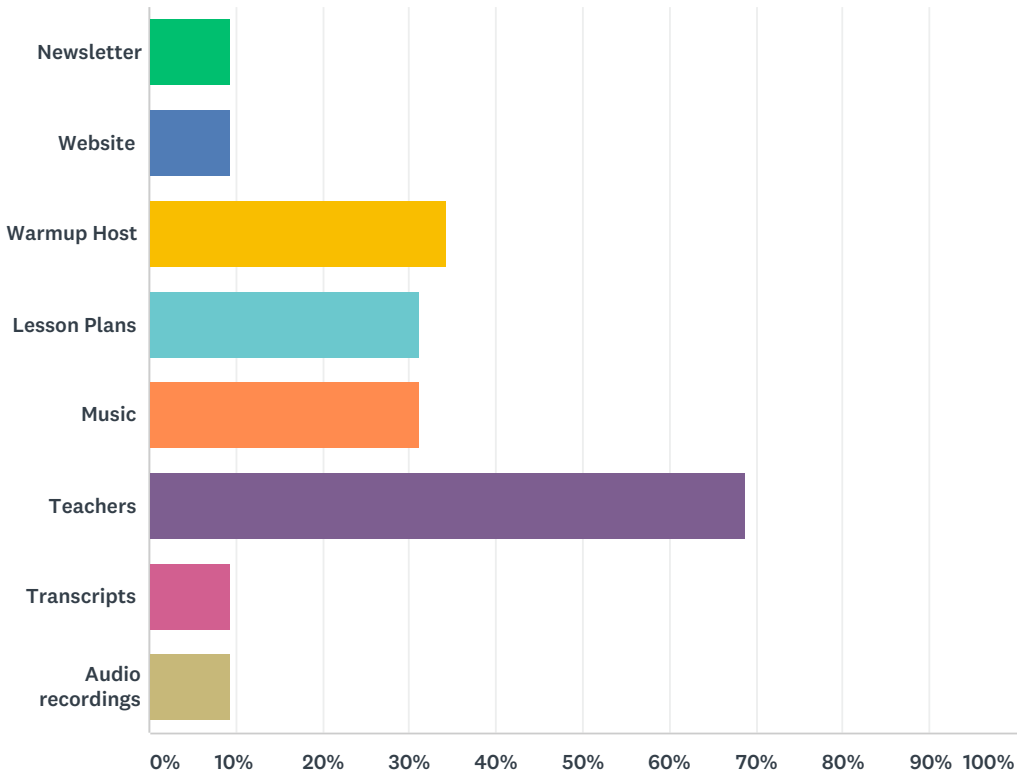
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Newsletter	12.00%	3
Website	52.00%	13
Warmup Host	8.00%	2
Lesson Plans	16.00%	4
Music	4.00%	1
Teachers	12.00%	3
Transcripts	0.00%	0
Audio recordings	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 25		

Q24 Of all the aspects of our weekly Bible Study what needs the least improvement? Check all that apply.

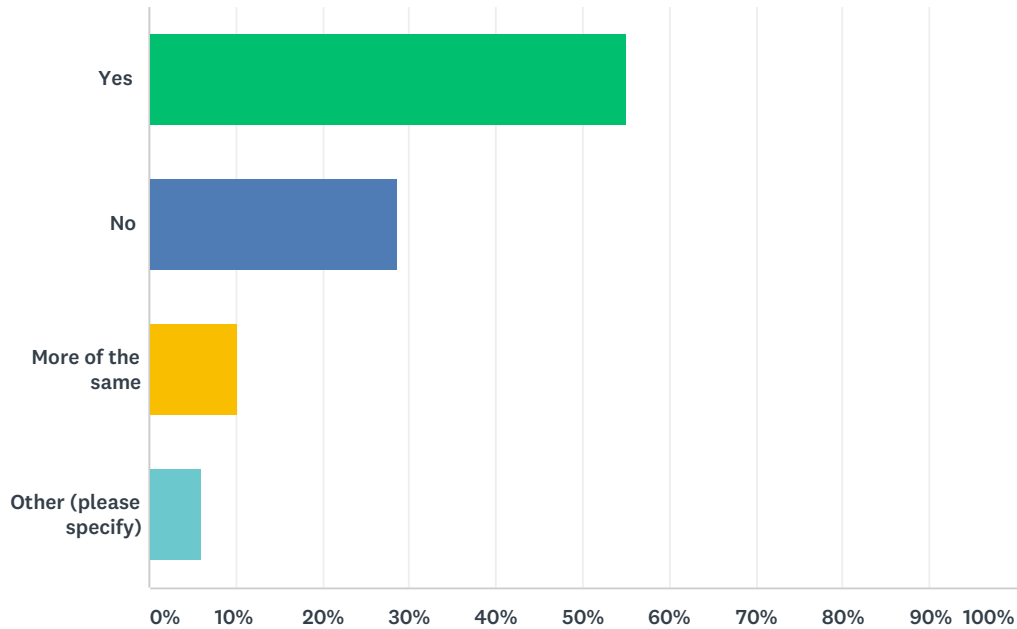
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Newsletter	9.38%	3
Website	9.38%	3
Warmup Host	34.38%	11
Lesson Plans	31.25%	10
Music	31.25%	10
Teachers	68.75%	22
Transcripts	9.38%	3
Audio recordings	9.38%	3
Total Respondents: 32		

Q25 Would you like to have new Bickelism cards in addition to the ones we have?

