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# 2012 JV Summer Camp Survey Results

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- **Survey process**
  - Typically conducted on last day of camp
  - Data entered by intern, camp leader, student
  - Spreadsheet shared with church leader
  - Surveys returned to church leader to evaluate qualitative data/follow-up
- **Responses**
  - 62 camps conducted the survey (3 more than 2011)
  - 2,093 surveys collected (believers and unbelievers)



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# Camp Demographics

- Determined unbelievers based on their answer to the following question:

**Have you made a decision to put your faith in Jesus Christ and become a follower of Jesus Christ?**

1. No
  2. No, but I am interested in talking with someone about this
  3. Yes, at camp
  4. Yes, before camp
- If they answered #4 they were a believer, all others were unbelievers



# Camp Demographics - Unbeliever

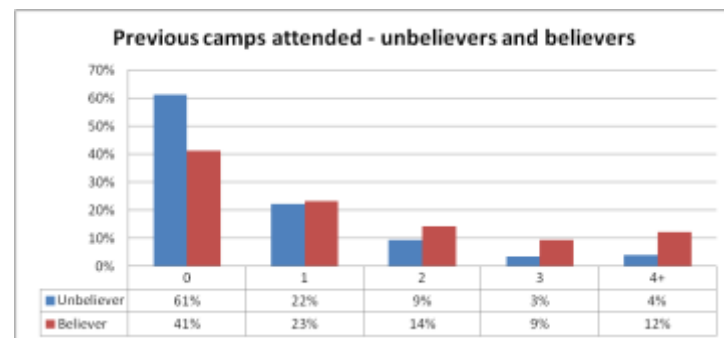
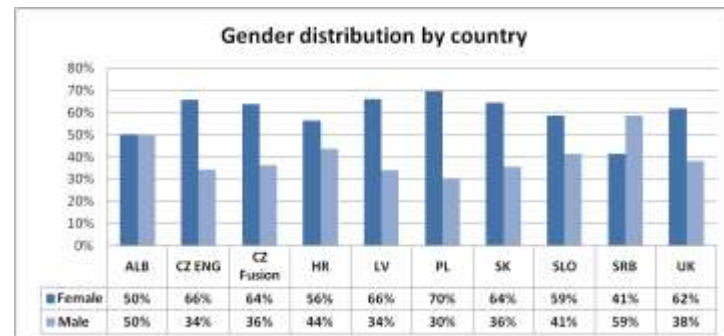
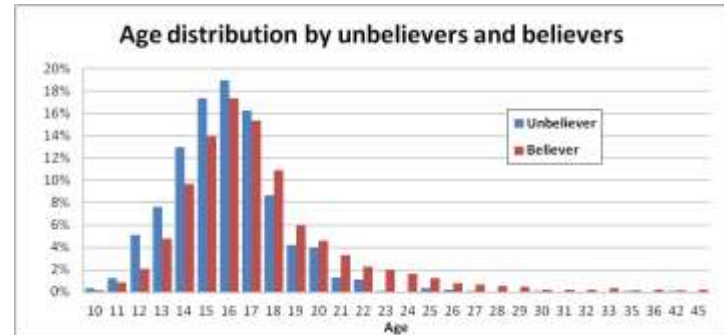
- 49% of responders were from unbelievers
  - Possible that some believers answered “Yes, at camp”, but percentage is similar to camp stats

Decision	#	%	% Unbelievers
No	246	11.8%	<b>23.9%</b>
No, but I want to talk to someone about this	259	12.4%	<b>25.1%</b>
Yes, at camp	526	25.1%	<b>51.0%</b>
Yes, before camp	940	44.9%	
No Answer	122	5.8%	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	



# Camp Demographics

- Age
  - Average age at camp was 16.6 years old
  - 15.9 for Unbelievers, 17.4 for Believers
- Gender
  - 64% were female (same as 2011 survey)
- Previous Camps
  - 61% of unbelievers were attending their first camp (Up from 47% in 2011 survey)
  - Over 40% of believers were at their first camp (Up from 30% in 2011 survey)





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# Questions on relationships and Bible

**Students rated from disagree to agree based on views before and after camp**

1: "Strongly disagree", 2: "Disagree", 3: "Neutral", 4: "Agree", 5: "Strongly agree"

1. I have an interest in a deeper relationship with Christians in my city.
2. I have an interest in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. I believe Jesus Christ wants a relationship with me.
4. The Bible is relevant to my life.
5. I believe that the Bible is trustworthy.
6. I have a desire to read and learn more about the Bible.



