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# Making Disciples: Joint Research Project LICC/Elim

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# ELIM'S 4 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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**REACHING  
NATIONS**



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**DEVELOPING  
LEADERS**



» ADVANCE



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**GROWING  
CHURCHES**



» ADVANCE



ELIM.ORG.UK/ADVANCE

**MAKING  
DISCIPLES**



» ADVANCE



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# A DISCIPLE

SOMEONE LEARNING THE WAY OF JESUS  
IN THEIR CONTEXT IN THIS MOMENT

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What does it  
take to form  
these  
disciples?

Gathered  
and  
Scattered

# METHOD



**DISCUSSIONS WITH CHURCH LEADERS**



**SUNDAY OBSERVATION**



**GROUP DISCUSSIONS - 8 analysed**



**STRUCTURED SURVEY - 838 responses analysed**

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# THREE THINGS TO NOTE

SIGNIFICANCE OF SMALL GROUPS

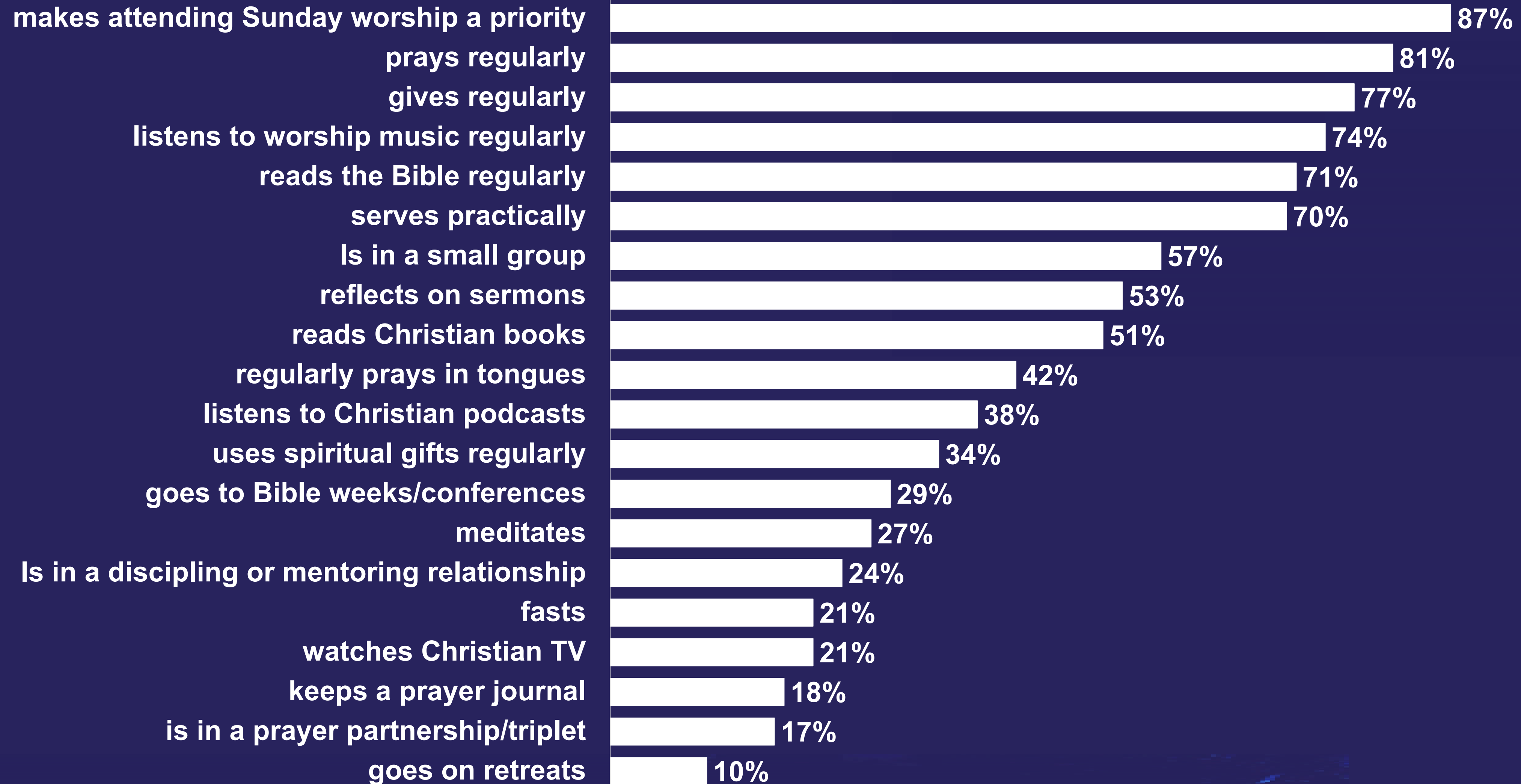
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# I AM A PERSON WHO...





# IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY

- Sunday not primarily about discipleship
- Celebration - Enjoyment, Inspiration
- Oasis – Refreshment, Peace, Strength, Anchor
- Fellowship – Encouragement, Supporting, Empowering
- Learning
- Preaching is the most relevant to discipleship
- Prompting to act
- Equipping
- Giving confidence
- Earthed in everyday, examples of practical application

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# SHARING STORIES – STRONGLY VALUED BY ALL

- Stories told are mainly about celebration
- People being saved, miracles
- Inspiring
- Stories help with discipleship most when they help with ongoing intimacy
- Get to know people better
- Get to know God better, and how he is working
- Examples of God at work in everyday lives
- Strong views that there should be more story sharing

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# GROUPS

- Life groups, Connect groups, Missional Community groups, Huddles ...
- Structural best practice
- Encourage everyone to be in a group, including newcomers
- Provide guidance but not rigid prescription
- Allow for flexibility
- Don't make studies too difficult
- A mix of people regarding discipleship

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# BALLYMENA: LIFE GROUPS ARE NEW

- Prior to life groups, apart from your immediate circle of family and friends, I wouldn't have known what's going on in everybody else's life, ... I'm not sure how much of an impact that had on a day-to-day, weekly basis.
- *[How does your church connect with your everyday lives?]* It connects quite a bit for us, more because we went through the last five weeks of small groups. So, prior to that, I would've said, "Maybe not so much." We felt that maybe it didn't connect as much as it does, through life groups. Sharing our experiences together, day-to-day life and the challenges it has.
- *[Discipleship]* I think it was up to the individual. Whereas now, the way that life groups have been formed ... you find this is how we're going to bring you in a wee bit deeper. Before, it was up to the individual.

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*“Freedom in Christ course has been life changing. I’ve been a Christian a long, long time, but this last year it's like proper discipleship, learning who I am and my role. I’ve fretted about things for years and I don't need to. I just need to be the best wife I can be, the best mum I can be, colleague. I don't need to be constantly trying to be somebody else, now I'm just me. I'm more relaxed. I feel I know who I am, where before, I struggled. For the first time I fully understand who I am in Christ and what my purpose is.”*

**HALIFAX**

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# PURPOSE OF YOUR GROUPS

What do you want the primary purpose of the group to be?

How do you encourage people to join groups?

Does the encouragement reflect the primary purpose?

