

Bolder Decisions Better Disciples



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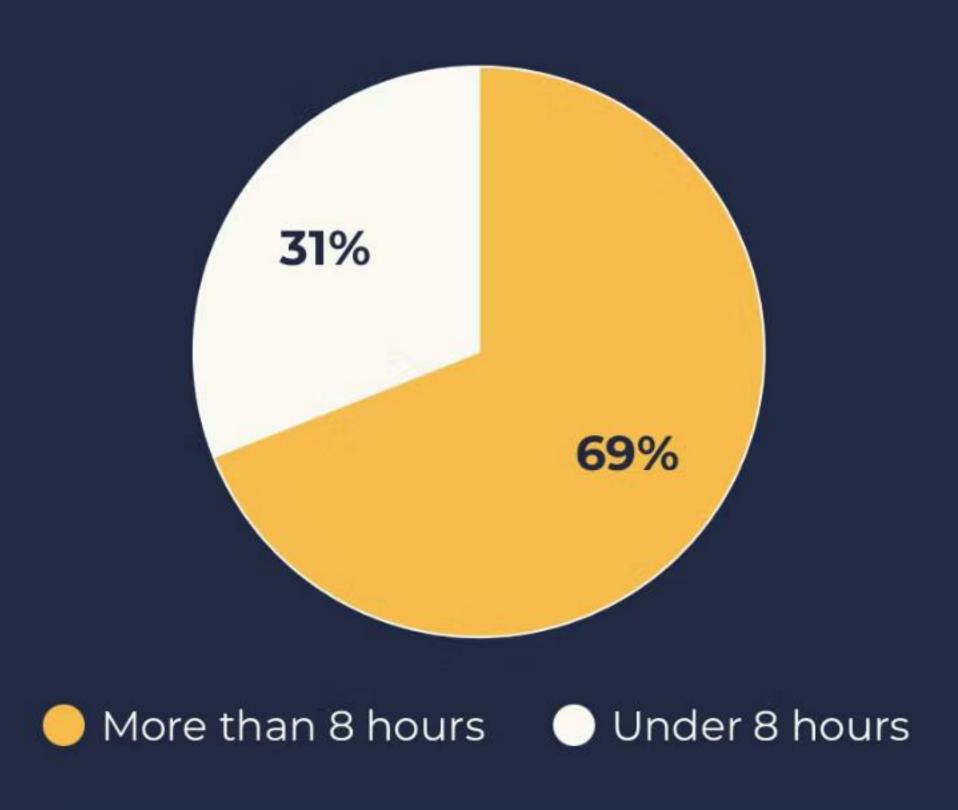
CHIEF EVANGELISTIC OFFICER

40 PARABLES

## How many hours does it take your pastor to prepare for the weekend sermon?



Here's what a 2012 Lifeway Research study gathered: 69% of pastors spend 8+ hours preparing their sermon.

