

SOLO PLANET

draws on conversations with 345 people from 44 countries and six continents.

11 cities in Europe

3 cities in the Middle East

9 cities in Asia

14 cities or towns in Africa

11 cities in Latin America

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set out on her research expecting to learn that Christians in other cultures handle singleness better than Americans do. To her surprise, she found otherwise. While cultural forms vary, the worldwide church struggles to integrate singles well.

10 cities in North America

2 cities in Australia

The number of singles who never attend church increased almost

50%

from 2018 to 2022

2022 American Religious Benchmark Survey



A higher share of **Christians live in single-parent households**

than any other religion.

Women often head those households.



The global church has at least

85 million

more women than men among adults 30 or older



In the U.S. church, women outnumber men by **25 million**

WHAT ARE SINGLES ASKING?

Does my goal in life need to be marriage and children?

Am I going to die alone?

Is the church for me?

How can I connect with friends in a different life stage than me?

Why do people think there is something wrong with me because I'm [still] single?

Can Christian singles thrive when the partners we've lost can't return, our sexual desires cannot change, and God seems unwilling to provide the companionship for which we deeply long?

Does Jesus offer a full life to people like us, too?

Is the God of those who didn't choose our singleness, widowhood, divorce, or sexual identity still good? Or is a full life only guaranteed for married, straight, and nondisabled people?

