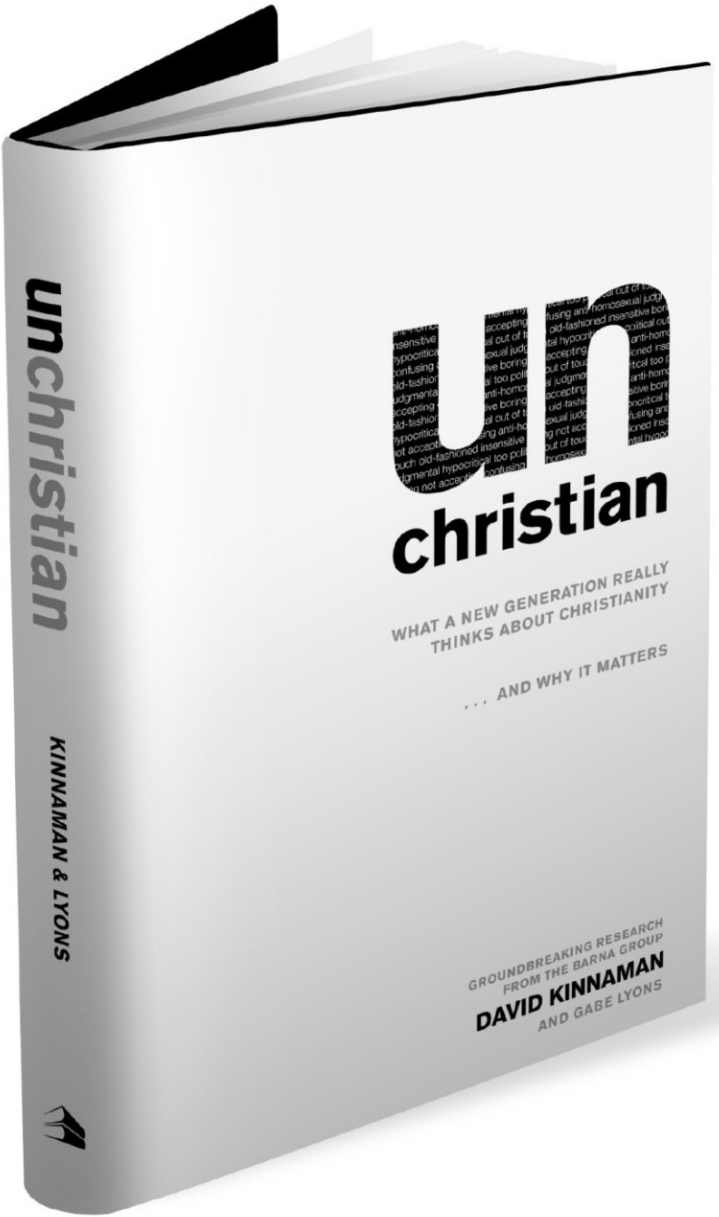


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WHAT A NEW GENERATION REALLY
THINKS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

... AND WHY IT MATTERS

GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH
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A WAKE-UP CALL

- If we don't deal with unchristian faith, we will have missed our chance to bring a deep spiritual awakening to a new generation.

The Perceptions of Christianity

Perception	Outsiders, 16 to 29
Antihomosexual	91%
Judgmental	87%
Hypocritical	85%
Sheltered (old-fashioned, out of touch with reality)	78%
Too political	75%
Proselytizers (insensitive to others, not genuine)	70%

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**CHRISTIANS ARE VIEWED AS BEING
JUDGMENTAL.**

PERCEPTION: Christians are **prideful**, and quick to find **faults** in others.

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ERRORS IN JUDGMENT

Wrong Verdict

Wrong Timing

Wrong Motivation

Playing Favorites

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Matthew 7:1-5

¹“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

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CHRISTIANS ARE VIEWED AS BEING
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PERCEPTION: Christians are prideful, and quick to find faults in others.

NEW PERCEPTION: Christians show grace by finding the good in others and seeing their potential to be Christ-followers.

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John 8:2-11

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

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John 8:2-11

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸

Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

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John 8:2-11

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

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RESPECT EQUALS ACCESS

1.Listen to Me.

2.Don't Label Me

3.Don't Be So Smart

4.Put Yourself in My Place

5.Be Genuine

6.Be My Friend with No Other Motives

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CHRISTIANS ARE VIEWED AS ONLY BEING ABOUT “WINNING” PEOPLE

PERCEPTION: Christians are insincere and concerned only with converting others.

NEW PERCEPTION: Christians cultivate relationships and environments where others can be deeply transformed by God.

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