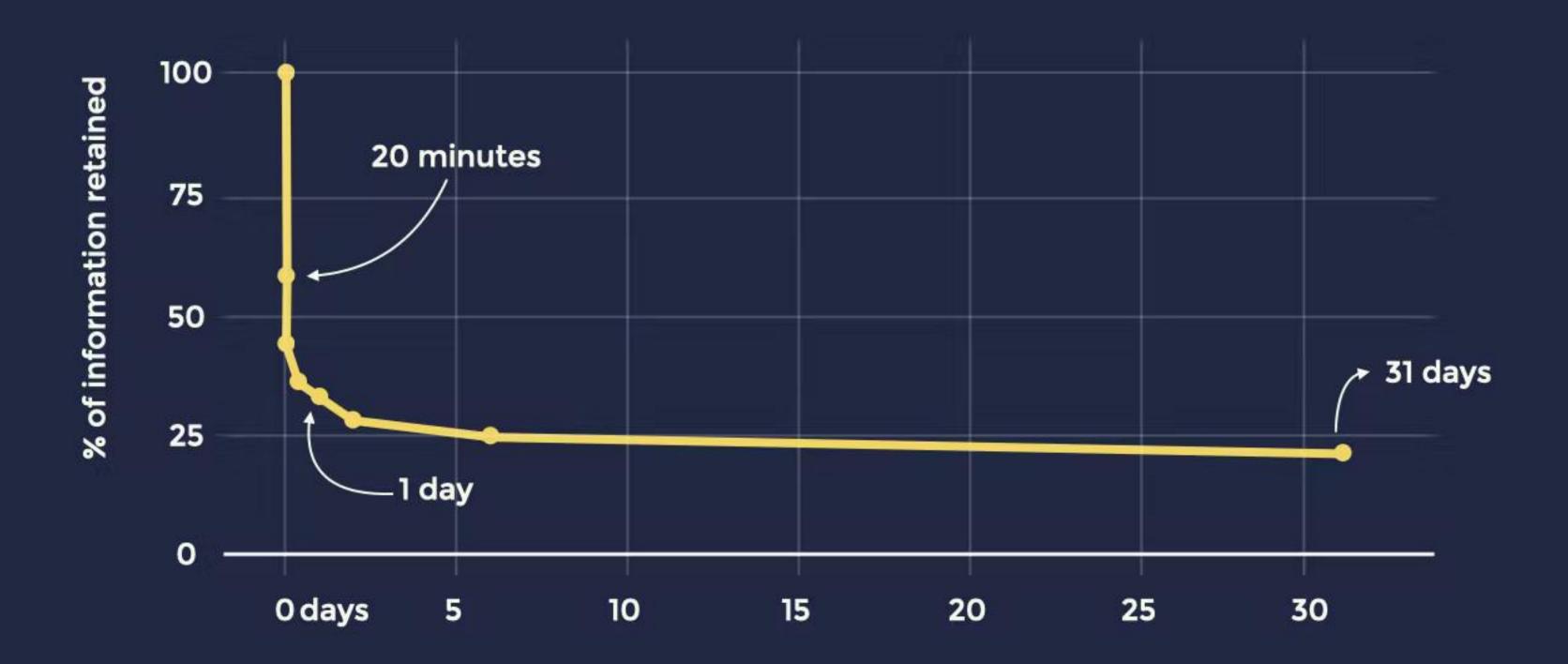


## By which day does your church forget the weekend sermon?

Sunday (same day)	36%
Monday	31%
Tuesday	16%
Wednesday	4%
Thursday	3%
Friday	1%
Saturday	6%
Never	3%

