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SUGGESTED INTRODUCTION

Dr. Josh Packard is Executive Director of Springtide Research Institute, which maintains the largest dataset on young people and their spirituality in the U.S. Josh has a doctorate in sociology from Vanderbilt and he's the author of several books including *Meaning Making: 8 Values that Drive America's Newest Generations* and *Church Refugees: Why People are Done with Church but Not their Faith*. Josh is a sought-after speaker and author and has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, CBS, USA Today, and more.

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Josh is the author of three books on religion and sociology. His newest book, *Meaning Making: 8 Values That Drive America's Newest Generations*, was published by Springtide in July 2020. He also wrote *Church Refugees: Sociologists reveal why people are DONE with church but not their faith* (Group, 2015) with coauthor Ashleigh Hope, *The Emerging Church: Religion at the Margins* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2012), and *The Air We Breathe: Sociology of Religion* (Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2016) with coauthor George Sanders.