

a changing church

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outline of presentations

- friday evening intro: seeing our reality, seeing our challenges (an exercise)
- saturday morning 1: key trends driving a new culture of learning
- saturday morning 2: theological frames (and emmaus)
- saturday afternoon 3: pragmatic examples

intro: playing the “game of 3’s”

what does it mean to be “born of the Spirit”?

three rules

- you will have 30 minutes to do this
- you may use up to three images cut from these magazines
- you may use up to three words cut from these magazines

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part 1: key trends

insights from john roberto and the faith 20/20 project

the church is changing, to what shall we attend?

FAITH
2020
FORMATION

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13 key trends

- declining participation
- growth in “nones”
- more “spiritual but not religious”
- individualism
- diversity
- spirit-filled expressions of faith
- emerging adulthood
- post-boomer spirituality

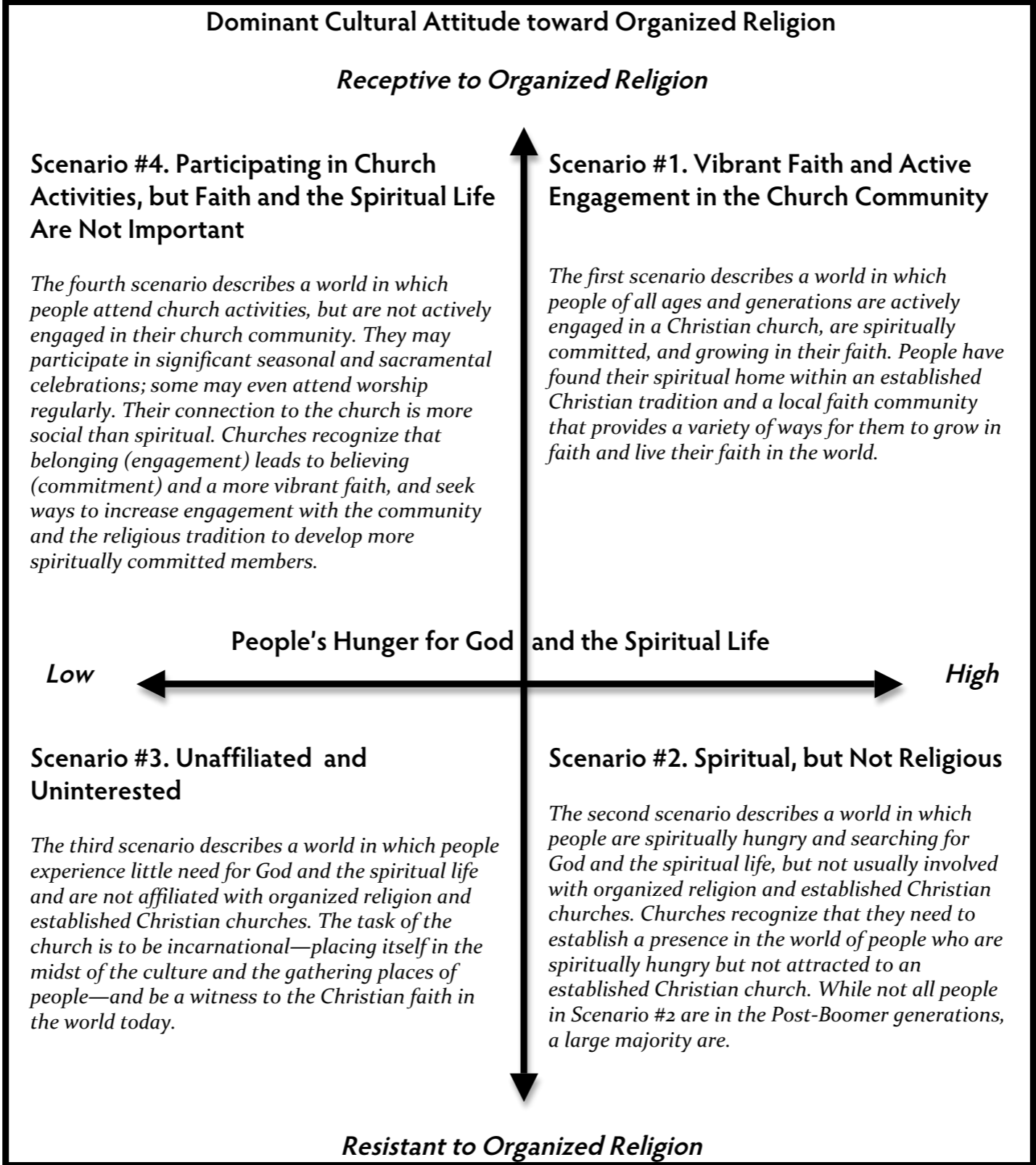
key trends, continued

- changing patterns/structures of family life
- impact of families on faith identity
- digital cultures
- new forms of learning
- increasing number of adults age 65 and older

two main trends to which to attend

- the degree of receptivity to institutional religion
- the degree of hunger for God, degree of spiritual yearning

Scenario Matrix for Faith Formation 2020 (Version 1.0)



through this lens, several implications...

- those of us who are active in communities of faith hold only part of the puzzle
- the church is changing all around us, and paying attention to those changes may draw us even more deeply into the *missio dei*
- in particular we should be listening to and learning from those people we meet who live in scenarios two and three