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# Questions on God, sin, and Jesus Christ

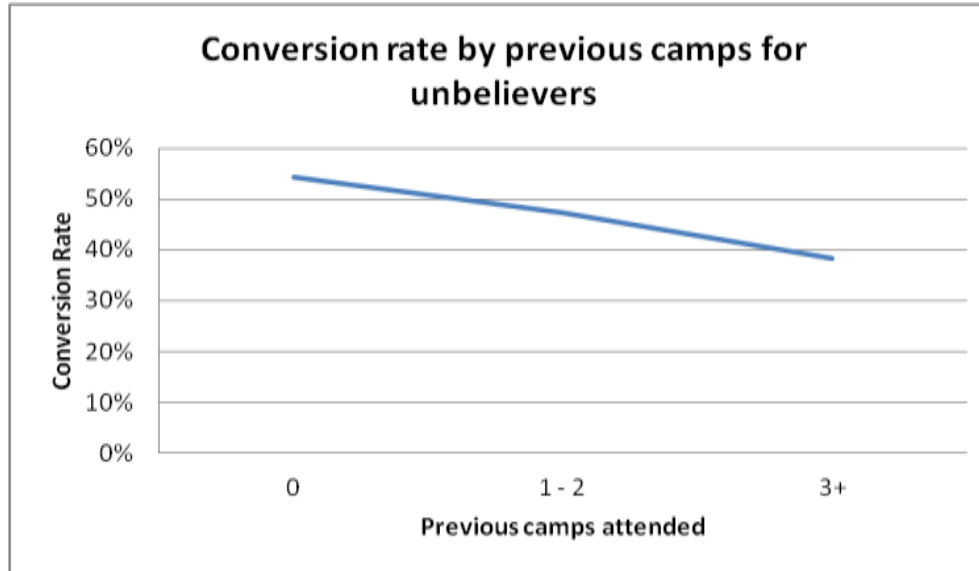
**Students answered Agree, Disagree, or Unsure based on their views before and after camp**

1. God exists
2. I have sin in my life
3. My sin separates me from God
4. Jesus Christ is the only solution to my sin and separation from God
5. Jesus Christ died for my sins
6. I care about my relationship with God
7. I have taken a step closer to a relationship with God this week



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# Impact of previous camps on camp impact

