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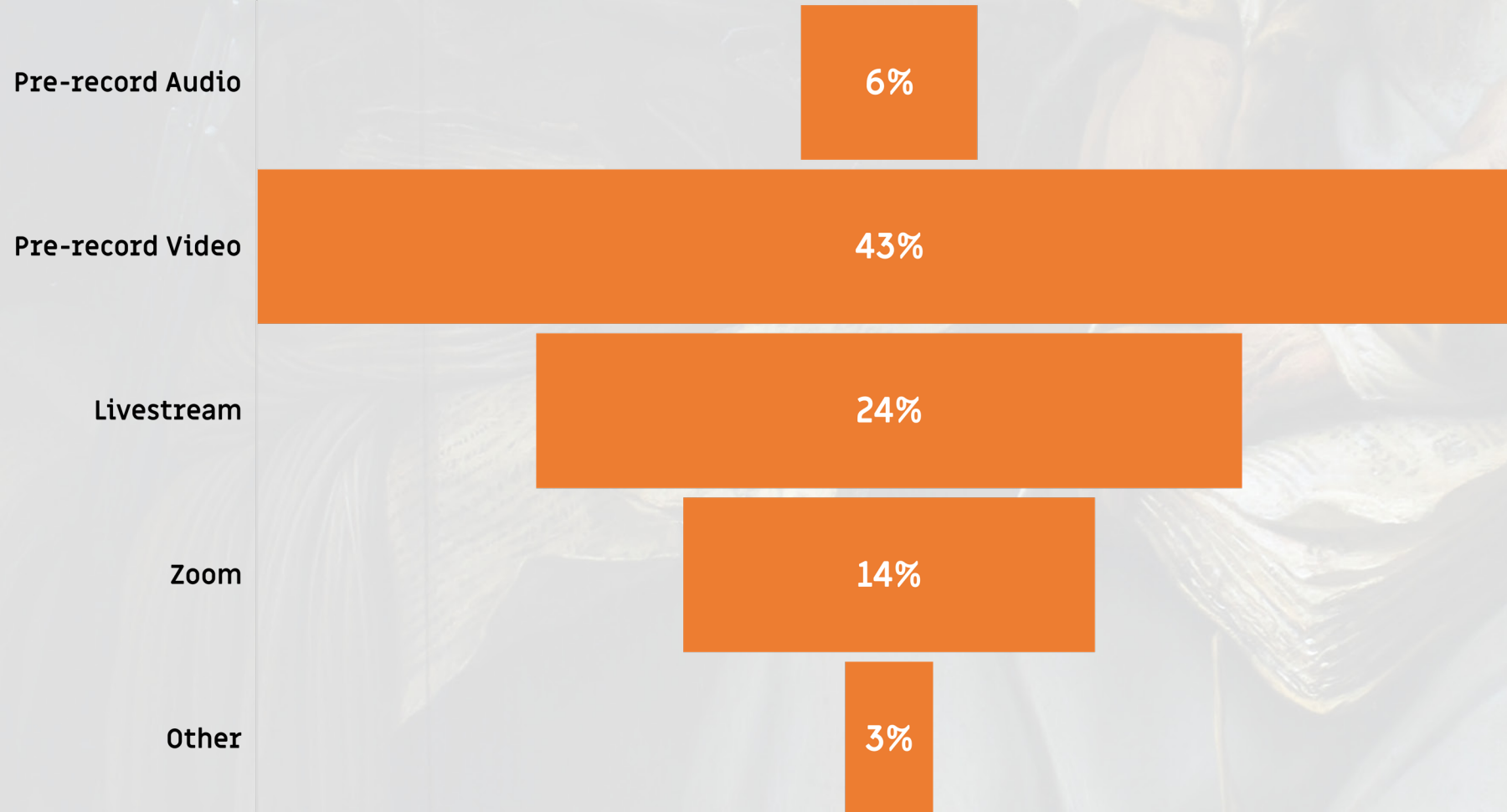
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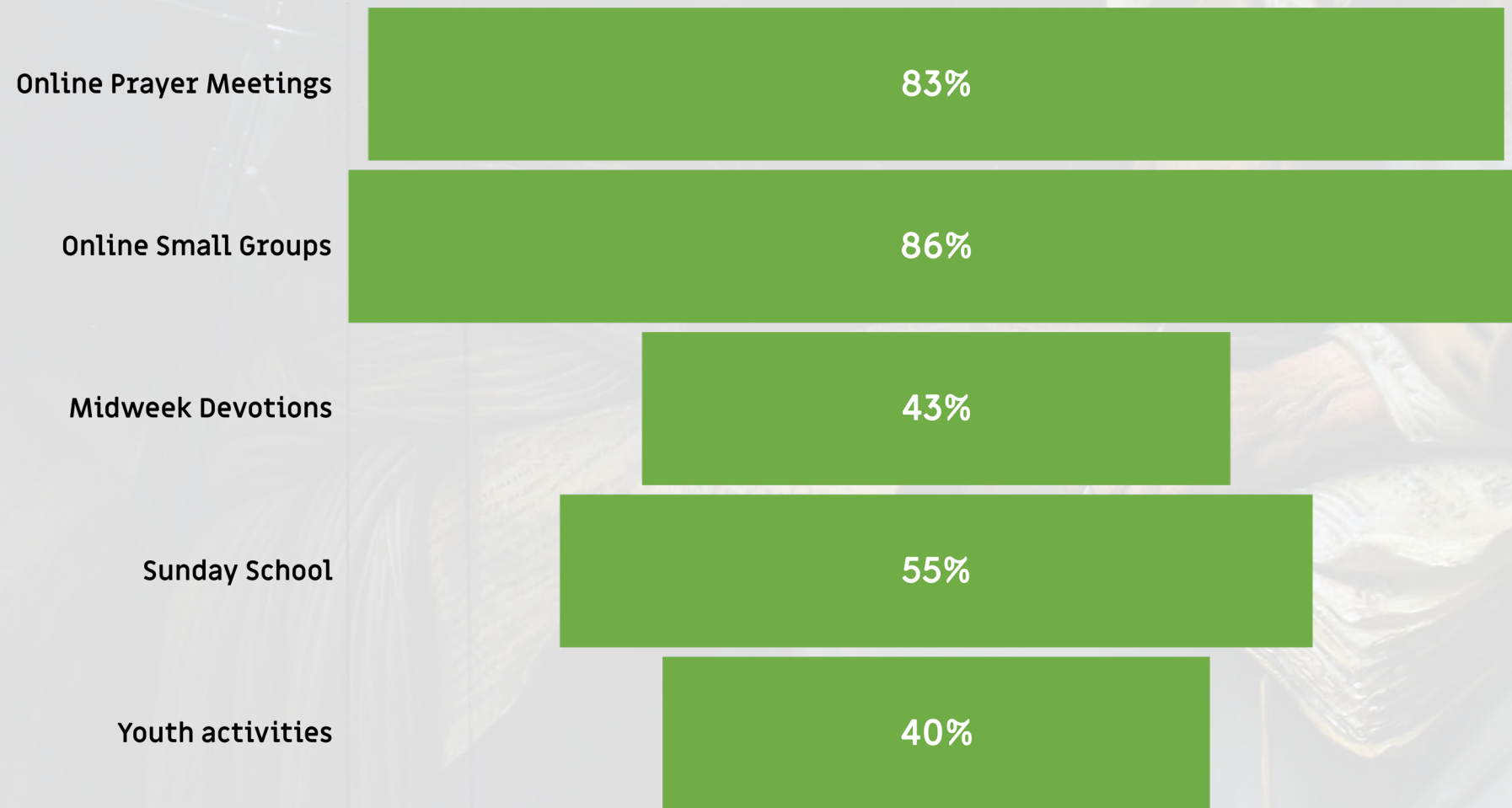