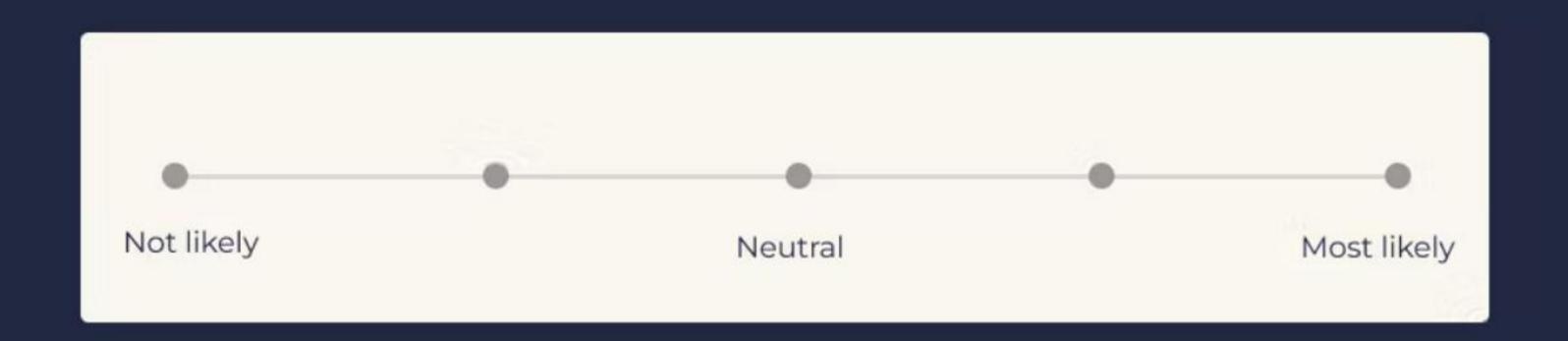


#### Hermann Ebbinghaus' forgetting curve

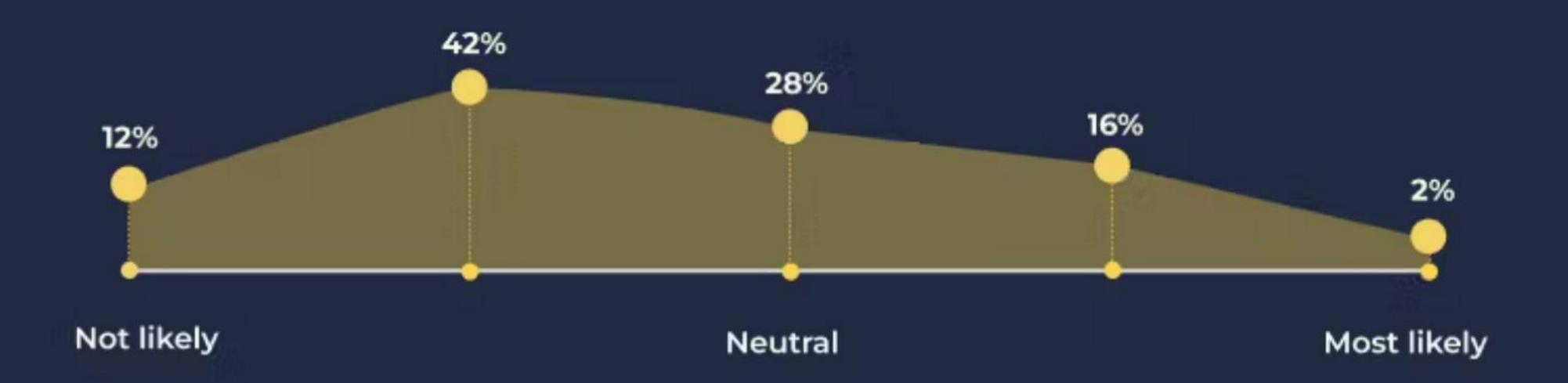


German psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus found that humans forget 70%+ within the first 24 hours.

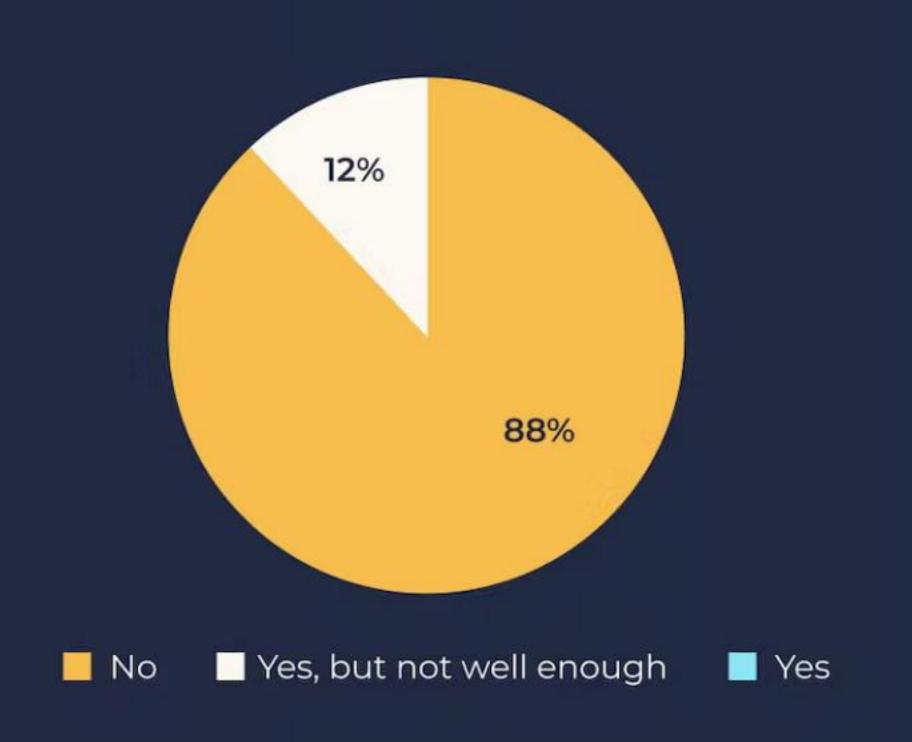
## How likely is it for the average congregant to act on the message?



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## Are you tracking if congregants are acting on the message of the weekend sermon?





