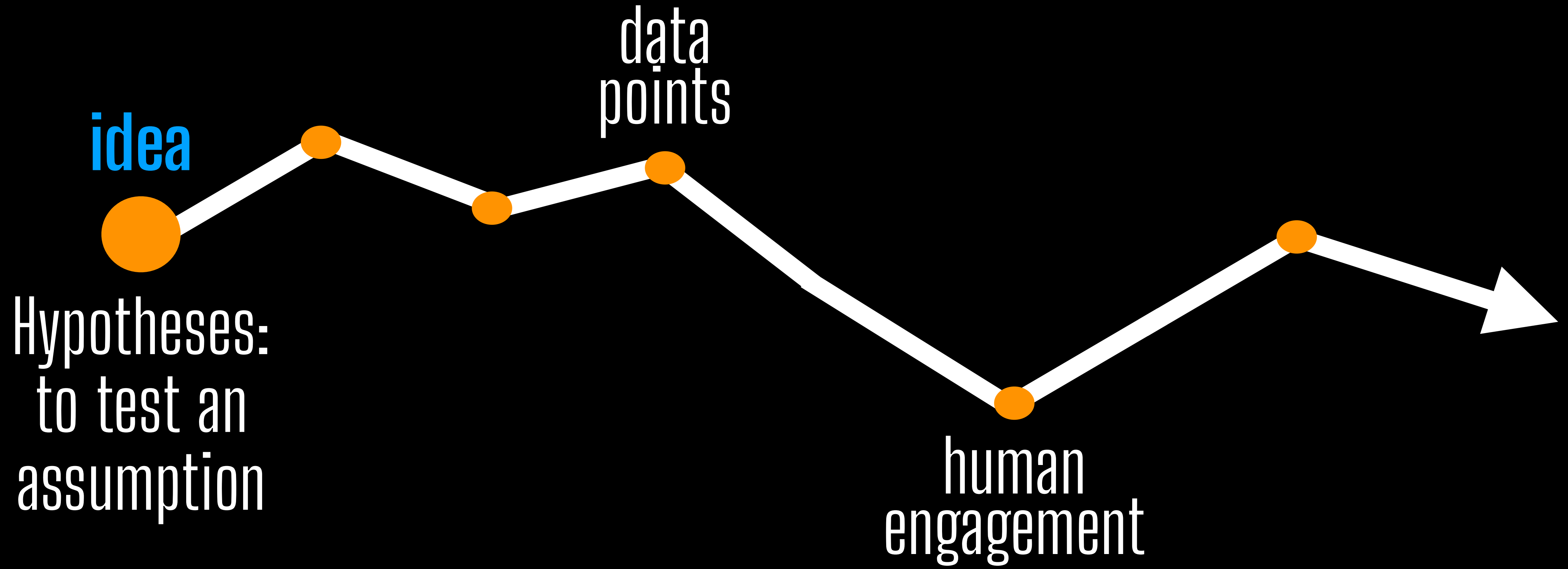




Pretenders

Recap



Recap

Pew Research surveyed Americans to see what they thought about the following four New-Age beliefs: 1) spiritual energy exists in physical things, 2) psychics have reliable insight into the future, 3) reincarnation and 4) astrology. Not only did 62% of the general public hold at least one of these New Age beliefs, **61% of professing Christians** held one as well.

Cults offer **certainty** in uncertain times

New Age offers **peace** in chaotic times

Recap

If God is **impersonal**...

Then your **lot** in life (suffering) is because of your own **choices**...

I cannot alleviate your **pain** because ultimately this will help you...

You have no **value** apart from what the wheel
of **samsara** (reincarnation) has allotted you...

Therefore, live, die and hopefully you have **learned** your lesson...

Recap

Once you were **dead** because of your **disobedience** and your many sins. You used to **live in sin**, just like the **rest of the world**, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the **spirit at work** in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. [Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

But God is so rich in **mercy**, and he **loved us so much**, that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life** when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's **grace** that you have been saved!) [Vs 4-5](#)

While biblical **literalism** has long been held as the most dominant method of interpreting **Scripture** among Evangelicals, results of a new poll released by Gallup show that **fewer than half** of Evangelicals and born-again Christians believe the Bible should be taken **literally**.

