



Freely & Lightly “Burnt Out on Religion”

- We are drawn to environments of acceptance.
- We have made the church more interesting than ever, and yet fewer people are interested.

Barna Group states, “40% of people that have no religious affiliation or faith said they could use counseling and support from the church during Covid-19”. Additionally, their findings tell us that “3% of non-Christians have participated in any faith practices during Covid-19 (prayer, live-streamed a service or attended in person.)”

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” **Matthew 11:28-30 NIV**

28-30 “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me— watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” **Matthew 11:28-30**
~The Message

- **People are drawn to environments of acceptance.**
- **People are drawn to people of acceptance.**