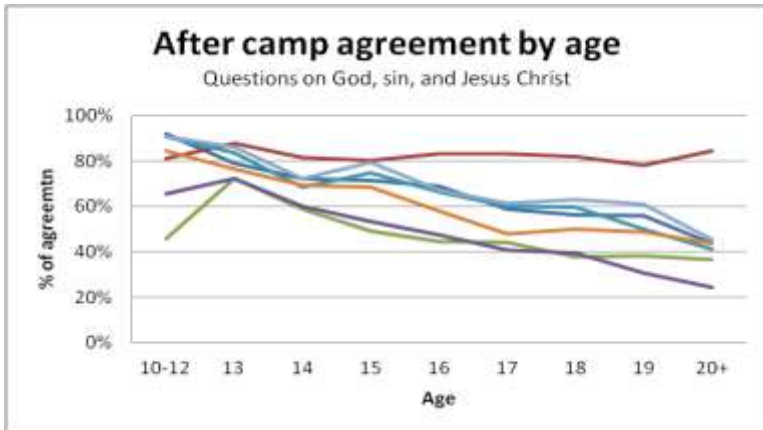
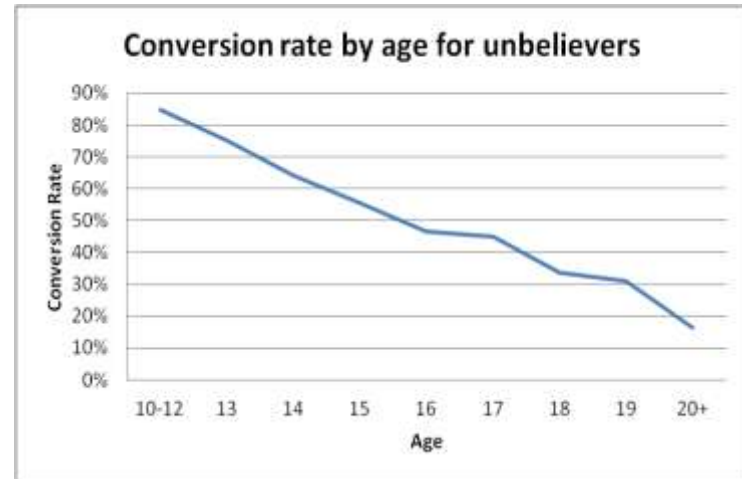
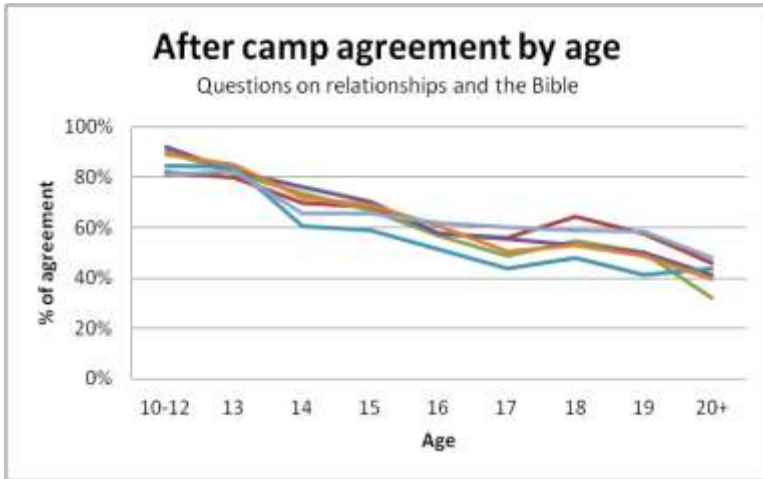






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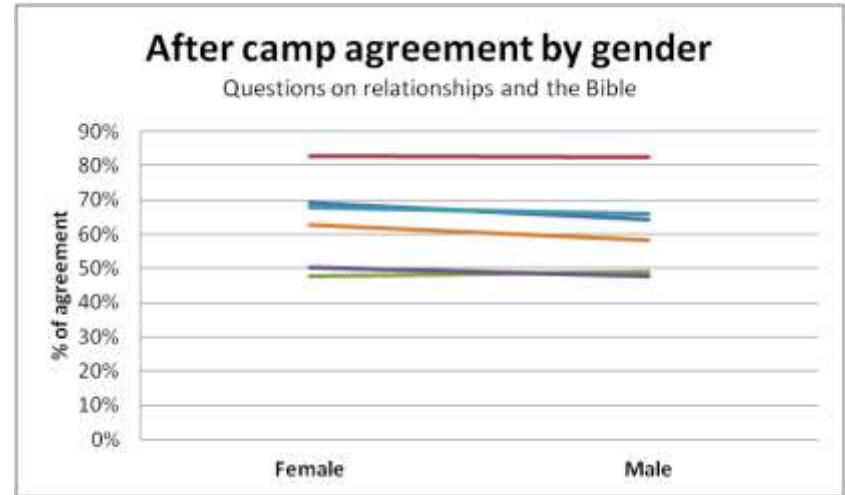
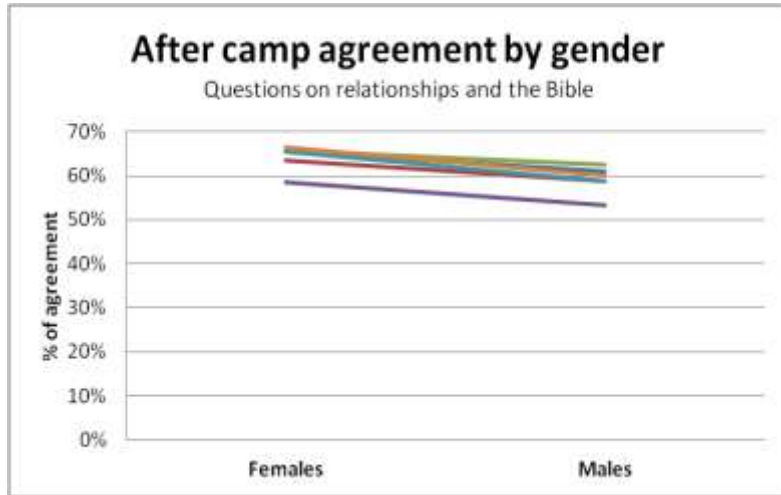
# Impact of age on camp impact