The Splintering of the Evangelical Soul, Timothy Dalrymple

What held the movement together historically was not only a shared set of moral and theological commitments, but a broadly **similar** view of the world and common **sources** of information.

Among the most persistent interests of my academic career was the question of how people **form beliefs**. Not how they should form beliefs, in some idealized vision of perfected rationality, but how they **actually** form beliefs as embodied creatures embedded in communities and cultures

The Six Way Fracturing of Evangelicalism, Michael Graham

Neo-Fundamentalist Evangelical – Neo-fundamentalists are those who have deep concerns about both political and theological liberalism. There is some overlap and co-belligerency with Christian Nationalism

Mainstream Evangelical – The emphasis for this group is on the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Concerning threats within the church, they share some concern for the secular right's influence on Christianity

Neo-Evangelical – People who would see themselves as “global evangelicals” and are doctrinally “Evangelicals” (w/ some philosophy of ministry differences) but no longer use the term “evangelical” in some circumstances in the American context as the term as an identifier has evolved to be more political than theological.

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Post-Evangelical – People who have fully left evangelicalism from a self-identification standpoint and reject the “evangelical” label yet are still churched and likely still agree with the Apostles Creed and Nicene Creed.

Dechurched (but with some Jesus) – People who have left the church but still hold to at least some orthodox Christian beliefs.

Dechurched and Deconverted – People who have left the church and are completely deconverted with no vestigial Christian beliefs.

Are you an **authentic** Christian?

Christianity is best **understood** and **defined** by our
approach to **biblical interpretation** and **application**

Progressive
Christianity

Bible

New
Apostolic
Reformation

In keeping with our “reformed and reforming” identity, we have embraced a movement that began in **2006** called Progressive Christianity. The movement was a part of a larger movement called “the **emerging** church.” At the heart of these movements was the desire to articulate a way of being Christian that was an **alternative** to the Christian faith portrayed in the public realm. The leaders of Progressive Christianity had grown weary of defining their Christian faith in negative terms: “We aren’t fundamentalists. We don’t believe the Bible is the inerrant or infallible word of God. We don’t agree that Creationism should replace the science of evolution in public schools. We don’t believe that God hates gays. We don’t believe that people of other faiths are going to hell unless they convert to Christianity. We don’t deny the right of women to choose what happens to their bodies.” **Progressive Church**

One of the main differences between Progressive Christianity and Historic Christianity is its **view of the Bible**. Historically, Christians have viewed the Bible as the Word of God and authoritative for our lives. Progressive Christianity generally abandons these terms, emphasizing personal belief over biblical mandate. [Alisa Childers](#)

Comments you might hear:

The Bible is a **human** book...

I disagree with the **Apostle Paul** on that issue...

The Bible **condones** immorality, so we are obligated to reject what it says in certain places...

The Bible "**contains**" the word of God...

By Ginny from Canada

What Bible translation would you recommend for a progressive?

Dear Ginny,

I am fortunate to work with a congregation that challenges me to choose readings for each Sunday that **are not from the Bible**. We use texts that offer us the opportunity to explore major issues related to being **human**.

They come from ancient and modern literature, poetry and pop culture, movie scripts and love letters. As long as they are worthy of the people who will receive them, and fall within the purposes of our gathering – to ground ourselves in the interconnectedness of life, to be guided in our choices by love, and to grow in wisdom – we can read it. [Rev. Gretta Vosper](#)

Progressives are not just a group of Christians who are changing their minds on social issues and politics. According to their most prominent thought leaders, authors, and speakers, they often deny core essential doctrines of the faith, which leads them to preach **an entirely different gospel**. **Alisa Childers**

According to progressive Christianity, **revelation** is still **unfolding**. Beliefs and behaviours can still be **modified** today

The Jewish Scriptures, which are full of anecdotes of destiny, failure, sin and grace, offer almost **no self-evident philosophical or theological conclusions** that are always true. . . . We even have four, often **conflicting** versions of the life of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. There is no one clear **theology** of God, Jesus, or **history** presented, despite our attempt to **pretend** there is. **Richard Rohr**

What business do I have describing as ‘**inerrant**’ and ‘**infallible**’ a text that presumes a flat and stationary earth, takes slavery for granted, and presupposes patriarchal norms like polygamy? **Rachel Held Evans**