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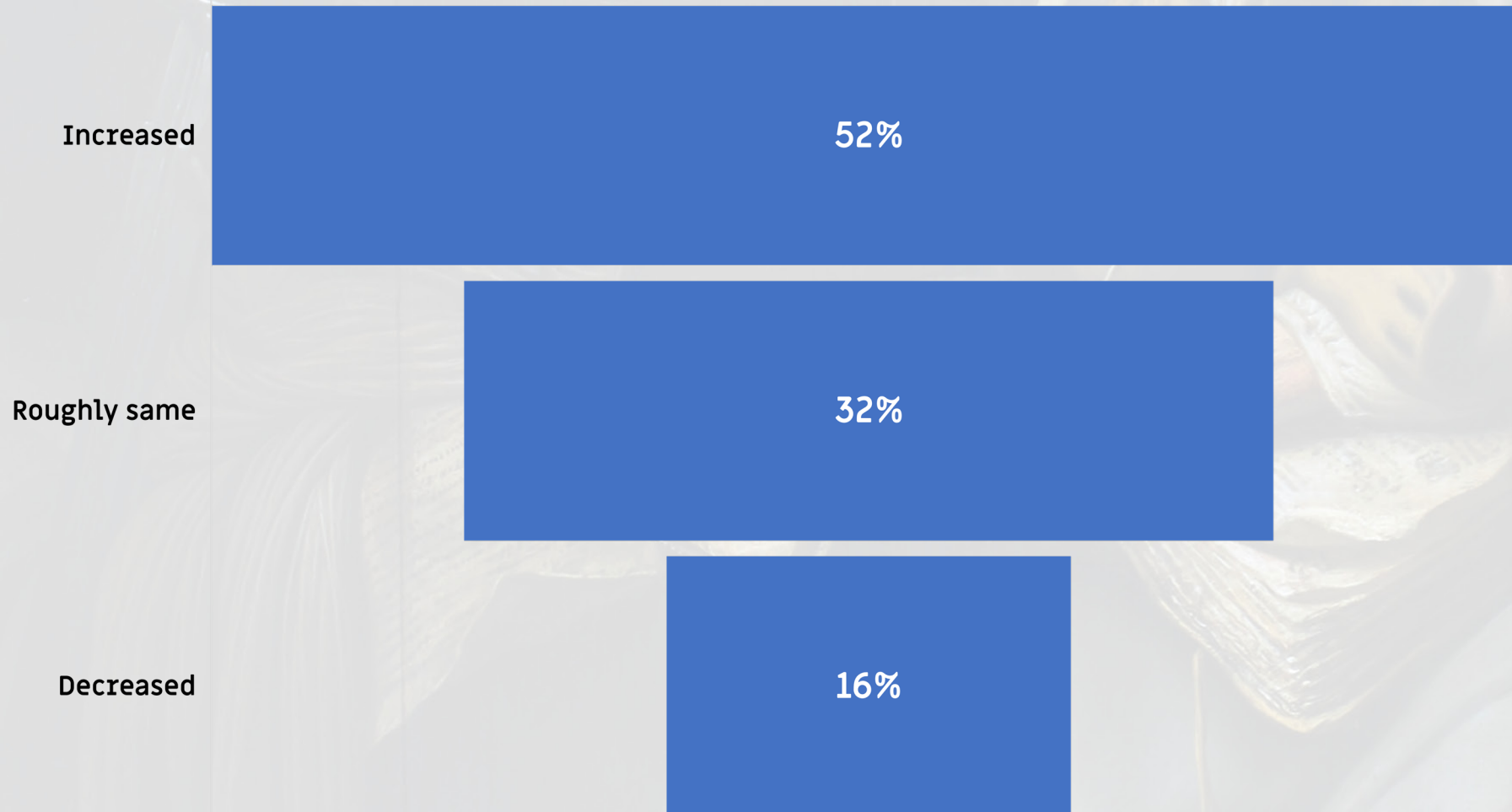
Q1. How have you chiefly provided 'Sunday Service' ministry over the lockdown period*?
(*i.e. during period of suspended services)