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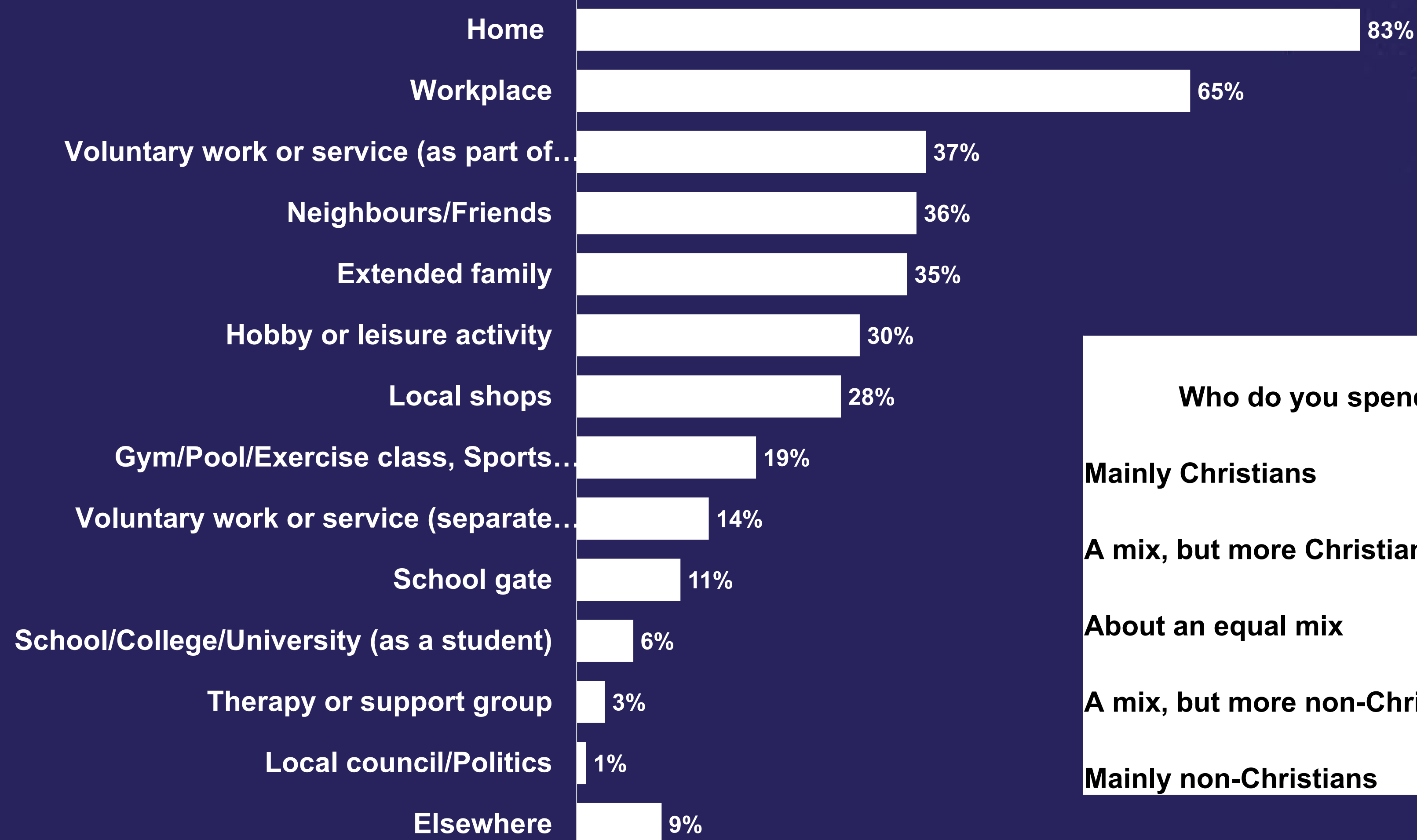
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# WHERE TIME IS SPENT IN A TYPICAL WEEK

(CHOOSE MULTIPLE)