## Bolder Decisions, Better Disciples

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#### **Chuck Carter**

Lead Pastor, Our Family Church



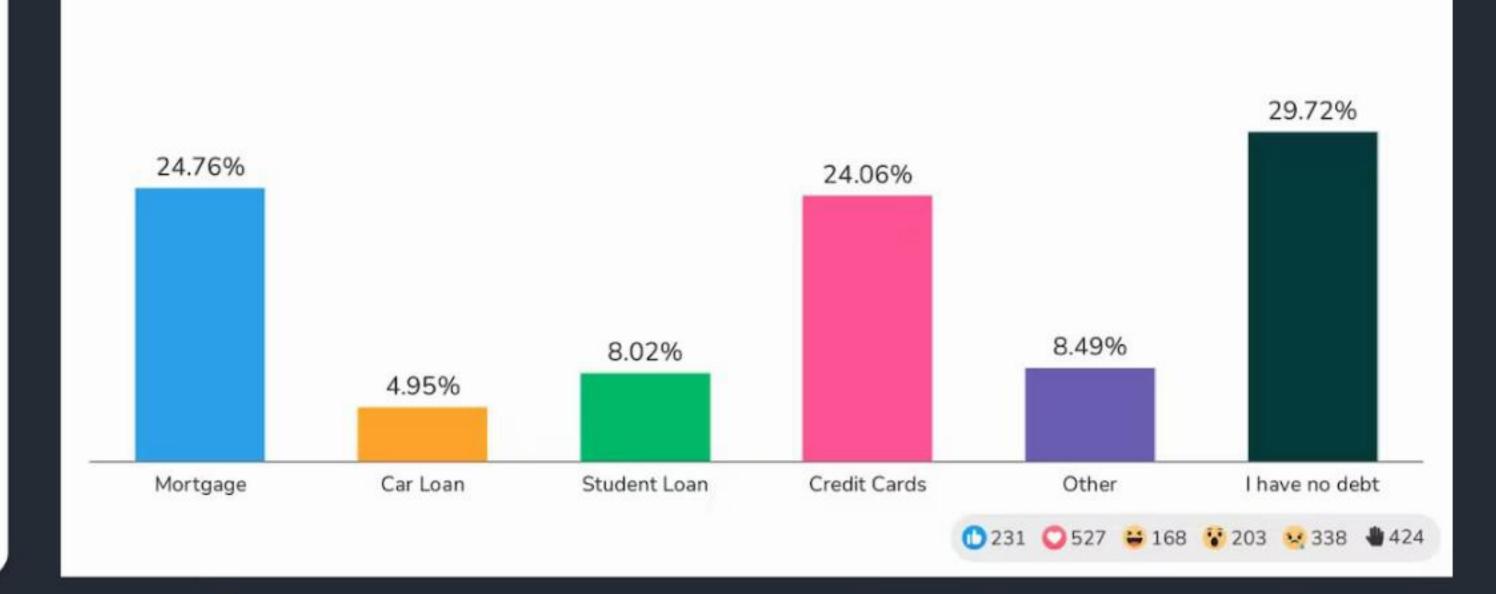
We used Bleat in service and our congregation loved it!

Recently we asked the church about what debt caused them the most concern in their lives. We were in a Family Series and were preaching on the strain that debt causes in many families.

It helped the message hit home to those who are carrying unwise debt. We will continue to use this tool once or twice a month.



#### What debt causes the most stress in your family?





# Simon the Sorcerer

ACTS 8:1-25



#### Is Simon a believer in Christ?

Yes, he is

52%

No, he isn't





#### ACTS 8: 9 - 13

- **9** Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,
- 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God."
  - 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.
- **12** But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

#### ACTS 8: 14 - 19

- 14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.
- **15** When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
  - 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
  - **18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money
  - 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

#### ACTS 8: 20 - 24

- 20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!
- 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.
- 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.
  - 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."
- 24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."







#### 1. Investment

Invested his life into the gospel to get eternal life

Tried to invest his money into the gospel to get more money





### 2. Witnessing

Being His witness

Bearing His witness





### 3. Religious Response

Confronted by religious rulers

Angered the mob and got killed

No rebuke from religious rulers Amazed the cult and got rich





#### 4. Last Words

About God and his people

True overcomer & truly Christlike

Looking forward to his eternal life

About himself
No godly repentance/relationship
Looking to preserve his earthly life