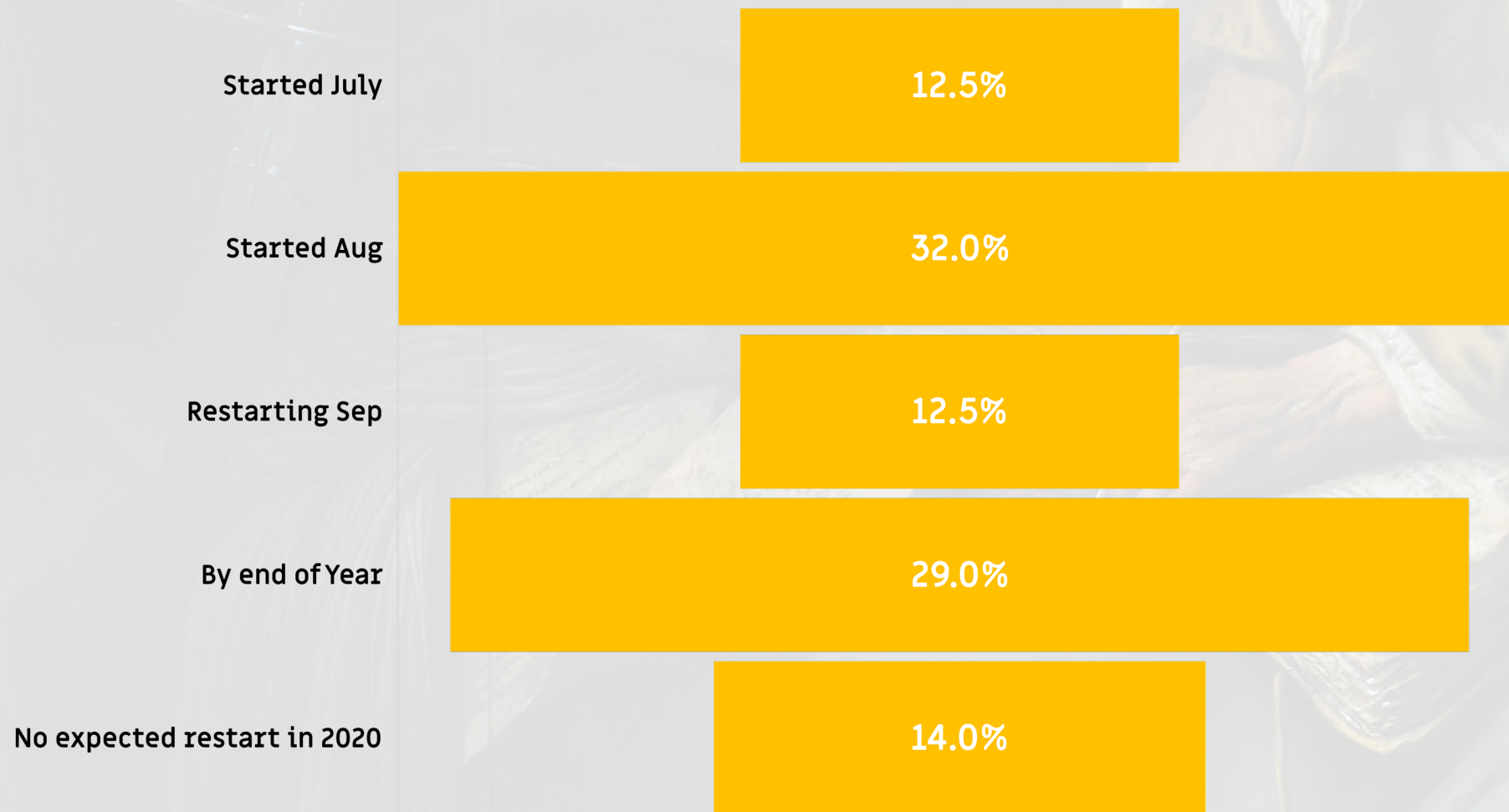
Q2. What other remote ministry have you provided over lockdown?



