

LIVING IN A DIGITAL BABYLON

**HOW TO UNDERSTAND, ENGAGE +
REDEEM CULTURE**

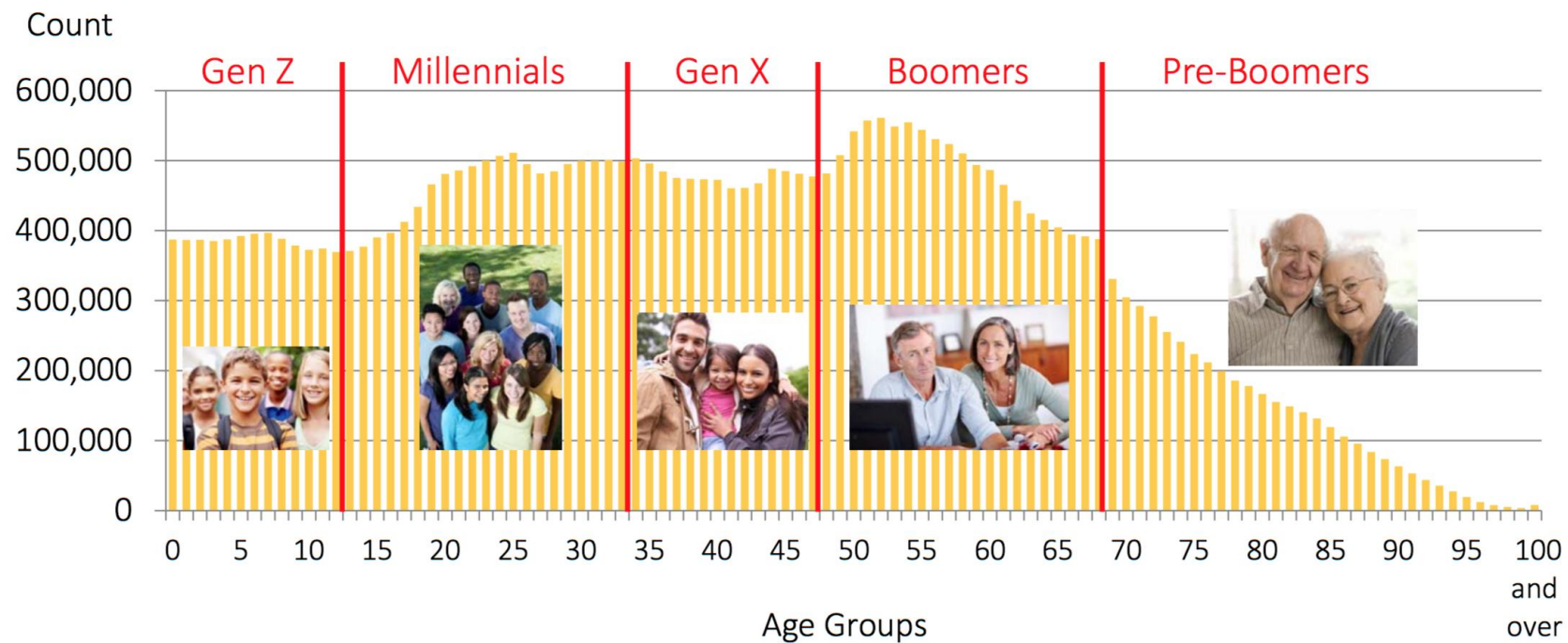


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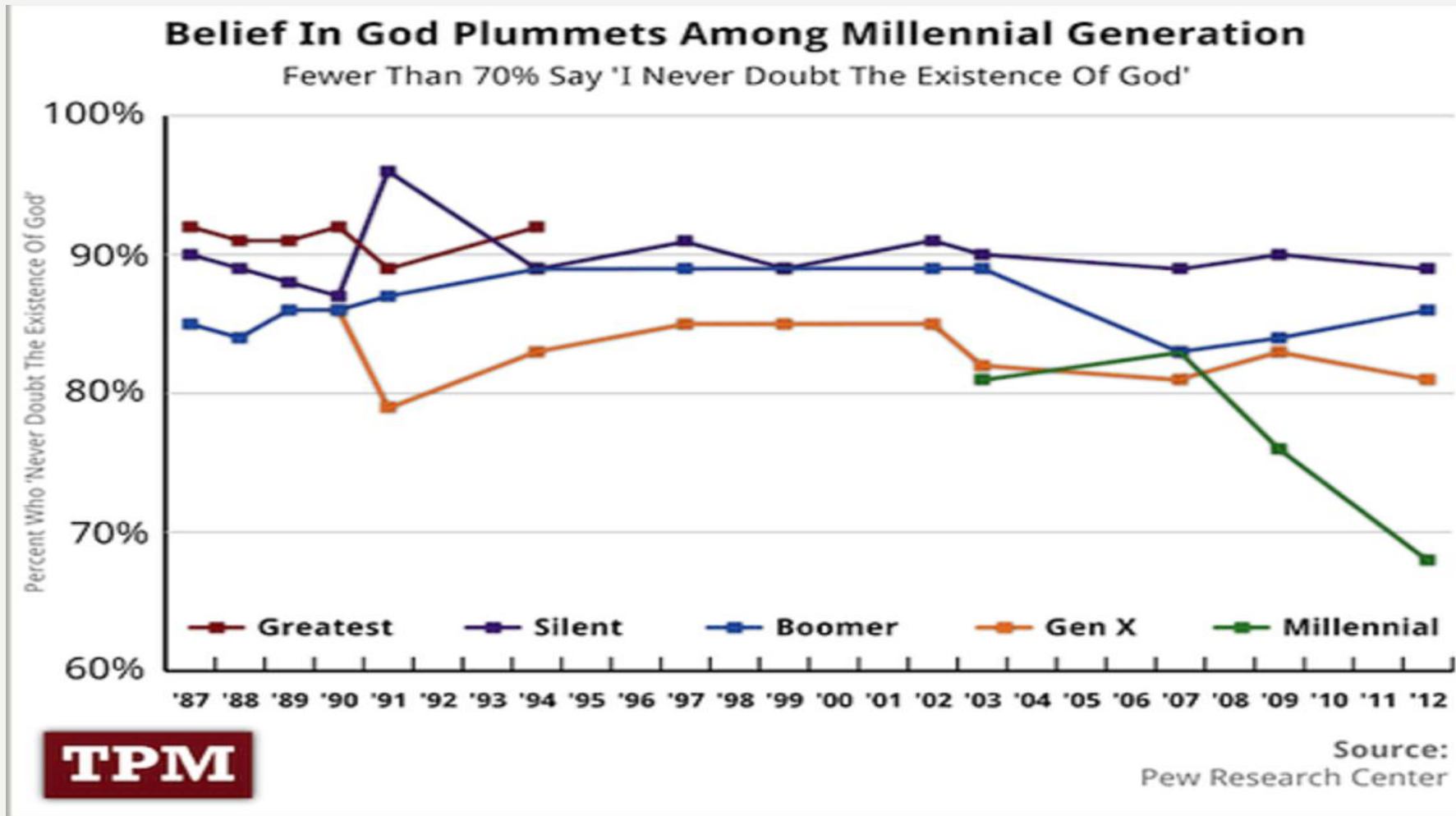
- Culture doesn't engage in Church because...
 - We appear to be judgemental
 - We appear to be hypocritical
 - We appear to be old fashion

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Population by Age, Canada, 2015



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- 2-3% of the Next Generation of Canadians go to Church
- 70% consider themselves spiritual
- Foreign land
- Spiritual land
- Far from God land

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- We can experience a move of God in our day if we are willing to move by
 - Understanding culture
 - Engaging culture
 - Redeeming culture

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Luke 9:20-27 (ESV)

²⁰ Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

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- Denying ourselves (v. 23)
 - You and I don't live for culture, we live for Christ
 - Culture says, "be happy." Christ says, "bring honor to me"
 - Culture says, "find yourself." Christ says "loose yourself for my sake"
 - Culture says, "be rich". Christ says "submit to me to be rich"
 - Example

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- 94% are online every day,
- 91% have a mobile phone + text every day,
- 74% use apps or online gaming for a daily activity
- Infobesity

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- Carry Up Your Cross, Everyday (v. 23)
 - Culture says, “live for yourself”. Jesus says, “live for me”
 - Jesus isn’t about Him following your purposes in life. Jesus wants you to follow HIS purpose for your life, everyday
 - Taylor Swift
 - Weekend
 - Rap

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- Purpose is to know God and to make Him known
- Opportunity

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- Are you willing to let go of your preferences for people to come to Christ?
 - Traditionalists – loyal, hardworking, influenced by war,
 - Baby Boomers – success driven, American dream, influenced by divorce
 - Generation X – family-focused, purpose-based, skeptical of institutions
 - Millennials – blended-families, entrepreneurial, digital
 - Gen Z/iGEN – digital networks/family

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- Follow Christ (v. 23)
 - Being Jesus in our culture is counter-cultural
 - Being Spirit-Led
 - Salt + Light in our world
 - Mentor – intentionally investing in the next generation

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Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^{[a](#)} they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

HOW TO REDEEM THE NEXT GENERATION?

BE A CHRIST LIKE EXAMPLE

CREATE SPACES + PLACES

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE + LEAD

INTENTIONAL MENTORING

DON'T LIGHTEN UP