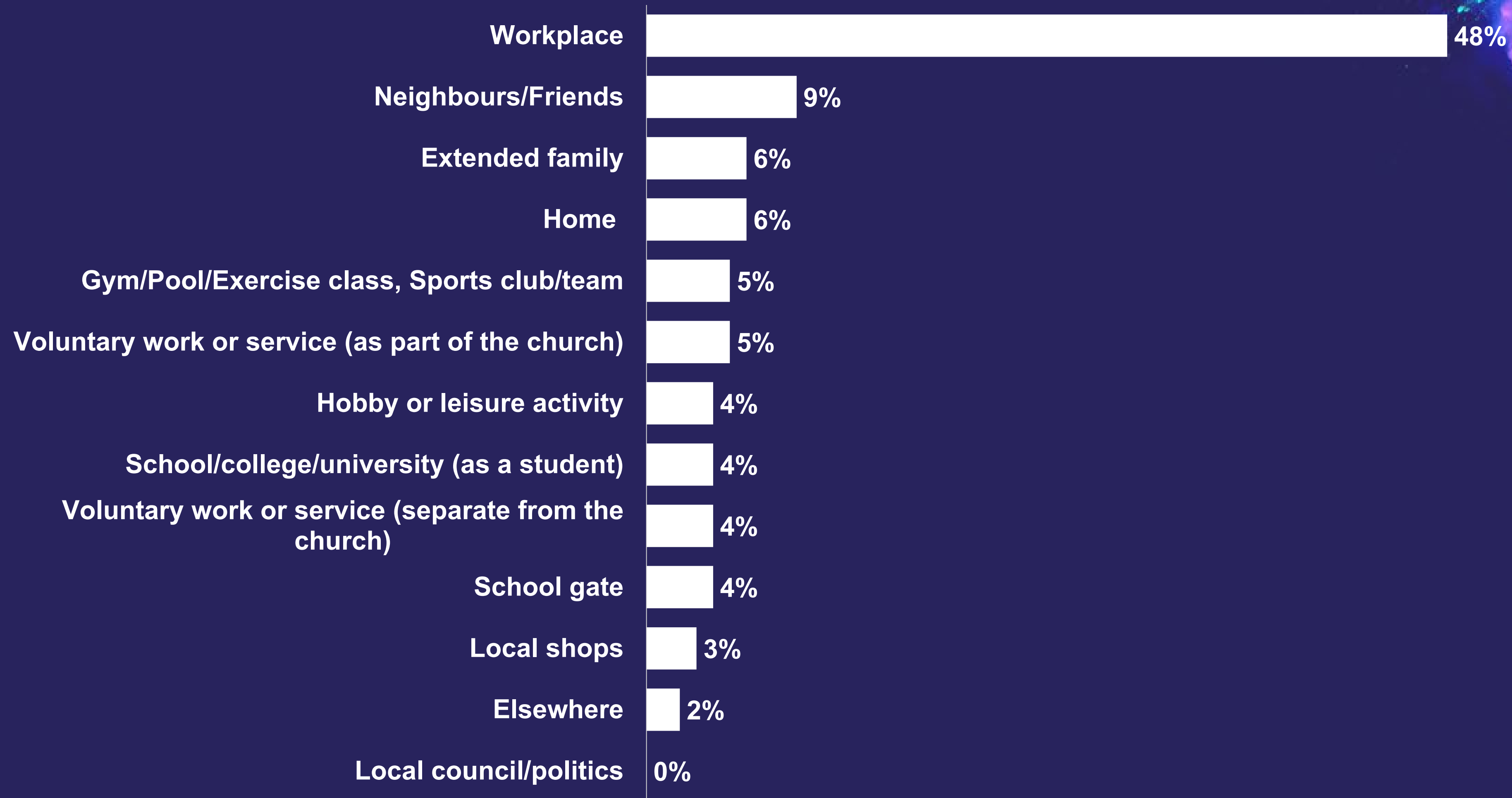
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# WHERE TIME IS SPENT WITH NON-CHRISTIANS

(CHOOSE ONE)