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

JIM ELLIOT



#### Is Simon a believer in Christ?

Yes, he is

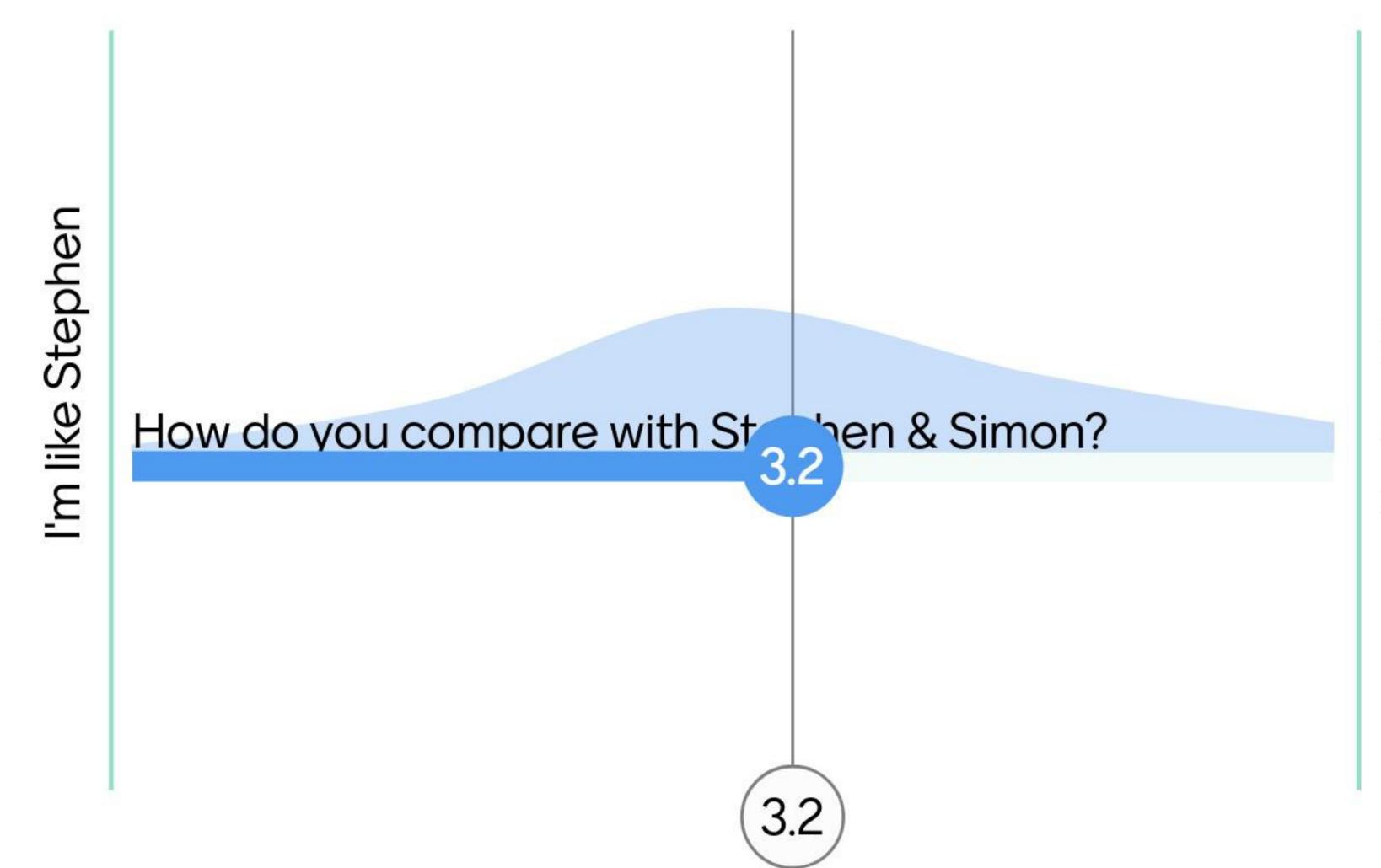
22%

No, he isn't





### Self Evaluation







Serve others, not myself

Speak earnestly rather than tactfully

More time in Bible

Get grounded in the Word

Regularly communing with God

Spend more time praying and reading the Bible

Daily say yes to Jesus and no to the flesh.

Instead of telling someone you'll praying for them, pray for them in that very moment with them.

Trust & obey



Focus on God when I'm tempted to focus on myself

Guarding my heart with the word

Don't be afraid to speak the Gospel

Consider how I can change my actions in order to honor God and spread the Gospel, even at the expense of myself

Be a witness

Prioritize daily reading

Invest in the word, and communicate more with God

Intentional Bible and prayer time

Listen to Bible-based input more than secular input



Make deliberate sacrifice of myself and my daily life through spiritual disciplines

Ask God his input when I also ask others for their input.

Put the needs of others before my own

Daily investment, not looking or worrying about the response of people but looking to God

Prioritize Godly matters rather than my selfish endeavors

Open to the spirit leading me in the moment to talk to people I wouldn't normally talk to.

Be more conscious of what God wants than what I want.

Eat more broccoli

Do my best wherever God has planted me



Less focus on money and profession. Make my life about serving Him.

To be bold and not worry about pleasing others RATHER worry about what God thinks of me.

Have more self control not to give into the world but to be more like Jesus

Commit decisions to God in prayer and listen to him and his values first

Surrender to God even when unpopular

Don't just write a check and say I'm funding the people who are doing the work.

Daily deny myself & follow Christ

Listen to the Holy Spirit when I go throughout my day Less about self and more on others



Ask God his input while I ask others input.

Be more conscious of what God wants than what I want

Spending time with God

Re evaluate why I do what i do







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Lead Pastor, Freshwater Community Church



Since being introduced to Bleat, our congregational engagement has exploded. We use it weekly during the sermon and people respond. They create word pics, answer questions, and we are able to react to their answers in real time.

For example, recently I asked, what is God working on in you right now? The number one answer was patience so I was able to speak to this for a few minutes before moving further into my message.

Bleat can also be used during announcements, to generate excitement, and mid-week to see if people are actually applying the message. Bleat is what's next for us, you will find it useful too.