Q3. PASTORAL: Have your (or your leadership team's) direct pastoral contacts with church members (whether by phone, visit, zoom, etc.)...



Q4. Restarting your physical Church services...



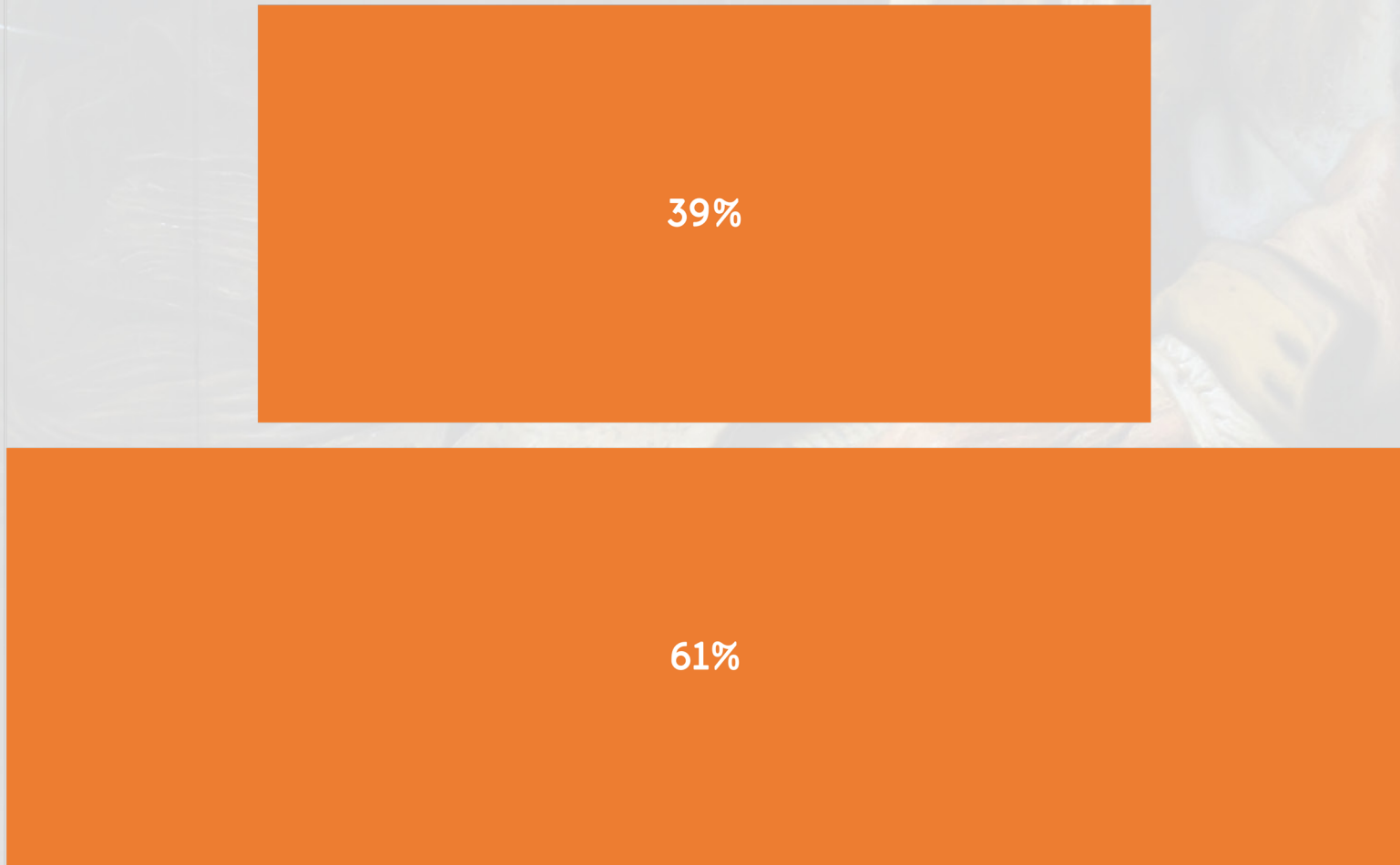
Q5. Does the current '50 cap' on attendees at Worship Services...

