

St Luke's Church GREYTOWN

Who Needs God Study Series Part 1

1. How would you describe your view of God?
2. Religious non-affiliation is growing in New Zealand and yet 72% of surveyed Kiwis are open to the idea of a God or higher power. Does this surprise you? Why/why not?
3. Church attendance in NZ peaked in 1890 at approx. 30% of the population. Since then it has shrunk to approx. 10% of the population in 2018. During that same time period religious non-affiliation has grown from approx. 5% to 48% of the population.

Does this surprise you? What reasons do you think explain this shift?

4. Some people dismiss the idea of faith because of the image they have of God. Some of the different images people might have that Harry highlighted include:
 - I. On-Demand-God
 - II. Jesus-Is-My-Boyfriend-God
 - III. Judgemental-God
 - IV. Anti-Science-God
 - V. The-Gap-God

Do you or have you ever believed in one of these images of God?

What other images do you think you or others might have of God?

Why? Who told you God was like that?

5. Where did your view of God (positive or negative or somewhere in between) originate?