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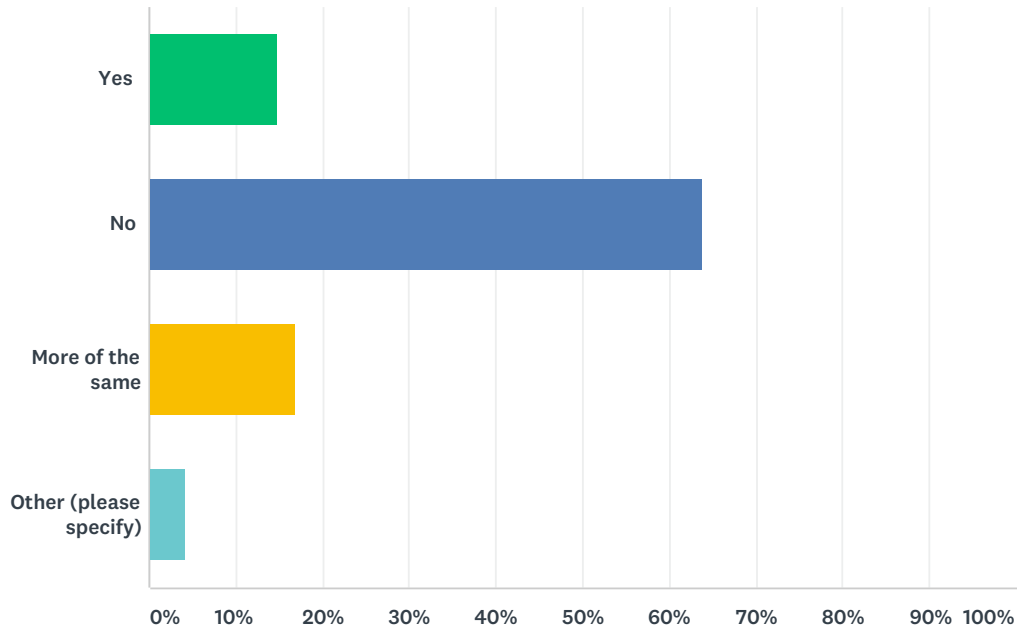


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.10%	27
No	28.57%	14
More of the same	10.20%	5
Other (please specify)	6.12%	3
TOTAL		49



Q26 Would you like to have new wristbands in addition to the ones we have?

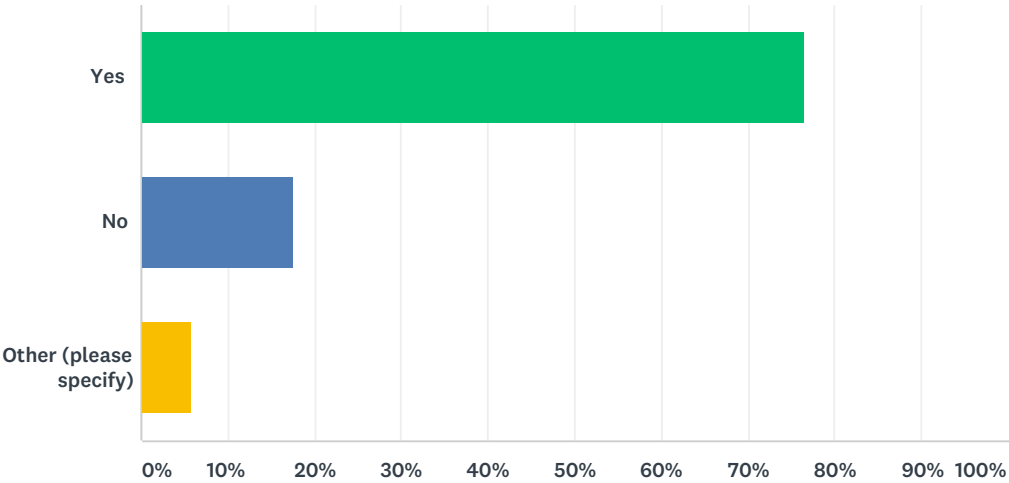
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		14.89%	7
No		63.83%	30
More of the same		17.02%	8
Other (please specify)		4.26%	2
TOTAL			47

Q27 Would you approve of a directory of the men's contact information on our website?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		76.47%	39
No		17.65%	9
Other (please specify)		5.88%	3
TOTAL			51

