

A summary of the BIBLE SOCIETY SURVEY MARCH 2008

The full report is available online at
<http://biblesociety.org.nz/mediafiles/bible-society-research-2008.pdf>

*The survey was aimed at research attitudes and behaviour
regarding the Bible in New Zealand.*

Just under 3,400 people responded.

46% described themselves as Christian. (NZ Stats reports just under half of population describe themselves as Christian, that is, just under 2 million)

74% of people 65 and over described themselves as Christian.

68.4% of Pacific Islanders. (Europeans: 40.6%)

15% of **New Zealanders** attend church at least once a week.

20% say they go at least once a month.

80% of the population has attended a church service at some time. This includes weddings and funerals.

30% of **Christians** attend church at least weekly.

56% of Christians say they attend church less than five times a year, or only on special occasions.

Estimated monthly attendance: 760,000 (around 17%)

68% of all **New Zealanders** own a Bible.

86% of people over 65 own one.

59% of 15-24-year-olds own one.

5% of New Zealanders read the Bible daily.

23% read it at least monthly.

11% of **Christians** read it daily.

24% read it at least once a week.

25% of respondents say the Bible influences their lives.

18% of 15-24-year olds agree.

41% of 65 and over agree.

47% of **Christians** say the Bible influences their lives.

39% of Christians say it sometimes influences their lives.

Of those who read it daily, 94.6% said it influenced their lives.

77% of **New Zealanders** never or rarely discuss the Bible with others.

Only 14% discuss the Bible's teachings weekly or more frequently.

26% of **Christians** regularly discuss the teachings of the Bible (at least weekly).

60% of *Christians rarely or never discuss the teachings of the Bible with others.*

