

ValueGenesis 2021



The fourth ValueGenesis survey was administered in 2021 to students in grades 6 to 12 across the North American Division. Raw data is available, with a narrative report to be released this fall. A summary of the data in three areas for students in the Southwestern Union follows.

Personal Devotion

*pray several times a week
watch religious programs 1–3 times a month
read the Bible 1–3 times a month
read the writing of E.G. White about once a month
go to church about once a week*

These findings indicate that our students are less devotional than 20 years ago, with the exception of church attendance. This is a NAD-wide phenomenon.

Doctrinal Faith

The findings indicate that our students are less doctrinal than 20 years ago, particularly in relation to their beliefs regarding:

*no hell
E.G. White
death remain in grave
1844
SDA role/chosen church
24-hour creation
marriage in same faith*

Faith Influence Factors

The most important factors include:

*family
attending SDA school
mother's faith
Bible teacher
school Bible class
school week of prayers
church service*

The least important factors include:

*evangelical outreach
mission project
Sabbath school
pathfinders
school community outreach*

School factors have risen in importance over the past 20 years; Sabbath school has declined in importance over the past 20 years.