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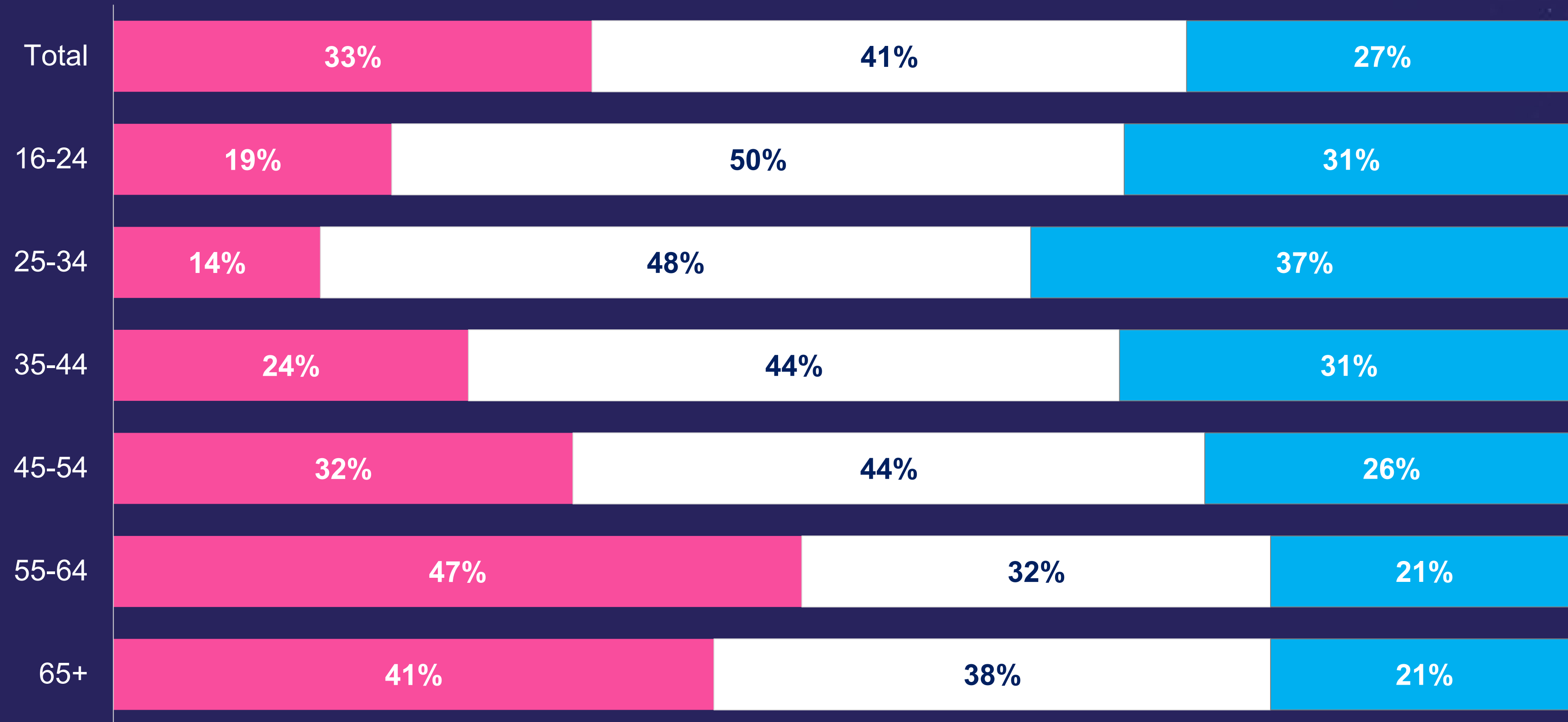
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# CLARITY OF GOD'S PURPOSE WHERE YOU ARE



