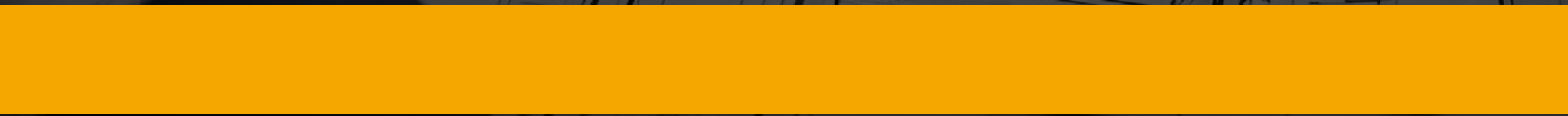




# Pillars of Discipleship





A high-angle, close-up photograph of architectural blueprints spread out on a dark surface. A silver fountain pen with a blue barrel lies diagonally across the left side of the frame. The blueprints show detailed line drawings of building structures, including walls, windows, and doorways. In the upper right corner, a small, solid yellow horizontal bar is visible. The overall lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a professional and focused atmosphere.

**Acts 2:42**

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# Disciple Defined

**Disciple** – *“A born-again believer who desires to learn what the Bible teaches, seeks to obey God’s instruction, is committed to following Christ’s example, and teaches the truths of Scripture to others.”* – Andy Burggraff (18)

# **Discipleship Defined**

**Discipleship** - The life-long process of becoming conformed to the image of Christ. Discipleship occurs as one learns the teachings of Scripture, conforms their beliefs to what God says, and lives out what God commands in their daily life.

# Setting the Timeline

- **Day 0** - Jesus' Death
  - On Passover
- **Days 3-43** – Resurrection & Appearances (Acts 1:3)
  - Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20)
  - Jesus' Final Instruction (Acts 1:4-5)
  - Jesus' Ascension (Acts 1:9-11)
- **Day 50** - Pentecost (2:1)

# Setting the Scene

- Coming of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-13)
  - Speaking in Tongues (2:4, 6)
  - Amazement and Confusion (2:11-12)
- Peter's Sermon (Acts 2:14-40)
  - Peter's Explanation (Acts 2:16-21)
  - Peter's Evangelism (Acts 2:22-36)
- 3,000 Saved (Acts 2:37-41)

# Setting the Scene

Matthew 28:19-20 - **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to observe all that I commanded you

- **Go** – Preached in Jerusalem
- **Baptizing** - Acts 2:41 - So then, those who had received his word were **baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