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# Impact of gender on camp impact

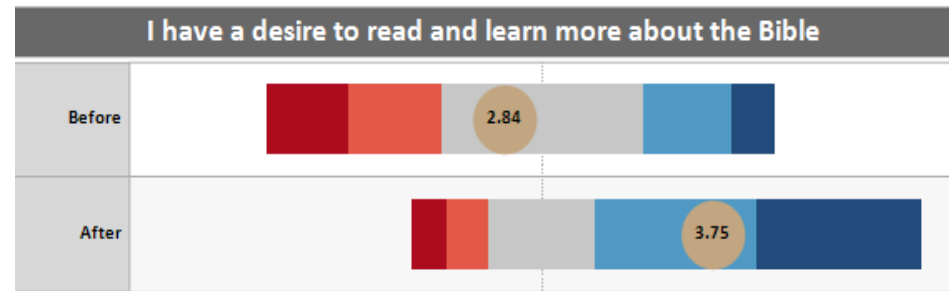




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# Interest in relationships and the Bible

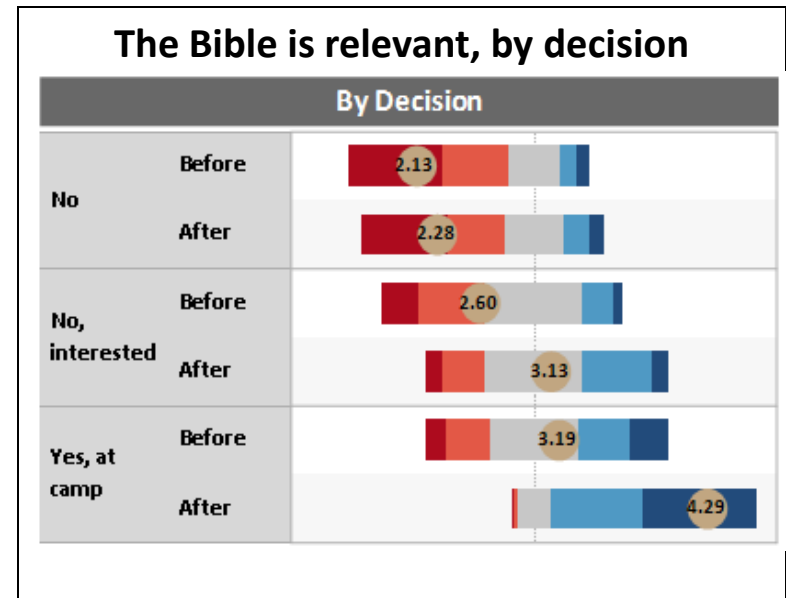
- Largest change was in desire to read and learn more about the Bible
- 87.5% of all students who put their faith in Jesus Christ agreed after camp
- Similar impact across previous camp groups
  - Possibly due to Prodigal son focus?