■ V clear ■ Quite clear ■ Not clear

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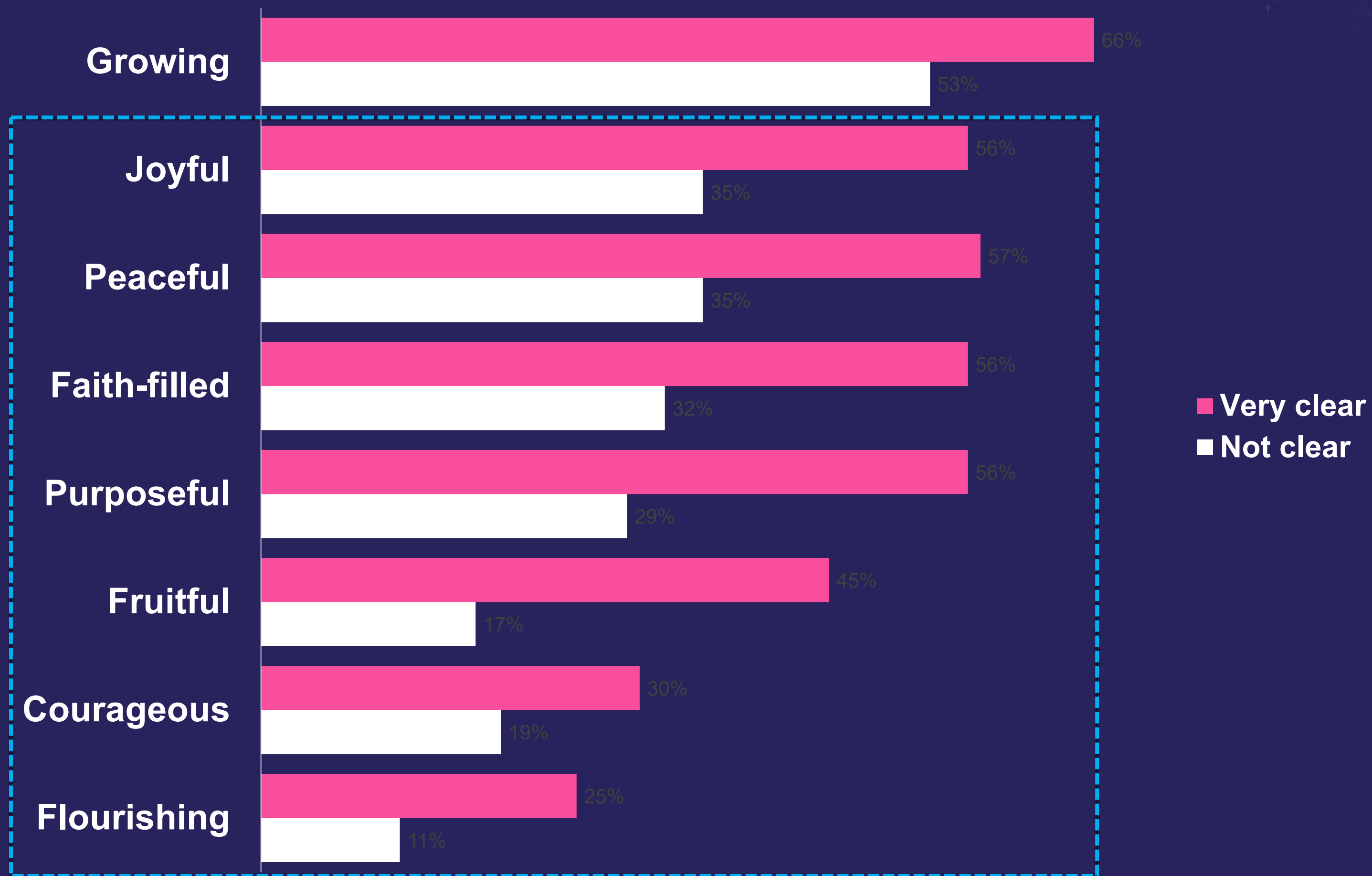