# Pillar 1 - Teaching

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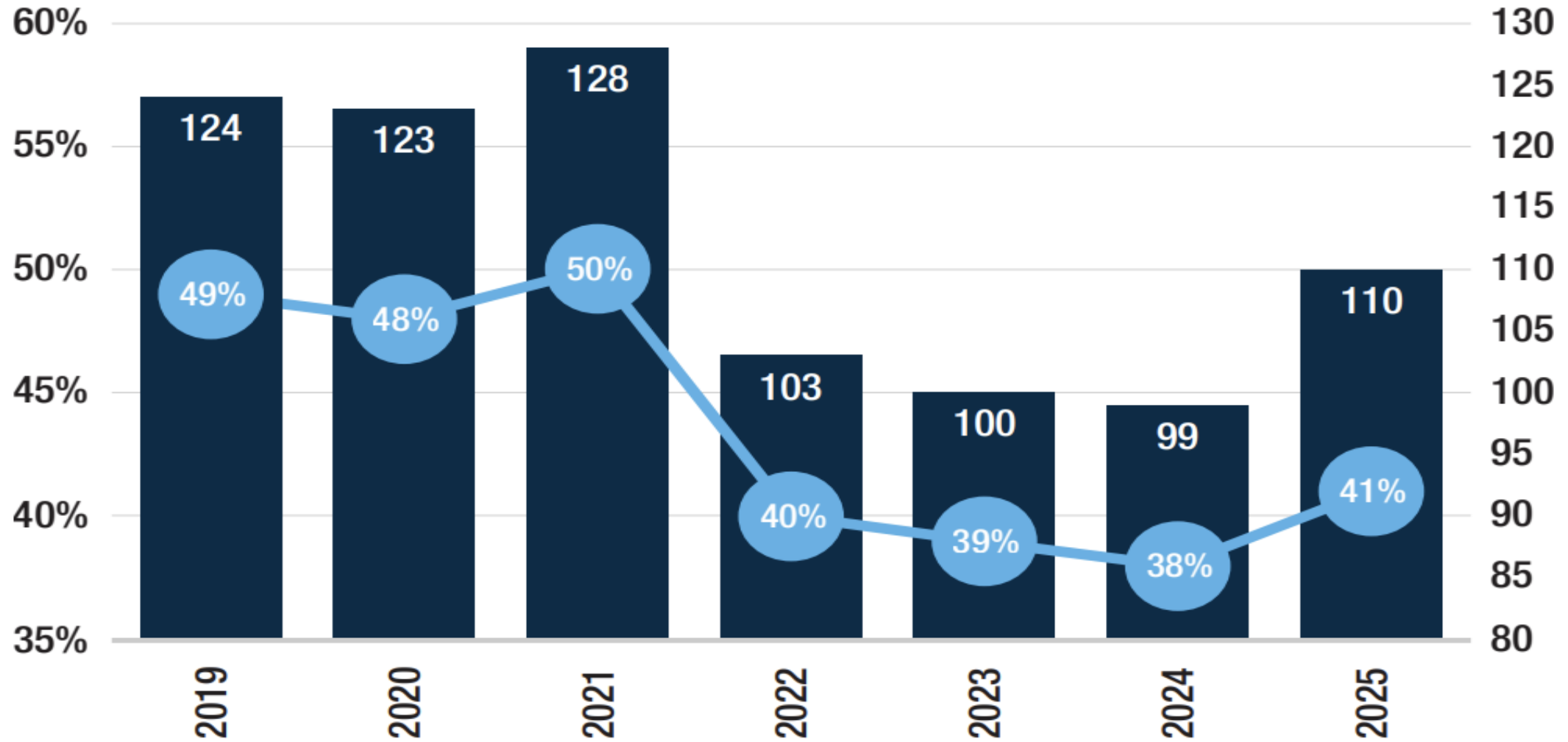


# State of the Bible

USA 2025

# Adult Bible Users, 2019–2025

■ Millions    ● Percentage



# 2025 State of Theology

- 64% – “Everyone is born innocent in the eyes of God.”
- 53% - “Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature.”
- 53% - The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.
- 47% - God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

# 2 Timothy 3:14-16 Background

- Year: 67 AD
- Setting:
  - Paul's Imprisonment
  - Timothy's Ministry

# 2 Timothy 3:14-16 Background

- 3:1-7 – Characteristics of Decay
  - Lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, etc.
- 3:10-11 – “You Followed Me”
  - Teaching, conduct, purpose, faith...

**2 Tim 3:14-15** - You, however, continue in the **things you have learned** and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that **from childhood** you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that **leads to salvation through faith** which is in Christ Jesus.

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# Scripture - Inspired

16 - All **Scripture** is inspired by God...

- Graphe – “Writings”
- The Old Testament in View

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- “God-Breathed”

# Scripture - Inspired

“It does not merely contain the Word of God, or become the Word of God under certain conditions. It is God’s Word, the expression of His Person (heart, mind, will, etc.). Therefore it has divine authority.” –  
Dr. Thomas Constable

**2 Peter 1:20-21** - But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter of one's own interpretation*, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men **moved by the Holy Spirit** spoke from God.

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**Acts 17:11** - Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **examining the Scriptures** daily *to see* whether these things were so.

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**2 Tim. 4:2** - Preach the **word**; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

# Scripture - Inspired

**2 Peter 3:15-16** - ...and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother **Paul**, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things **hard to understand**, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the **rest of the Scriptures**, to their own destruction.

# Scripture - Profitable

2 Tim 3:16b - All Scripture is inspired by God and **profitable**

- for teaching,
- for reproof,
- for correction,
- for training in righteousness;

# Scripture - Profitable

2 Tim 3:17 - **So that** the man of God may be **adequate, equipped** for every good work.

- “The ultimate purpose is the equipping of the believers who read it. It is the Word of God that equips God’s people to do the work of God.” - Wiersbe

# Scripture - Profitable

**Acts 20:26-27** - “Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.  
“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

**2 Tim 4:1-5** - I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **preach the word**; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their **ears tickled**, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, **be sober** in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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