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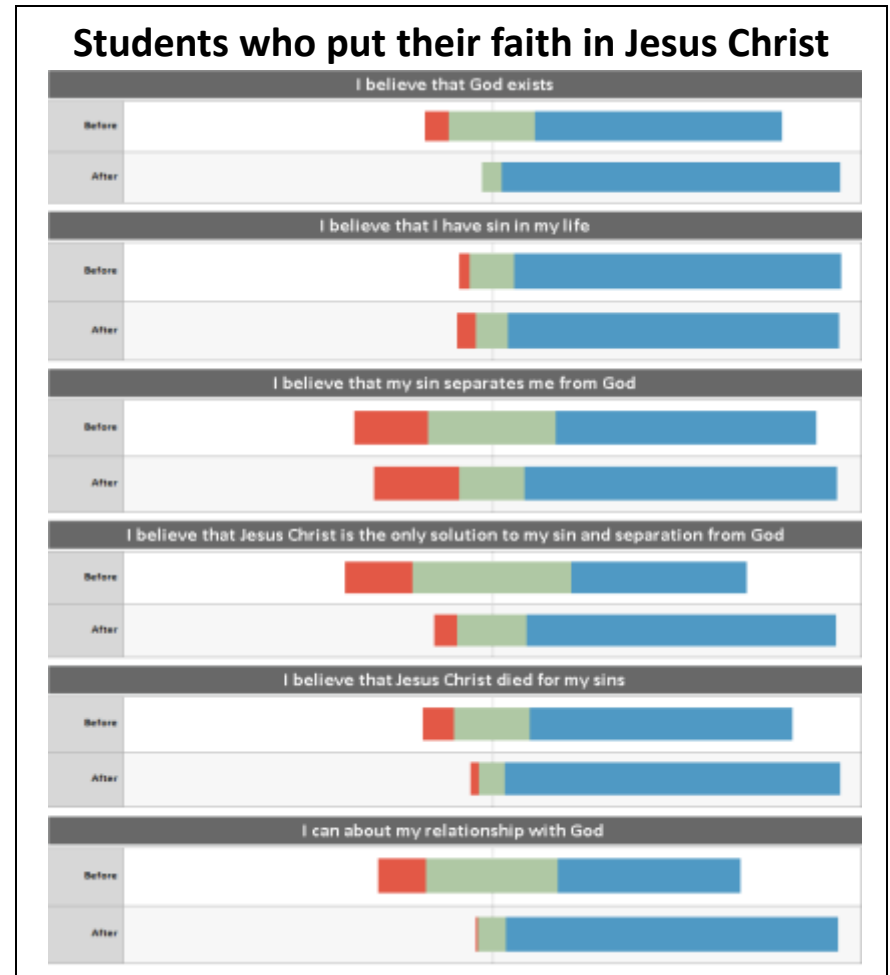
- **Highest level of agreement before camp was on Bible's trustworthiness**
  - 41% agreed, 22% disagreed
- **Biggest disagreement was on Bible's relevance to their lives**
  - Before camp - 39% disagreed, 35% neutral
- **Relevance was the smallest movement for those who did not put their faith in Jesus Christ**
  - Largest shift for them - interest in relationship with Christians and desire to read the Bible
- **Those interested in talking – Relevance was highest disagreement/neutral**





# Views on God, sin, and Jesus Christ

- **Biggest shift occurred in Jesus as the only solution to their sin, and whether they care about relationship with God**
- **Actually increase in disagreement in whether they have sin and whether it separates them from God**
  - Wrestling with the impact of their new relationship with Jesus Christ
  - Importance of taking this group through Thrive study