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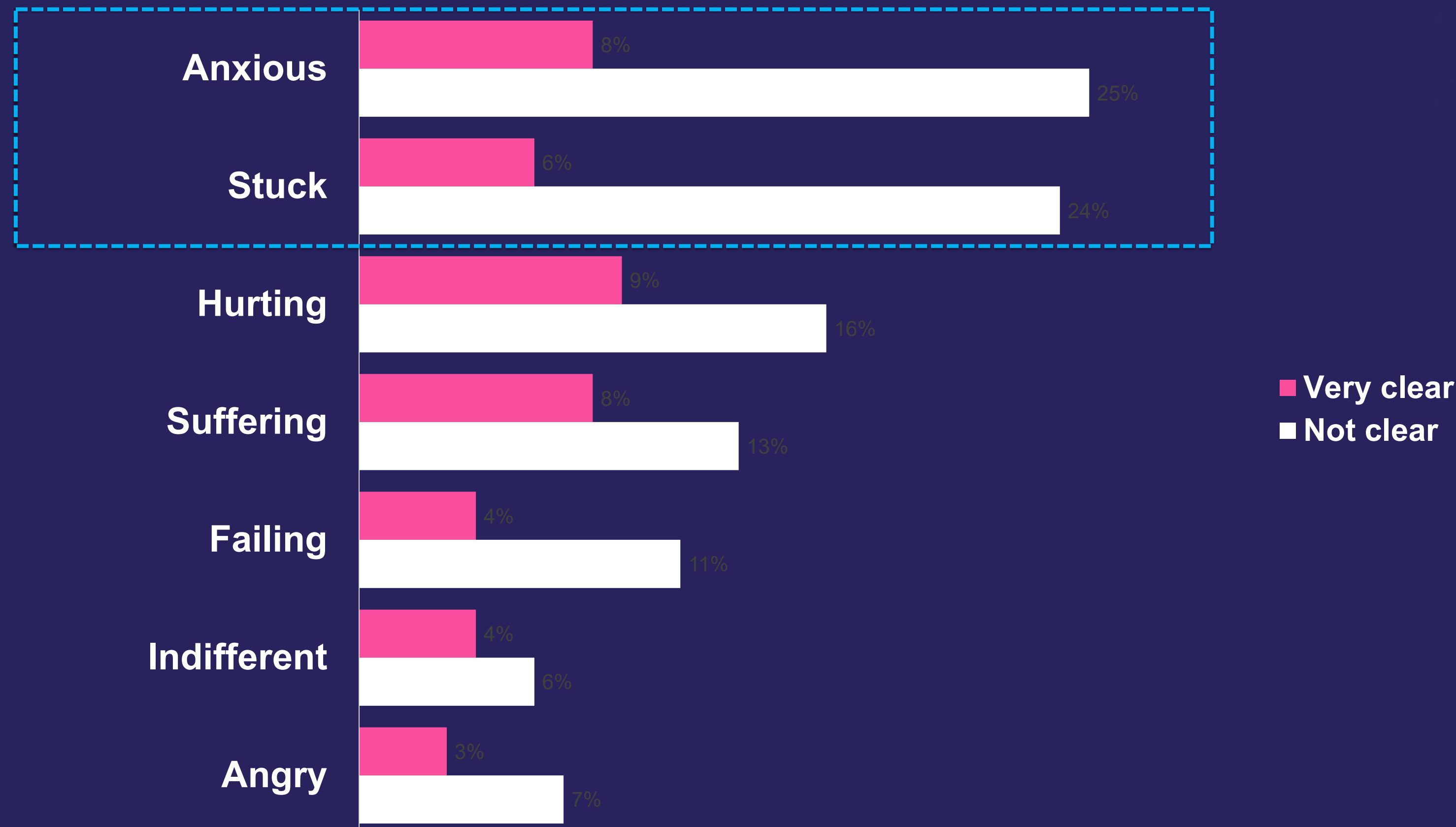
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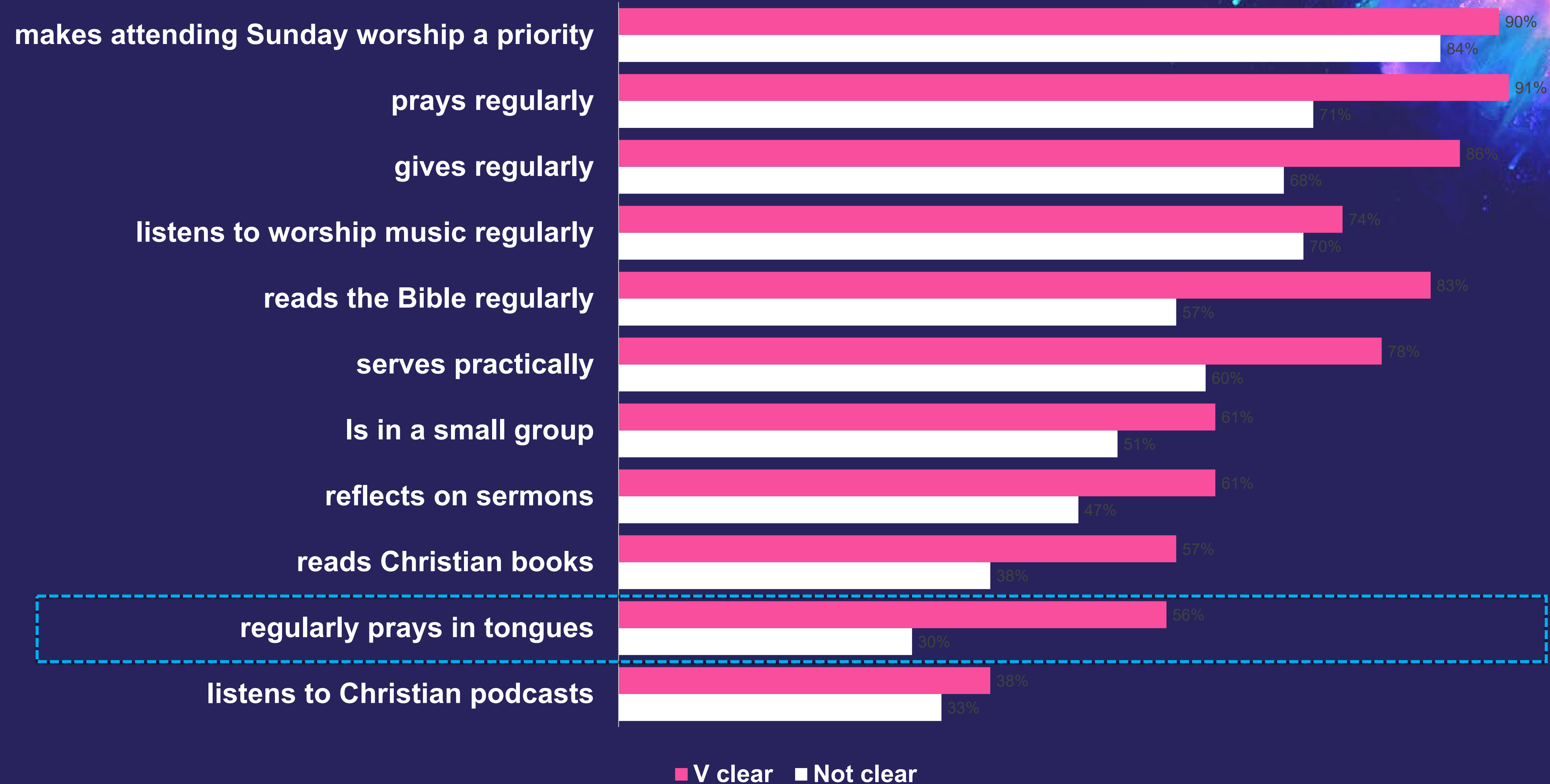