Anything in the Bible that looks **miraculous** or contrary to the normal functions of the natural world is not factual, but rather is **mythological** **James Burklo**

A portable library of poems, prophecies, histories, **fables**, parables, letters, sage sayings, quarrels, and so on **Brian McLaren**

The New Apostolic Reformation, or NAR, is a religious movement that emphasizes **experience** over Scripture, **mysticism** over doctrine, and modern-day “**apostles**” over the plain text of the Bible. Of particular distinction in the New Apostolic Reformation are the role and power of spiritual leaders and miracle-workers, the reception of “**new**” **revelations** from God, an over-emphasis on spiritual warfare, and a pursuit of cultural and political control in society. The seeking of **signs and wonders** in the NAR is always accompanied by blatantly false doctrine.

The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) is a **dominionist** movement which asserts that God is restoring the lost offices of **church governance**, namely the offices of Prophet and Apostle.

Growth in the New Apostolic Reformation is driven primarily through **small groups** and **church planting**, often completely independent of a parent congregation. The movement is not **centrally controlled**, and many of its followers will not self-identify as part of it or even recognize the name. All the same, **thousands of churches and millions of believers** adhere to the teachings of the New Apostolic Reformation. Popular teachers associated with the New Apostolic Reformation include Bill Johnson, Rick Joyner, Kim Clement, and Lou Engle.

This movement crystallized in the wake of the **1994 Toronto Revival** after John Wimber asked John and Carol Arnott to remove their church from the Vineyard Association. While the Toronto Revival was an important catalyst, NAR's roots go back to **Latter Rain Movement** (LRM) in the late 1940s, which first began to talk about charismatic gifting through laying on of hands and the restoration of apostles and prophets in Ephesians 4

It is said to be promoted by Trinity Broadcasting Network, Daystar Television, GOD TV, Charisma magazine, International House of Prayer (IHOP) and Youth With A Mission (YWAM). Popular leaders are said to be Bill Johnson (**Bethel Church**, Redding, CA), Mike Bickle, Randy Clark, Todd Bentley, Bill Hamon and the late Fuller Seminary professor C. Peter Wager.

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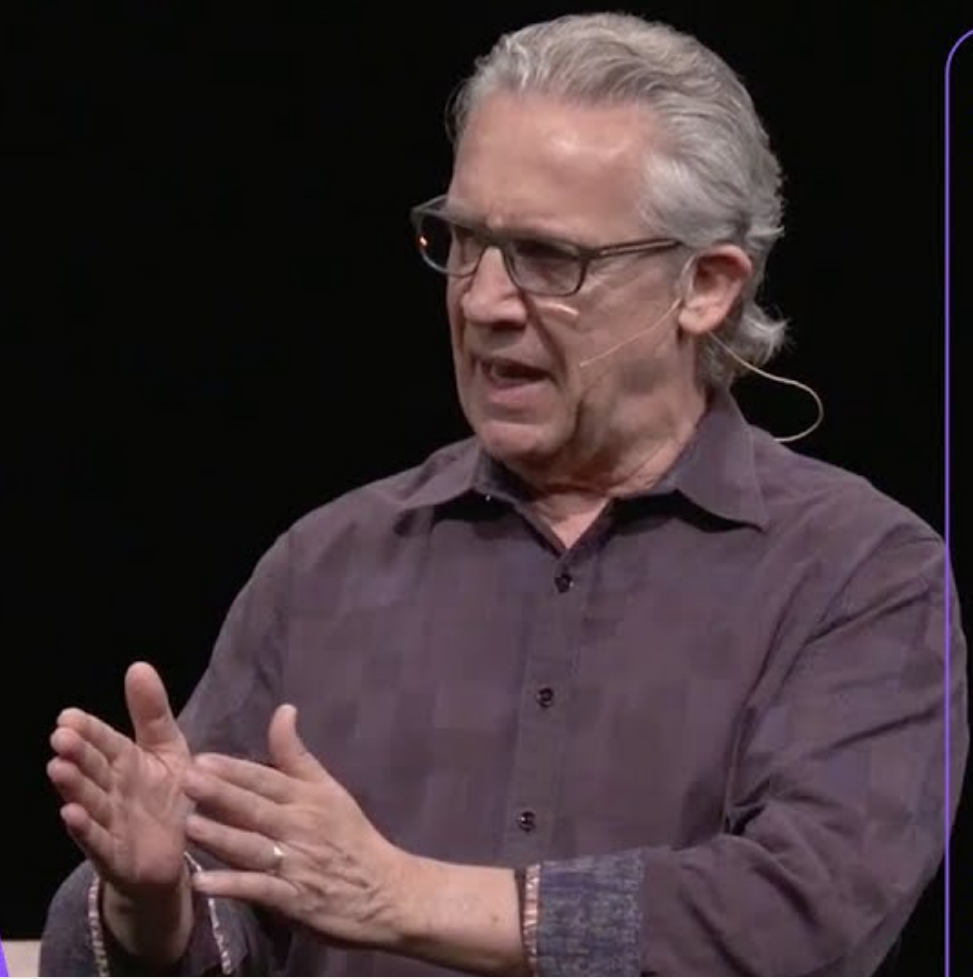