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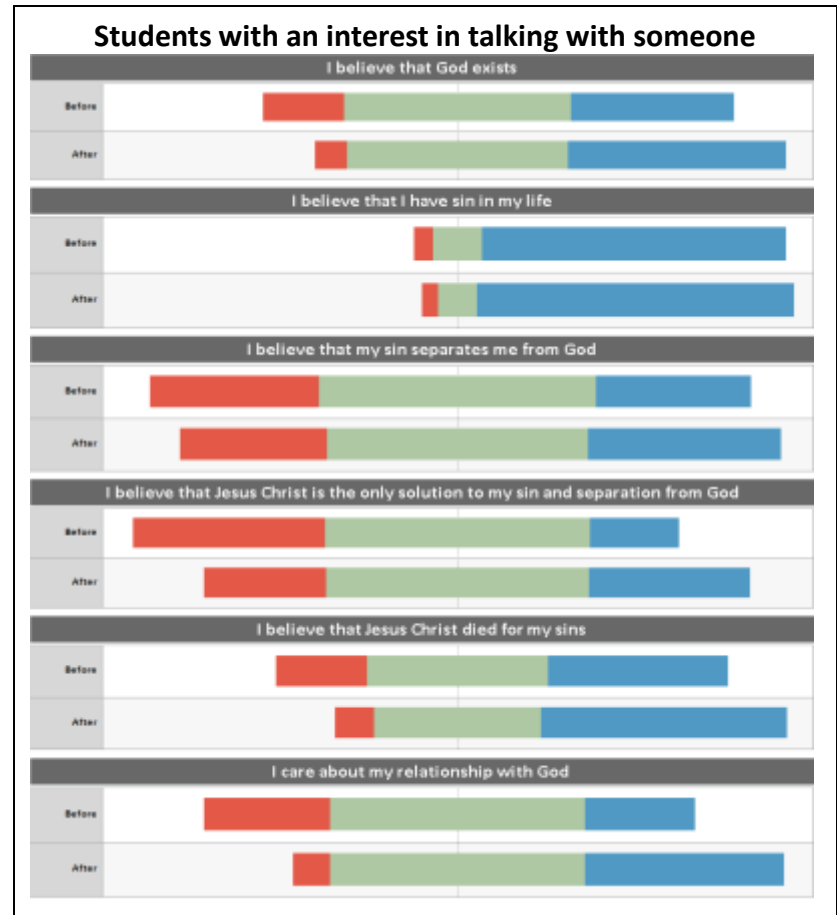
- High agreement on whether they have sin in their lives
- Highest disagreement on the impact of their sin and whether Jesus is the only solution
- Very small movement in their views in these areas
- Biggest change/movement connected to existence of God





# Views on God, sin, and Jesus Christ

- Much higher level of uncertainty in all questions compared to other group
- Disagree/unsure about the impact sin has on relationship with God and whether Jesus is the only solution
  - High uncertainty on existence of God



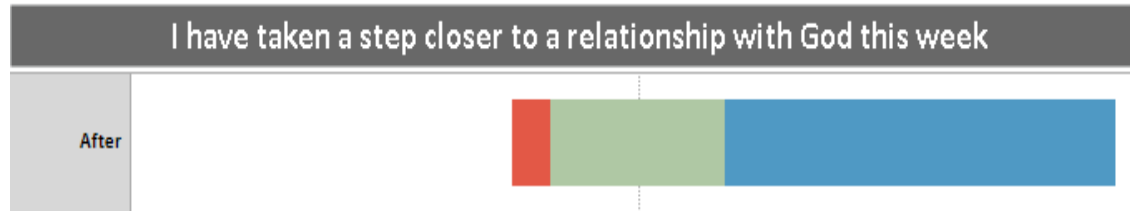


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# Views on God, sin, and Jesus Christ

## Students who are interested in talking with someone

- **Good foundation for engaging in follow-up**
  - Have already expressed an interest
  - Largely agree with sin in their lives and that Jesus Christ died for their sins
  - While many are unsure if they care about their relationship with God, a large portion agree that they took a step closer to a relationship with God



***Importance of LOOK study – the areas they struggle with can be explored more fully***





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- Next steps

- Provide data to countries and continue to look at results
- Camp teams work with local churches to understand the results and develop follow-up strategies
- How can this help us in the camp ministry?