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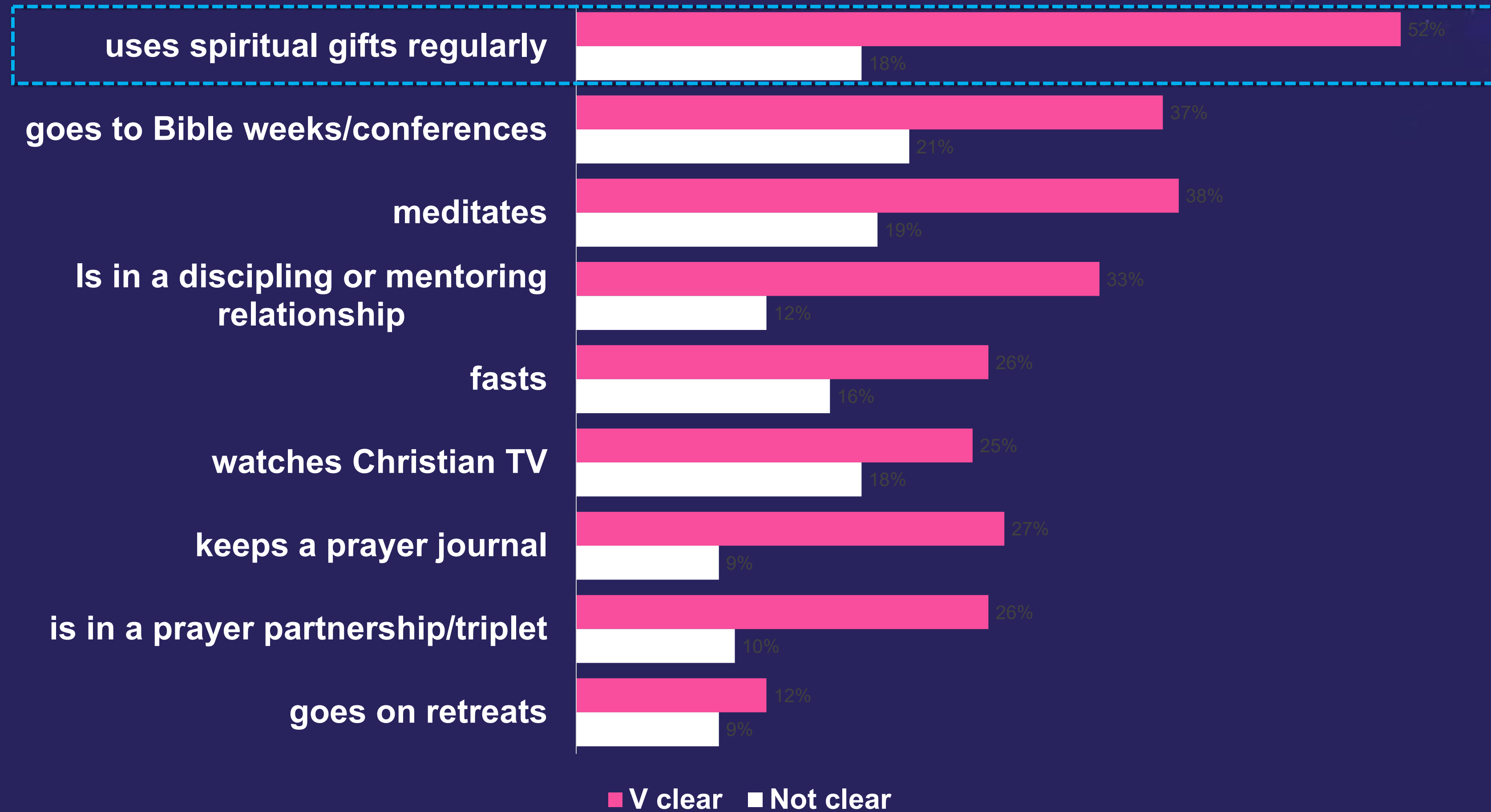
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