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Young Brits are disillusioned by the Bible and find it irrelevant

In a national survey about attitudes to the Bible, more than half of 18–24-year-olds (55 per cent) believe the Bible is irrelevant to today's modern world even though they think it is a great piece of literature.

The survey was carried out on behalf of Bible Society prior to the launch of *The Poverty and Justice Bible*. It is the first ever Bible to highlight more than 2,000 passages that speak of God's heart for poverty and injustice. Challenging the notion that the Bible is a dusty, outdated rulebook, it shows that, on global issues confronting today's society, the Bible got there first.

The research showed that 39 per cent of 18–24-year-olds questioned, said they do not believe the Bible is true and 44 per cent disagree that it champions the cause of the poor and marginalised.

Choosing from a list of topics including hell, homosexuality, adultery, poverty and justice, 41 per cent thought that the Bible offers the most teachings on poverty and justice.

Rob Bell, Nooma videos presenter, speaker and pastor said, 'The real danger in our world may not be people failing to read the Bible – it may be what happens when people actually do read it – especially the over 2,000 verses on God's heart for the poor and oppressed. Be warned [its pages] change everything.'

The Poverty and Justice Bible has a focus on 'doing', and youth workers and leaders are encouraged to use it to help today's young Christians link social action with Scripture. It includes a 32-page study guide with topics ranging from equality to education and farming to Fairtrade.



When asked which issues concern them the most, three in ten said the extent of poverty and injustice, 26 per cent chose international terrorism, 27 per cent picked climate change and 17 per cent said they were more concerned by the breakdown of traditional family structures.

The Poverty and Justice Bible is available at a special introductory price of £9.99 from www.povertyandjusticebible.org

Note to the Editor:

About Bible Society

The British and Foreign Bible Society (known as 'Bible Society') is a Christian charity that exists to make the Bible heard throughout the world. The majority of its work is overseas, making the Bible available in a language people can understand and at a price they can afford. Here in England and Wales, the Society works to build bridges between the Bible and people's everyday lives, as well as to rebuild confidence in its enduring message.

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The Poverty and Justice Bible can be ordered at www.povertyandjusticebible.org at a special introductory price of £9.99.