## Q28 What are your overall suggestions for the Brave Men's Bible Study?

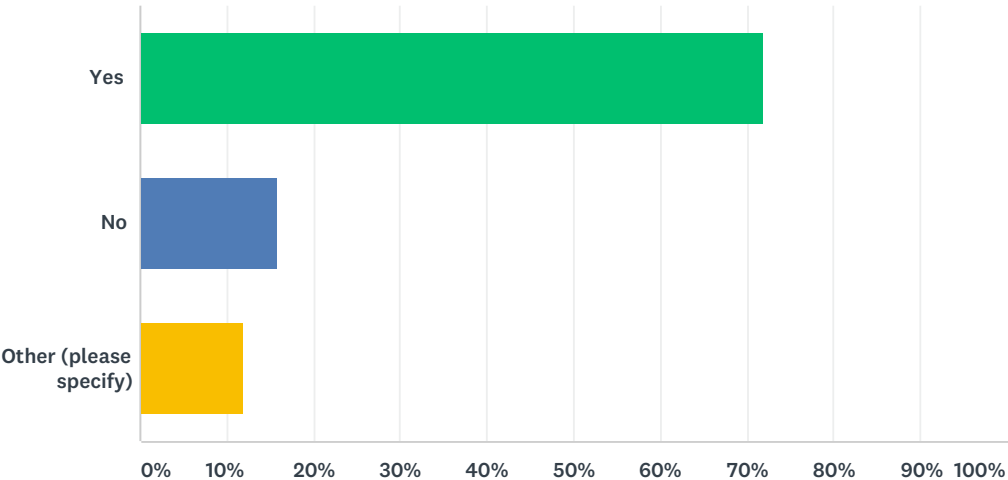
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thoroughly enjoy as is.	5/24/2018 4:29 PM
2	Maintain and distribute a current directory of attendees.	12/17/2017 9:30 PM
3	Keep Pastor Jeff on permanently.	12/14/2017 1:26 PM
4	Please add book and contact information along with pic of the Bravemen. Love Friday mornings. Huge blessing.	12/1/2017 10:18 PM
5	Gear toward evangelism.	12/1/2017 6:40 PM
6	I think it is one of the best, most unique Men's bible studies. Not much needs improvement. More men need to get out of bed and attend.	12/1/2017 7:34 AM
7	for others to answer	11/29/2017 12:06 PM
8	keep up the good work	11/29/2017 9:22 AM
9	Keep up the great work	11/28/2017 10:03 PM
10	I love it	11/28/2017 7:53 PM
11	Made during the survey	11/28/2017 5:35 PM
12	I'm Quite satisfied with the Brave Men Bible Study. It's a lot of work that hopefully is appreciated by all!!	11/28/2017 5:35 PM
13	None	11/28/2017 4:25 PM
14	none since I do not attend anymore. But I am answering from when i did	11/28/2017 3:03 PM
15	Love it. Solid teaching	11/28/2017 2:50 PM
16	Keep up the good work.	11/28/2017 2:46 PM
17	Don't stop, "Press On" toward the goal.	11/28/2017 2:34 PM
18	None	11/28/2017 2:21 PM
19	Attendees keep spreading the word about how great of a place the barn is on Friday mornings. Keep reminding men to attend outside events and report back on that the events meant to attend. Keeping the description brief to create interest.	11/28/2017 1:36 PM
20	Keep up the good work!	11/28/2017 11:06 AM
21	None	11/28/2017 11:03 AM
22	an ebo campaign- each existing member bring a new potential member,	11/28/2017 10:05 AM
23	keep it going please. If you expand it, then pastors will be less likely to attend because if I understand correctly they use it to get fed. If it becomes too broad, then the fellowship for them becomes awkward.	11/28/2017 9:40 AM
24	?	11/28/2017 9:30 AM
25	Best I have ever seen.	11/28/2017 8:37 AM
26	N/a	11/28/2017 8:06 AM
27	If Bruce cannot return, by all means ask Jeff to take over if he can do it. He is a fine teacher. We are fortunate to have him.	11/28/2017 8:03 AM
28	Keep the message simple. Make it relative. Be positive - uplifting Inspire	11/28/2017 7:52 AM
29	Great meeting. I'm happy to be a part of the group.	11/28/2017 7:27 AM
30	Keep the charm it has! Great blessing to many	11/28/2017 7:05 AM

31	Love Bruce Bickel and his teaching and really miss him	11/28/2017 6:53 AM
32	Excellent	11/28/2017 6:00 AM
33	I never gave it much thought	11/28/2017 4:51 AM
34	Keep it interesting and relative to daily living	11/28/2017 3:00 AM
35	None	11/28/2017 2:49 AM

Q29 Would you approve of our weekly Bible Study being on our Facebook page as a "live stream" for those who couldn't attend or are out of town to view?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		72.00%	36
No		16.00%	8
Other (please specify)		12.00%	6
TOTAL			50