BETHEL MUSIC

- 01. IT IS WELL
- 02. RAISE A HALLELUJAH
- 03. NO LONGER SLAVES
- 04. GOODNESS OF GOD
- 05. CLOSER
- 06. STAND IN YOUR LOVE
- 07. WAY MAKER
- 08. RATTLE
- 09. LOVE MOVED FIRST
- 10. YOU SAY
- 11. THE BLESSING
- 12. THERE WAS JESUS
- 13. TOGETHER
- 14. GRAVES INTO GARDENS
- 15. KING OF KINGS
- 16. SEE A VICTORY
- 17. THE FATHER'S HOUSE
- 18. GREAT THINGS
- 19. LOVE GOD/LOVE PEOPLE
- 20. PRAISE YOUR NAME
- 21. I AM BLESSED
- 22. QUIET TIME

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Today, NAR power-houses include Bill and Beni Johnson's **Bethel** Church in Redding, California (formerly AOG, now independent), **Hillsong** Church in Australia (also formerly AOG, now independent), **Catch the Fire** in Toronto (formerly Toronto Airport Vineyard, now independent), Heidi Baker's Iris Ministries and Rick Joyner's **Morningstar** Ministries, amongst many others. You will find songs, teachings, books and events connected with these and other NAR ministries being promoted in most charismatic churches in Britain, at inter-denominational conferences, in Christian bookshops and on Christian TV and radio.

Look for distinctive NAR practices, such as a church hosting **SOZO** sessions or operating a 24/7 prayer room or a "**Healing Room**." NAR churches often offer courses that **train** people to prophesy or learn to work other types of miracles. Some NAR churches have even started their own "**School of Supernatural Ministry**" utilizing curriculum developed by Bethel Church in Redding, California.

Counterfeit Kingdom



*The Dangers of
New Revelation,
New Prophets,
and New Age Practices
in the Church*

HOLLY PIVEC *and* R. DOUGLAS GEIVETT

The core NAR teaching is that the church must be **governed** by present-day **apostles and prophets**. The key word in that definition is governed. By governed, NAR leaders mean that apostles and prophets must hold **formal authoritative** offices in church government. This definition has two important corollaries: (1) These apostles and prophets claim extraordinary authority, and (2) they claim to bring **new revelation** the church needs to advance God's kingdom. **Holly Pivec and Doug Geivett**

"I'm convinced that the **pace of revelation will increase** very rapidly in these last hours of history.... That acceleration of revelation is beginning in our day... It's about the purposes of God being unveiled on the planet. **On-going revelation** and encounters with the power of God launch us into understanding of things we've never understood before." [Bill Johnson, The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind](#)

"There are vast resources of **revelation** in heaven for the areas of **education** and **business**, the **arts** and **music**, and these resources have yet to be tapped anywhere near to their fullness.... Our job is to tap the revelation of the Lord in our area of talent or gifting so that we can accurately and powerfully reflect the King and His Kingdom." [The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind](#)

"The **anointing** on a coming generation will be great enough that the **natural order** of things will no longer apply. With a low-grade anointing and **revelation**, we have to live by natural principles and restrictions to get spiritual results. But Jesus brings this **revelation**, which is almost **frightening**. He says, 'Lift up your eyes,' meaning, 'With the way you see things right now, you cannot operate on the **revelation** I want to give you. But there is something available for a coming generation where the anointing is so **extreme** that every person will be ready for the harvest.'" **The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind**

"**Revelation** comes piece by piece, layer upon layer, to generation after generation." **Hosting the Presence**

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Incomplete revelation

“experience”

New revelation

“experience”

conforming to an **original** so as to reproduce **essential** features

Are you an **authentic** Christian?