#### Spousal Submission

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#### ACTION

"I commit to appreciating my spouse this week"

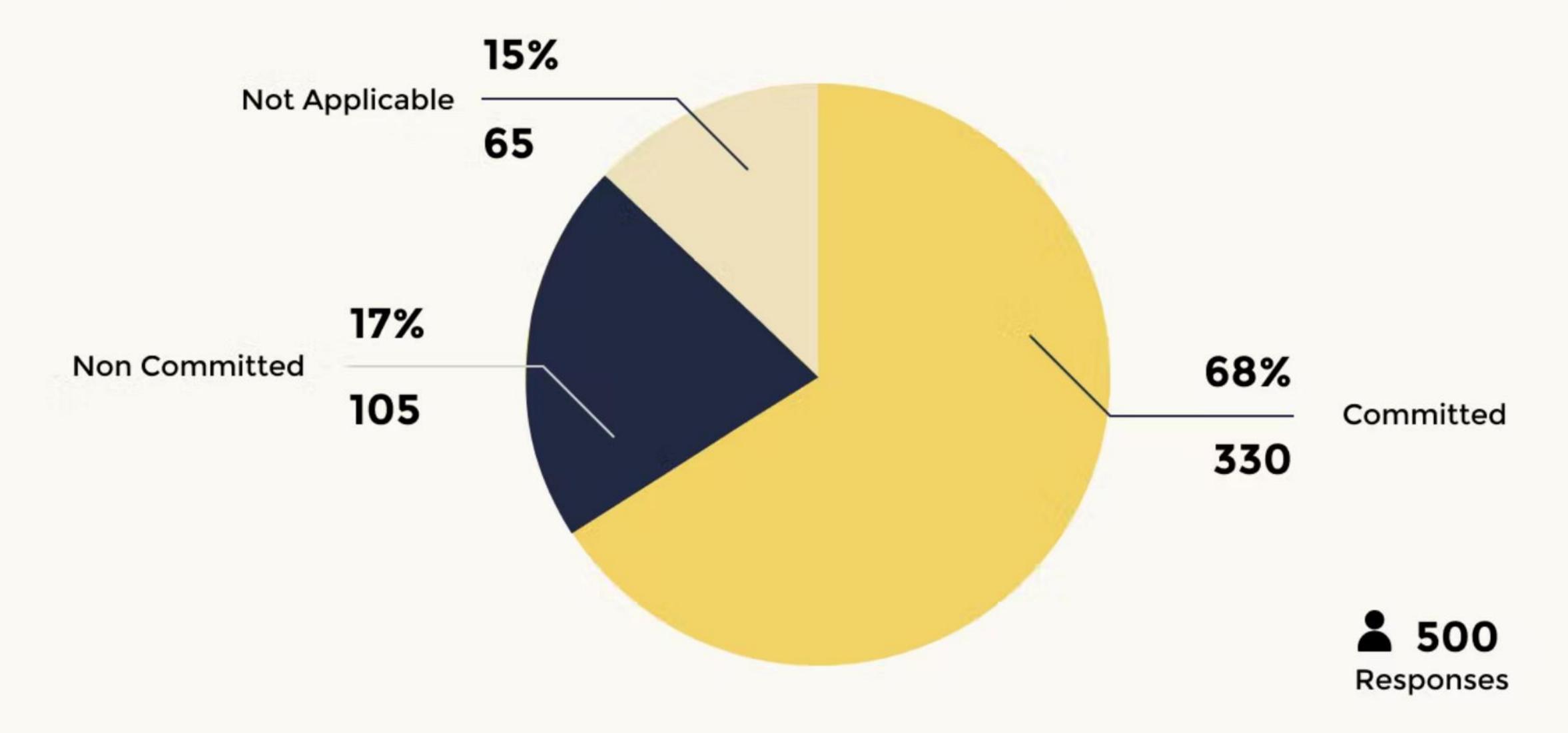
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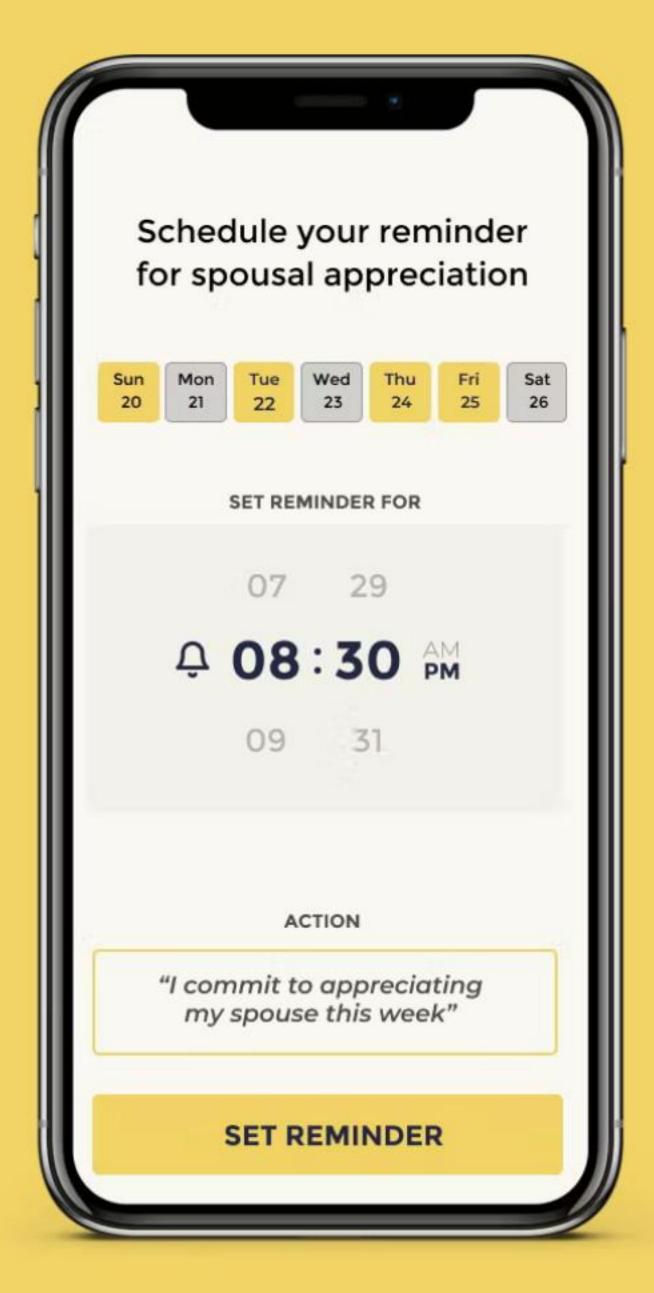
#### I'M NOT READY YET