accommodates all

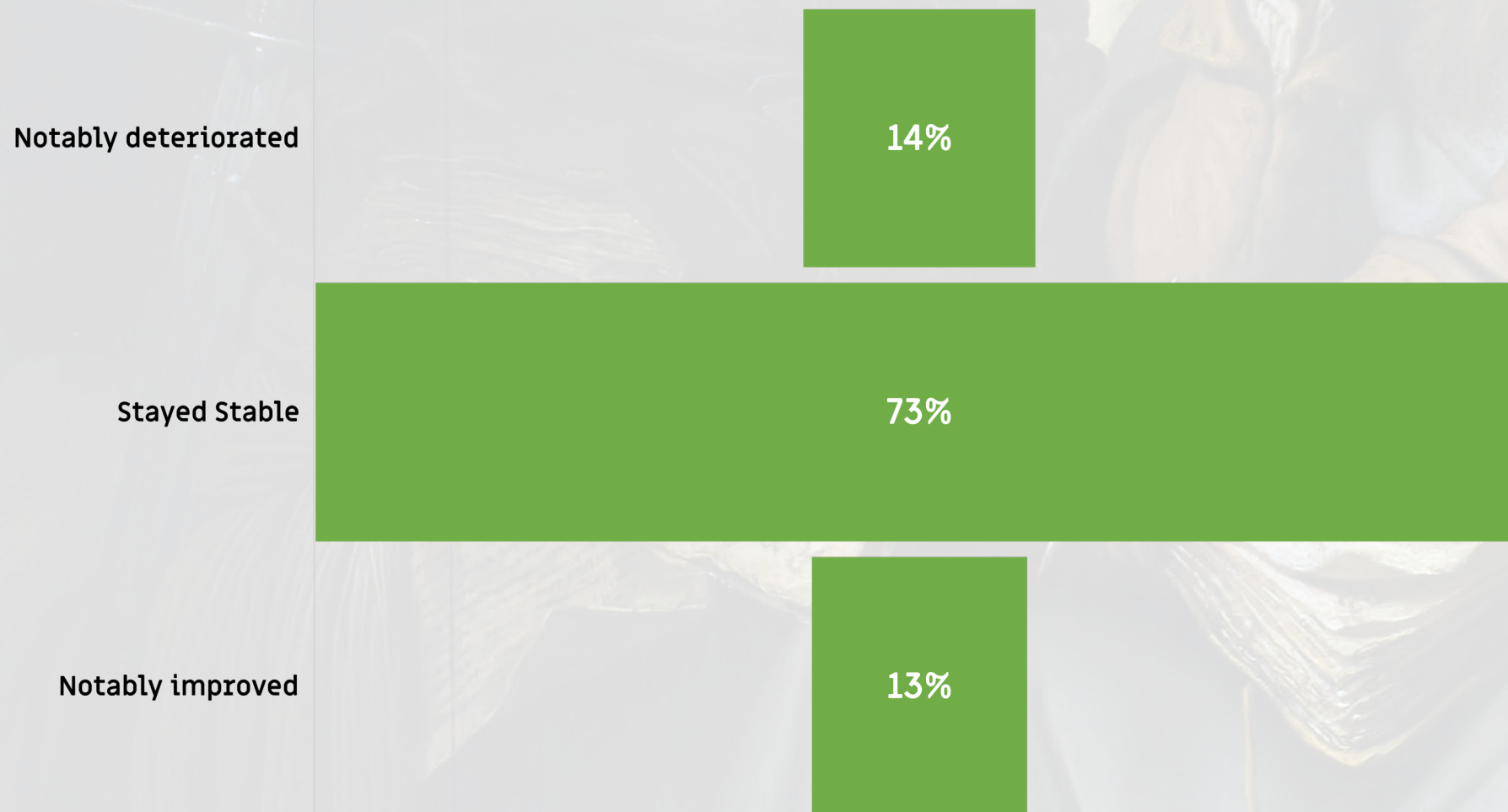
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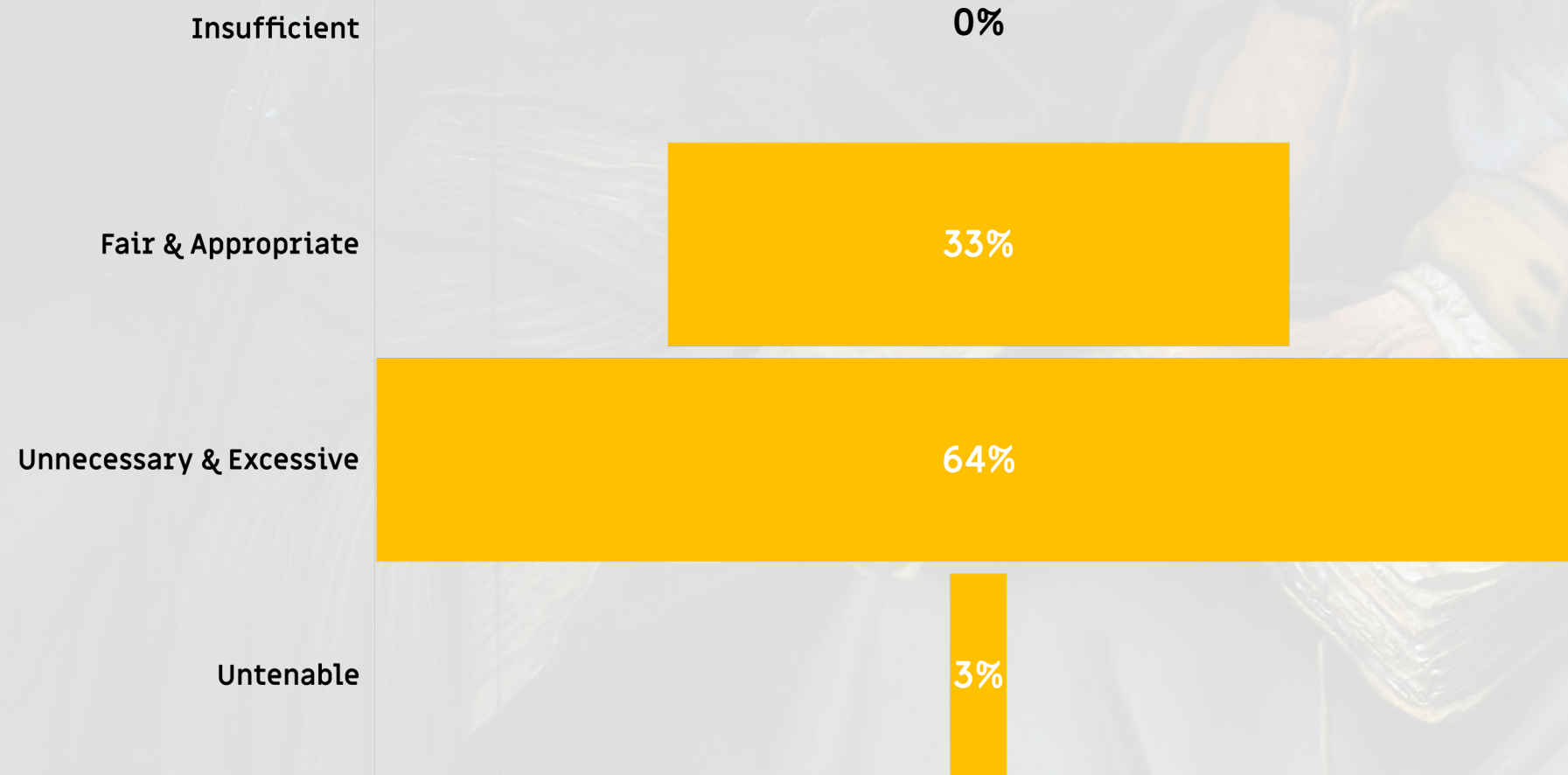
