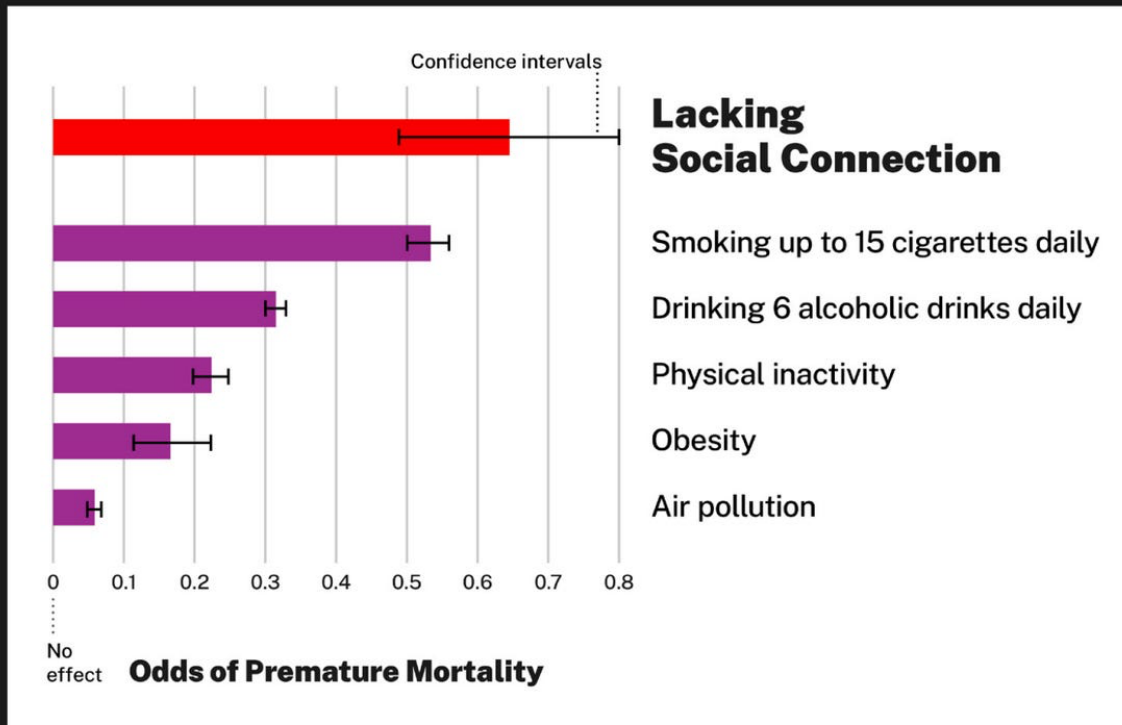




**Together**

# Epidemic of loneliness

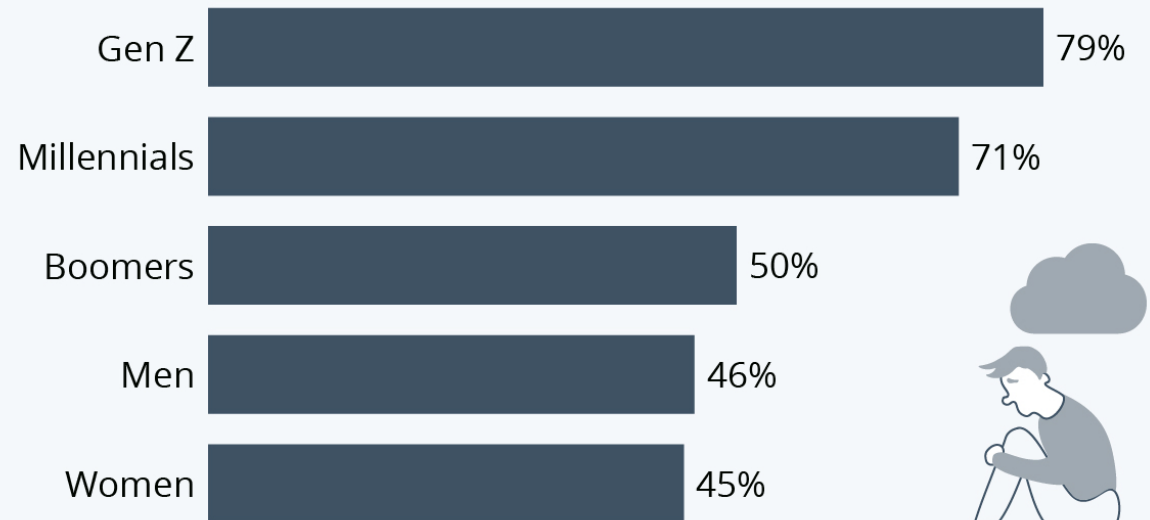
Lacking social connection is as dangerous as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day.



## Gen Z Is Lonely

Percent of U.S. adults who are lonely, shown as demographics

61% of all U.S. adults reported feeling lonely, which is up 7% from last year



# Community is Messy

The first **negative** thing God says in the Bible involves loneliness. "It is not good for man to be alone."



There's nobody who doesn't have problems with the church, because there's sin in the church. But there's no other place to be a Christian...

*Eugene Peterson*

# Deeply Personal



Life is sharing



# Sacrificial

**DO GOOD  
AND SHARE  
WITH THOSE  
IN NEED.**  
HEBREWS 13:16

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Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.

—  
FREDERICK WILCOX

# Tough love



WOUNDS FROM A SINCERE  
FRIEND ARE BETTER THAN MANY  
KISSES FROM AN ENEMY.

PROVERBS 27:6

# Take It Home:

Our world needs community and true friendship. We have the opportunity to offer this to the world, as the family of God. Jesus modelled it Himself for us, and offers us friendship through His Spirit and His Church.

We have the opportunity to belong and also offer belonging in *loving, nurturing, messy, authentic, sacrificial relationships that are willing to tell the truth.*

Don't see "church" as a religious good or service, but as an invitation to family, togetherness, belonging. The door is unlocked, it's up to you to walk through it.