Not Applicable To Me

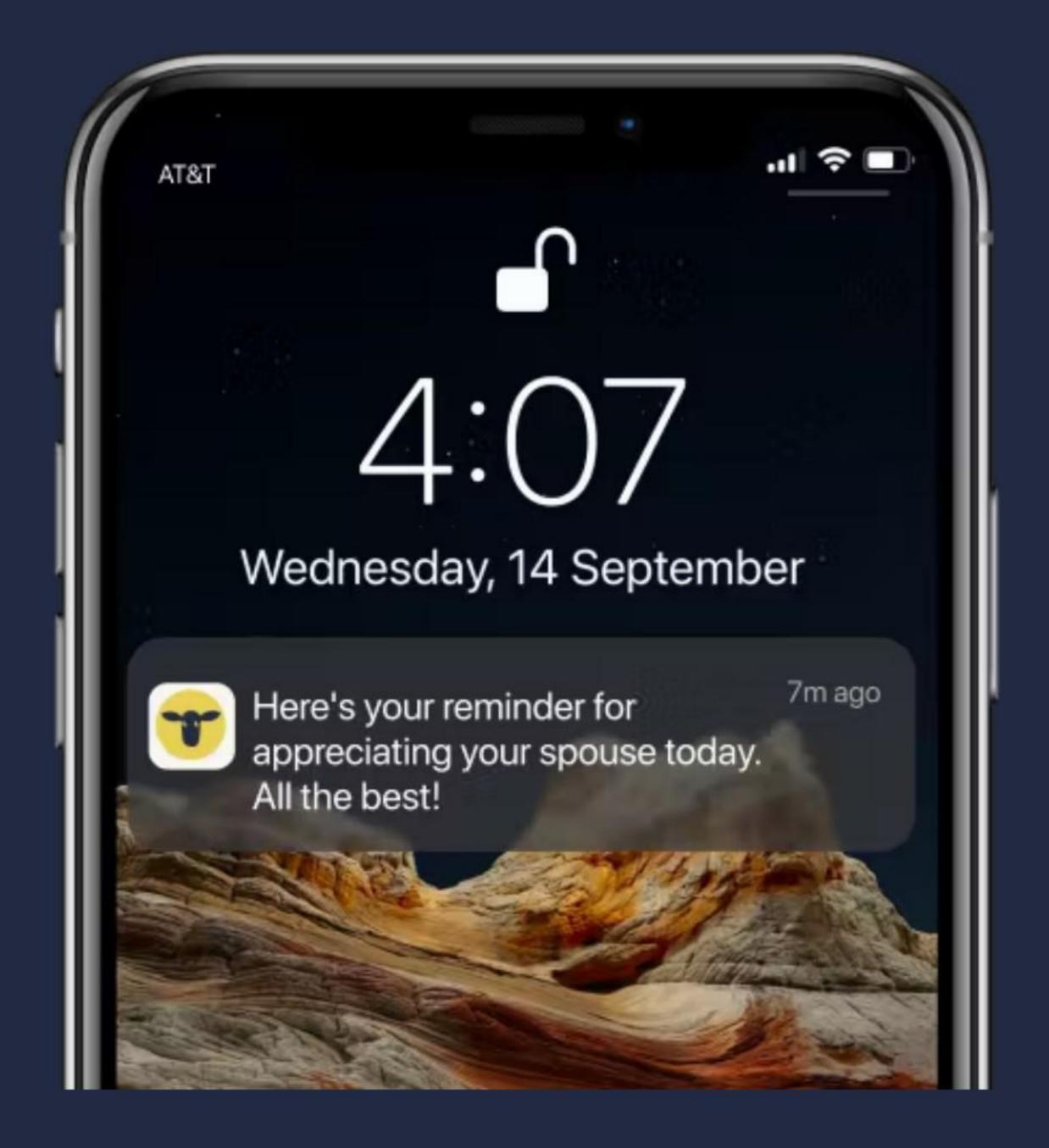


