The "NONES" A Webinar with author, pastor and social scientist researcher, Ryan Burge

Thursday, May 13 beginning at 8:30 am (Pacific Time)



In 2018, the number of Americans with no religious preference rose to 23.7 percent, making the nones as numerous as both evangelical Protestants and Roman Catholics. Every indication is that the nones will be the largest religious group in the United States in the next decade.

Using data gleaned from the General Social Survey and other sources author and pastor Ryan Burge provides clues as to why fewer Americans identify with the Christian faith. Through careful examination of the data he shares insights as to how we should respond as Christians. These observations can help churches retool their ministries to be more effective in connecting with the unchurched. Join us for this important presentation and discussion with Ryan Burge. Hosted by Mission Northwest and other ABC regions.

## **WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Factors driving the growth of Nones
- Practical insights for churches
- Characteristics of the NIPs ("Nothing in Particulars")

## **CONNECTION INFORMATION**

## https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/3937664223

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Ryan is an Assistant Professor of Political Science as well as the Graduate Coordinator at Eastern Illinois University. He teaches in a variety of areas, including American institutions, political behavior, and research methods. His research focuses largely on the interaction of religiosity and political behavior (especially in the American context).

He has published over twenty articles in a number of well regarded peer reviewed journals, as well as, having his research covered in a variety of media outlets. He is the co-founder and frequent contributor to <u>Religion in Public</u>, a forum for scholars of religion and politics to make their work accessible to a more general audience. Finally, he is a pastor in the <u>American Baptist Church</u>, having served his current church for over thirteen years.