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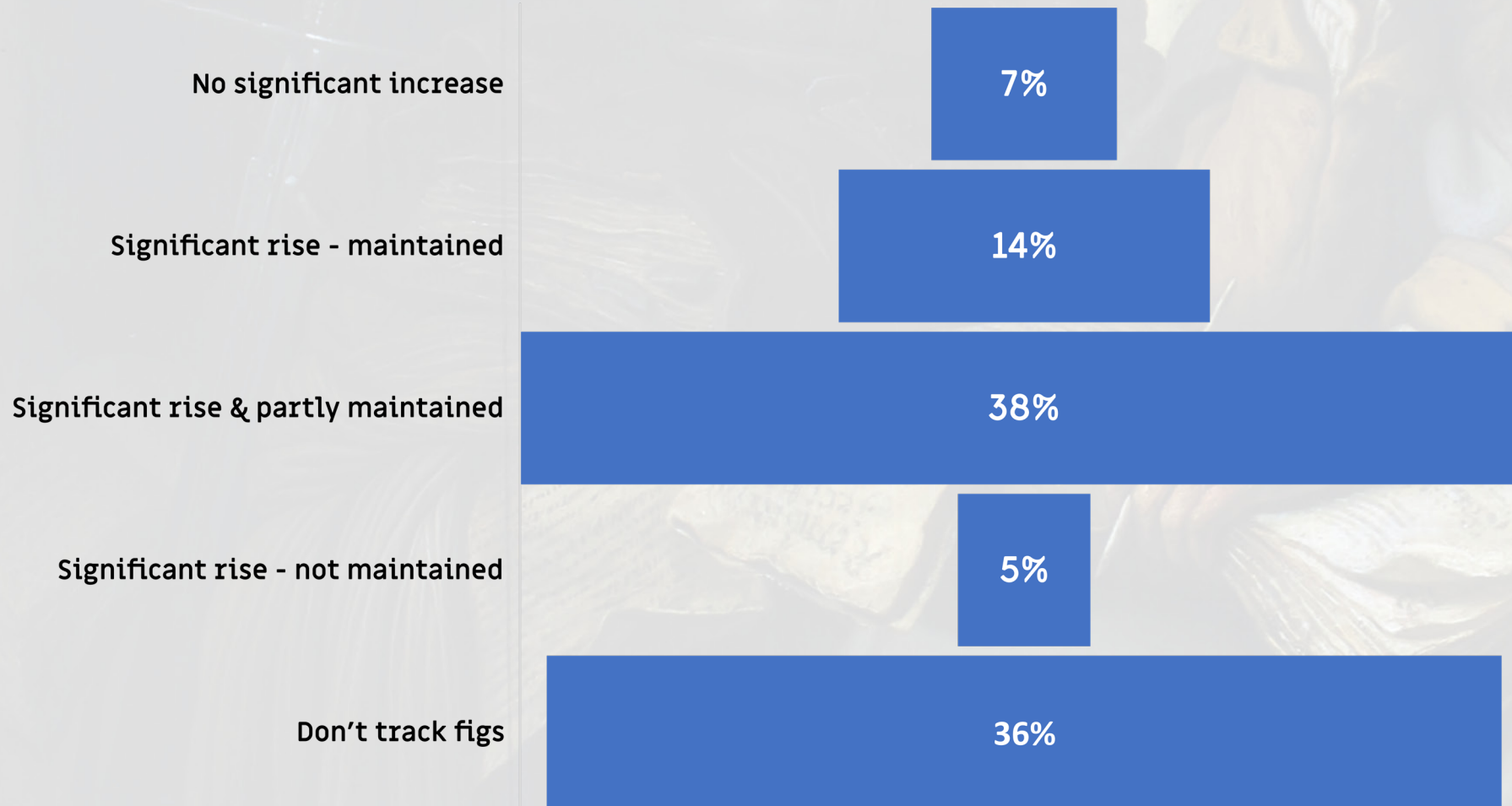
Q6. The effect of lockdown on your Church finances:



