

Understanding and Engaging the ‘Nones’

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Introduction

I. Classifying the Nones

- A. Not affiliated with any religious group
- B. Philosophical and functional atheists and agnostics
- C. Spiritual but not religious [SBNR] (the “spirituality grid”)

II. Counting the Nones

- A. The headline(s)
- B. Growth considerations
- C. Geographical considerations
- D. Generational and religious background considerations

III. Characteristics of the Nones

- A. The Nones and spirituality
- B. Believing vis-à-vis belonging

IV. Captivating and Convicting the Nones

- A. Shift the location and the look of the “front door” to Christ.
- B. Creatively address the “postmodern ethos” while being cautious of Postmodernism as a philosophical posture.
- C. Present a comprehensive and compassionate case for the rational, evidential, and existential basis for the Christian faith.
- D. Appeal to the prospects of community unity.

¹ The session webpage will provide this outline, session slides, a bibliography, and an audio recording synced with slides.