To be an authentic Christian is to first take seriously our sacred document, wrestle with its claims and finally apply these claims to every aspect of life

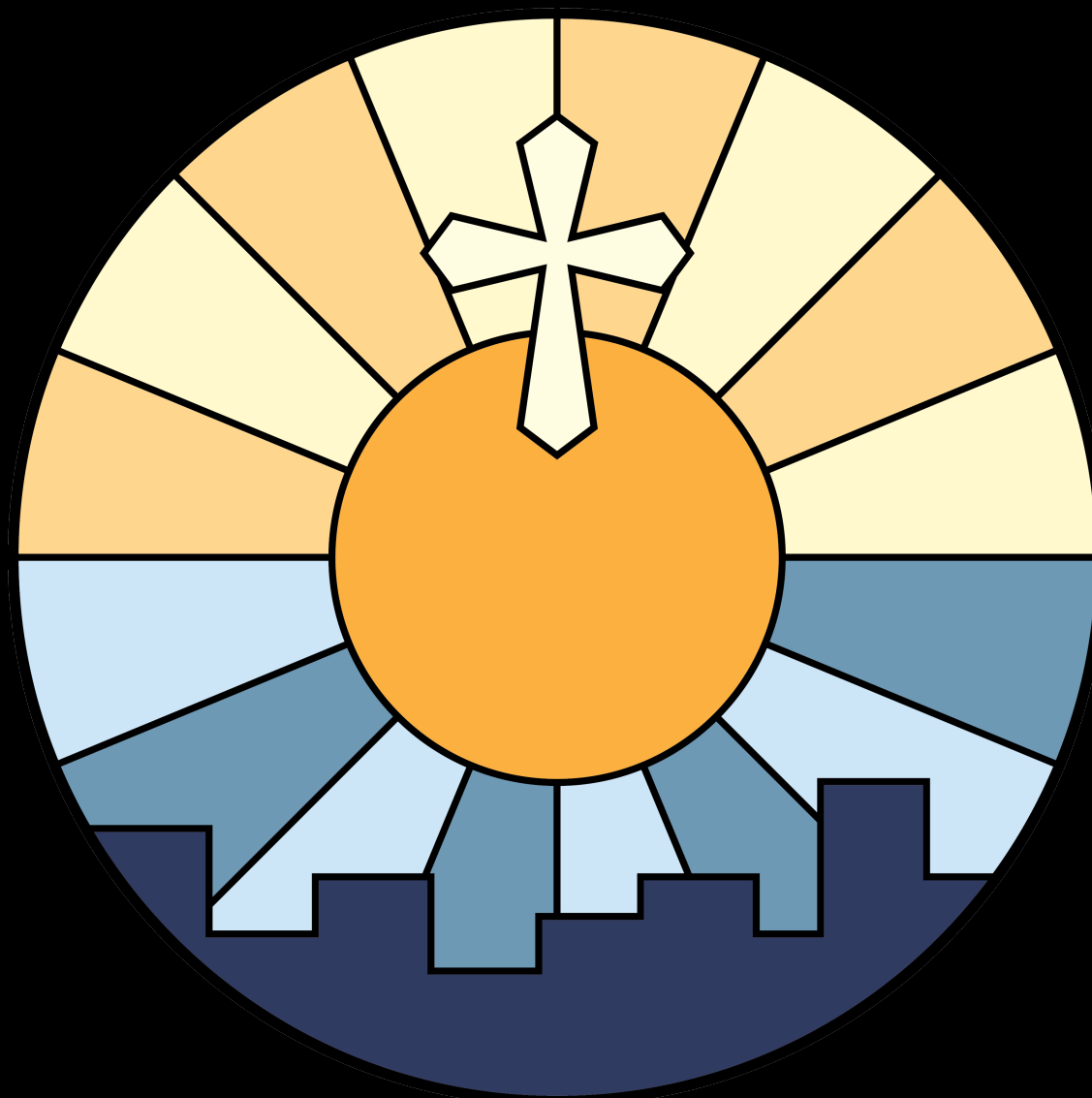
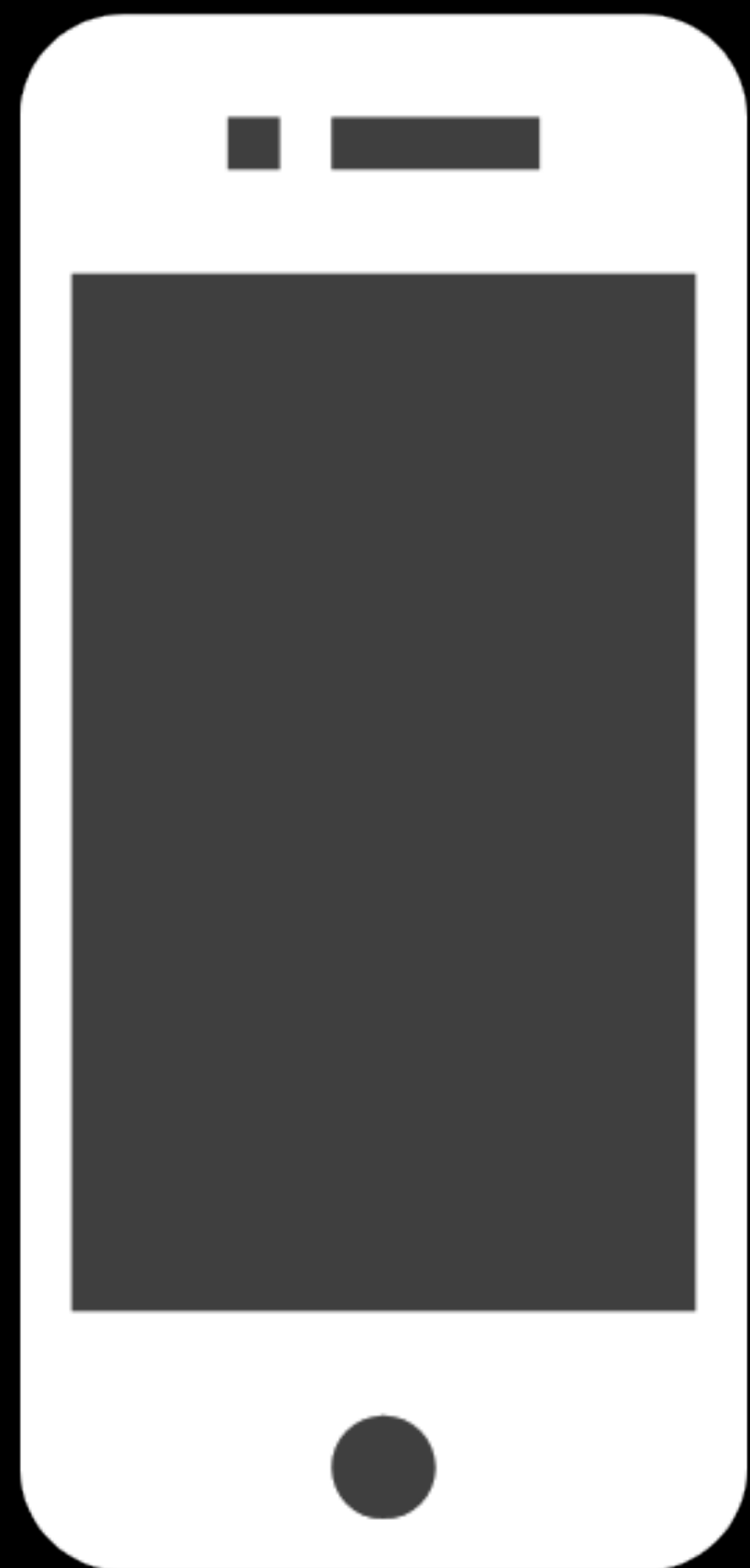
“The **Bible** is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of **scheming swindlers**. We **pretend** to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are **obliged** to act accordingly.” Soren Kierkegaard, *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard*

You should know this, Timothy, that in the **last days** there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider **nothing sacred**. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will **act religious**, but they will **reject the power** that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

But you, Timothy, certainly know what I **teach**, and how I **live**, and what my **purpose** in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. **Vs 10**

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