

## Did You Know

1. Men under age 30 comprise most of the country's unchurched population.
2. The least churched regions of the country are Northeast and West Coast.
3. There are 94 million men in America. 26 million claim to be Christians; 68 million do not.
4. 75% of men do not attend church regularly.
5. 85% of men attended church in the past.
6. 75% of the men in America claim to pray.
7. 80% of the men in America own a bible.
8. Church attendance among men: 1992 .43%
9. Church attendance among men: 1993 .37%
10. Church attendance among men: 1994 .35%
11. Church attendance among men: 1995 .36%
12. Church attendance among men: 1996 .28%
13. 37.6 million American men have not attended church in the last 6 months.
14. Men are 67% as likely as women to be unchurched.
15. In the last 18 months, the percentage of unchurched men has gone from 33% to 40%
16. When a child is the first person in the family to come to the faith, the rest the family will follow 17% of the time.
17. When a mother/woman is the first person in the family to come to faith, the rest of the family will follow 31% of the time.
18. When a man/father is the first person in the family to come to faith, the rest of the family will follow 93% of the time.
19. 85% of lay ministry is done by women
20. 80% of prayer group members are women.
21. 75% of Bible study leaders are women.
22. 60% of youth leaders are women.
23. In African American churches, women comprise between 75% and 90% of the congregation.
24. The departure of boys from Sunday School after age 12 is between 60% and 80%.

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