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# BELIEF

WHAT WE BELIEVE

**Why  
Believe**



**BELIEF**

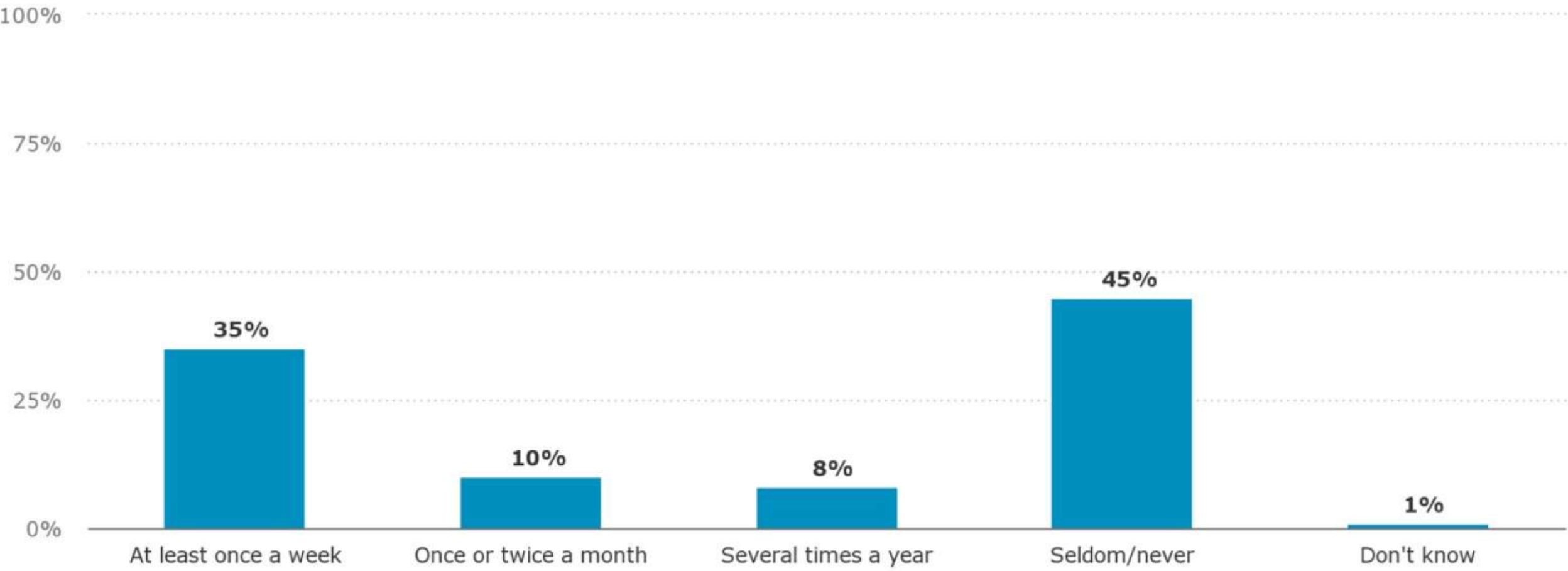
WHAT WE BELIEVE

**the  
Bible?**



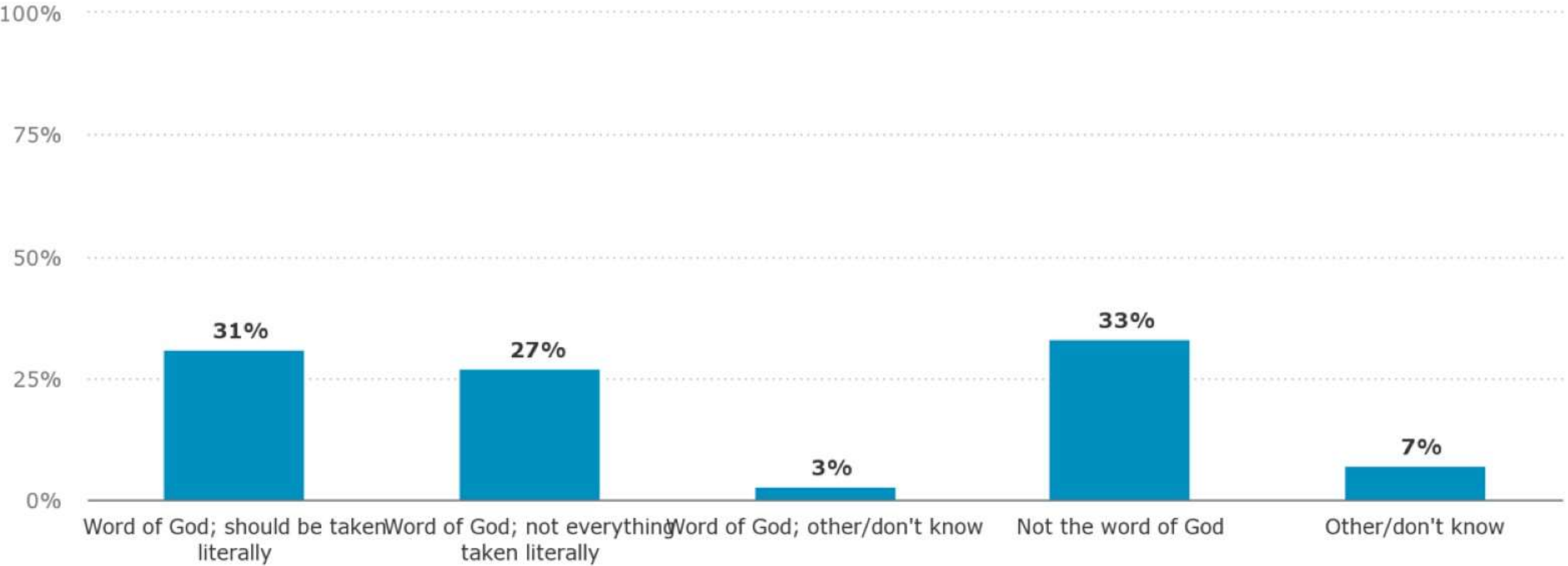
# Frequency of reading scripture

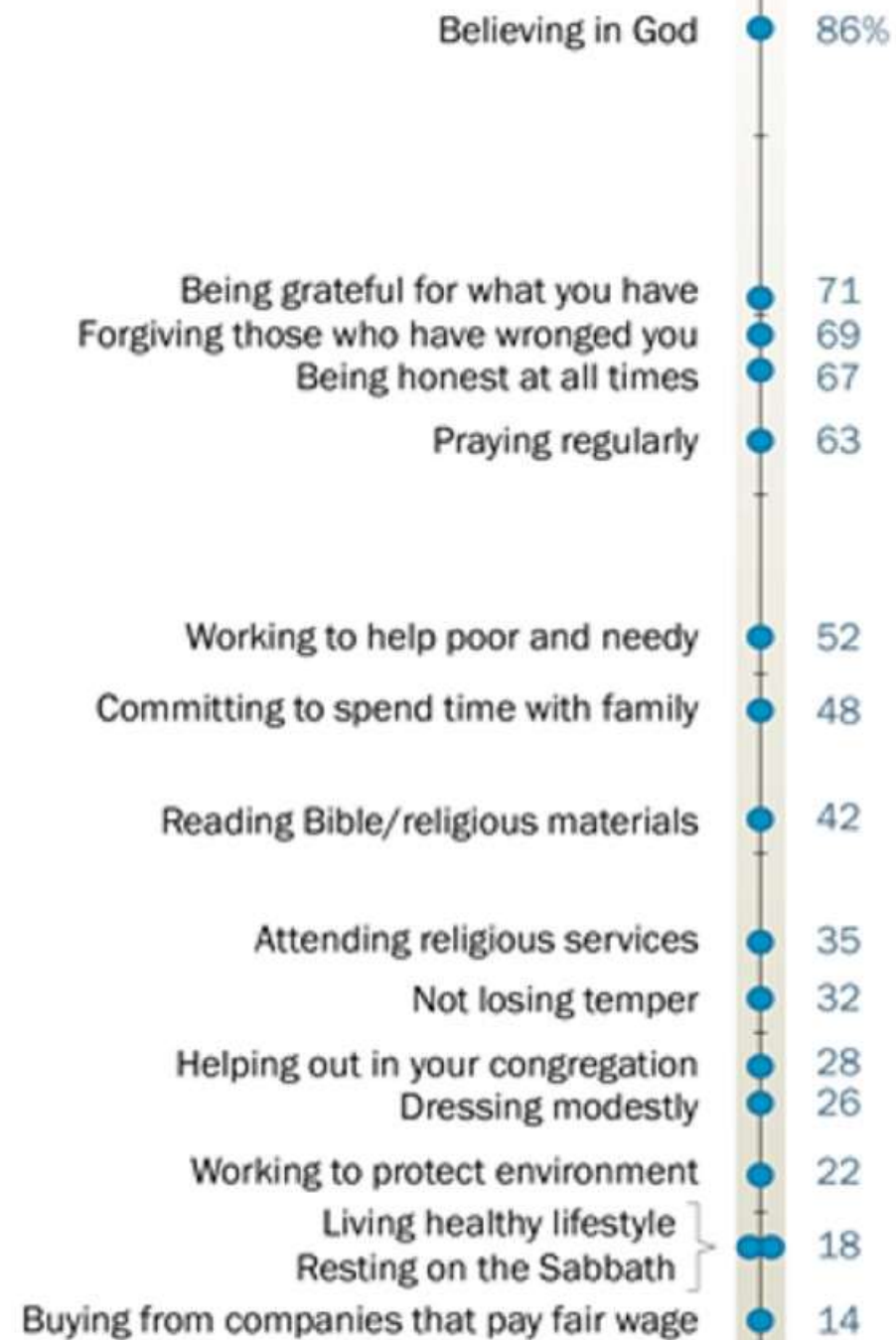
*% of adults who read scripture...*



## Interpreting scripture

*% of adults who say the holy scripture is...*







## **2 Timothy 3:16-17 –**

**16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.



**Its Nature is Different.**





*No other book has its origin.*

**Its Nature is Different.**



...no prophecy was  
ever made by an act  
of human will, but men  
moved by the Holy  
Spirit spoke from God.



*No other book has its origin.*

*No other book has its preservation.*

**Its Nature is Different.**



**Its Claims are Different.**



*It makes important claims  
about Jesus.*

**Its Claims are Different.**





*It makes important claims  
about Jesus.*

*It makes important claims  
about our lives.*

**Its Claims are Different.**



**Its Story is Different.**



*World Changing*

**Its Story is Different.**



“No other religion, philosophy, teaching, nation, movement – whatever – has so changed the world for better as Christianity has done...Civilization itself was transformed by Jesus Christ. In the ancient world, his teachings elevated brutish standards of morality, halted infanticide, enhanced human life, emancipated women, abolished slavery, inspired charities and relief organizations, created hospitals, established orphanages and founded schools...It was Christians who invented colleges and universities, dignified labor as a divine vocation, and extended the light of civilization to barbarians on the frontiers.”

– Dr. Paul Maier, Western Michigan University



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