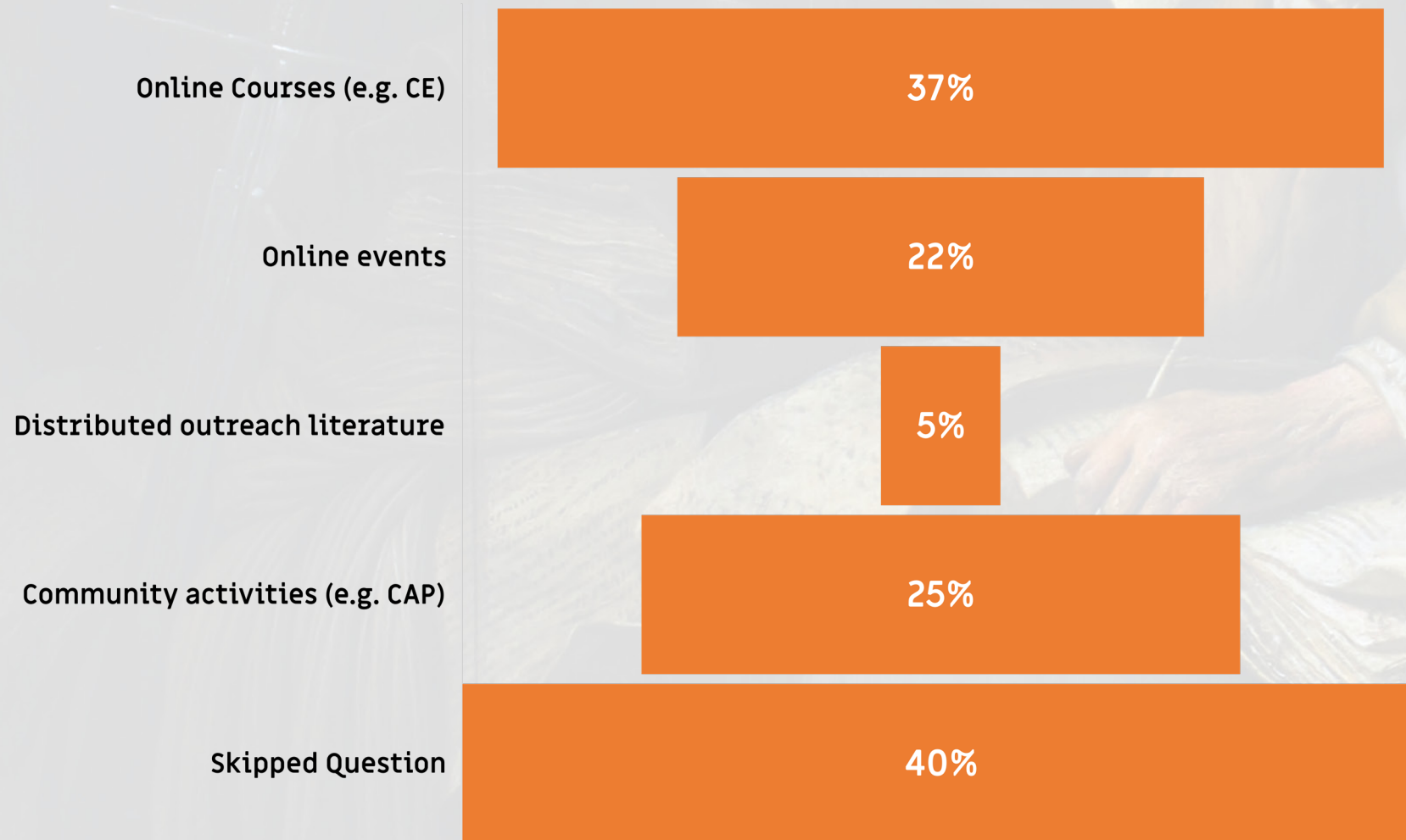
Q7. Your view on the current Scot Govt restrictions on Church gatherings...



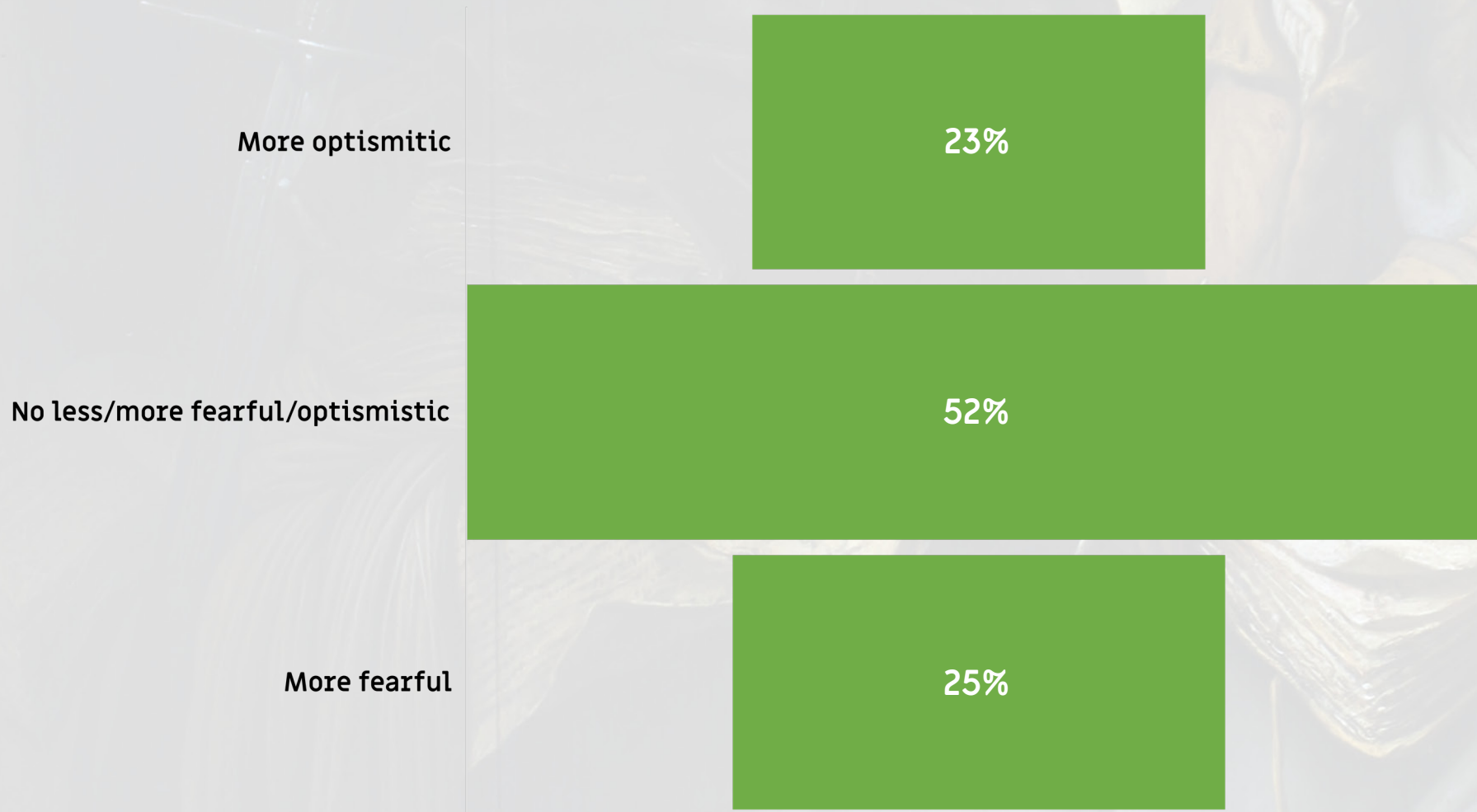
Q8. Church web activity (e.g. website hits & Service/Sermon views) over lockdown.



Q9. EVANGELISM: How has your church tried to maintain its evangelism during lockdown?



Q10. FUTURE OUTLOOK: on balance, looking forward, do you feel...





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Leadership Challenges



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Challenge 1: Leading our people back

- 9 weeks of 'in person' meetings on a Sunday morning
 - 48% of our church family have attended in person on a Sunday
 - 23% of over 70's have been back
 - 28% of families returned
 - 40% of 18-30's have attended
 - 58% of asylum seekers/refugees have been back on Sunday
- Challenge of leading people is greater than anticipated

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Challenge 1: Leading our people back

- Diagnosing the problems – (Pastor’s Heart Podcast)
 - **Health** – A significant problem with health that prevents return
 - **Head** – Anxiety, afraid to return
 - **Heart** – Happy not to return, prefer pyjama church
- Survey to find out what people are thinking and develop appropriate pastoral responses
- Leading in faith not fear

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Challenge 2: Leading our people forward

- A change in attitude
- A change in structure
 - Small groups become essential not optional
 - Agile church

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