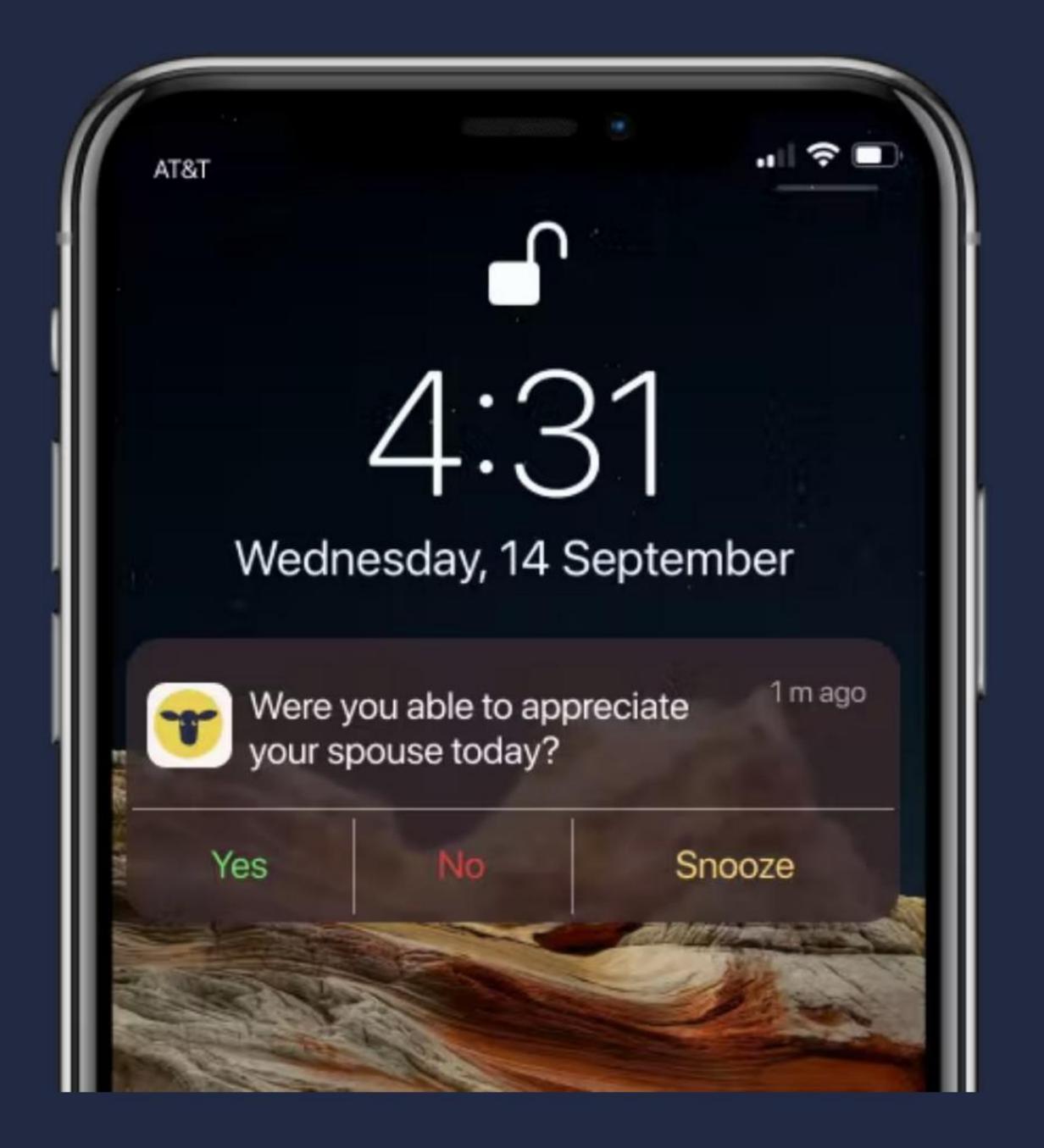
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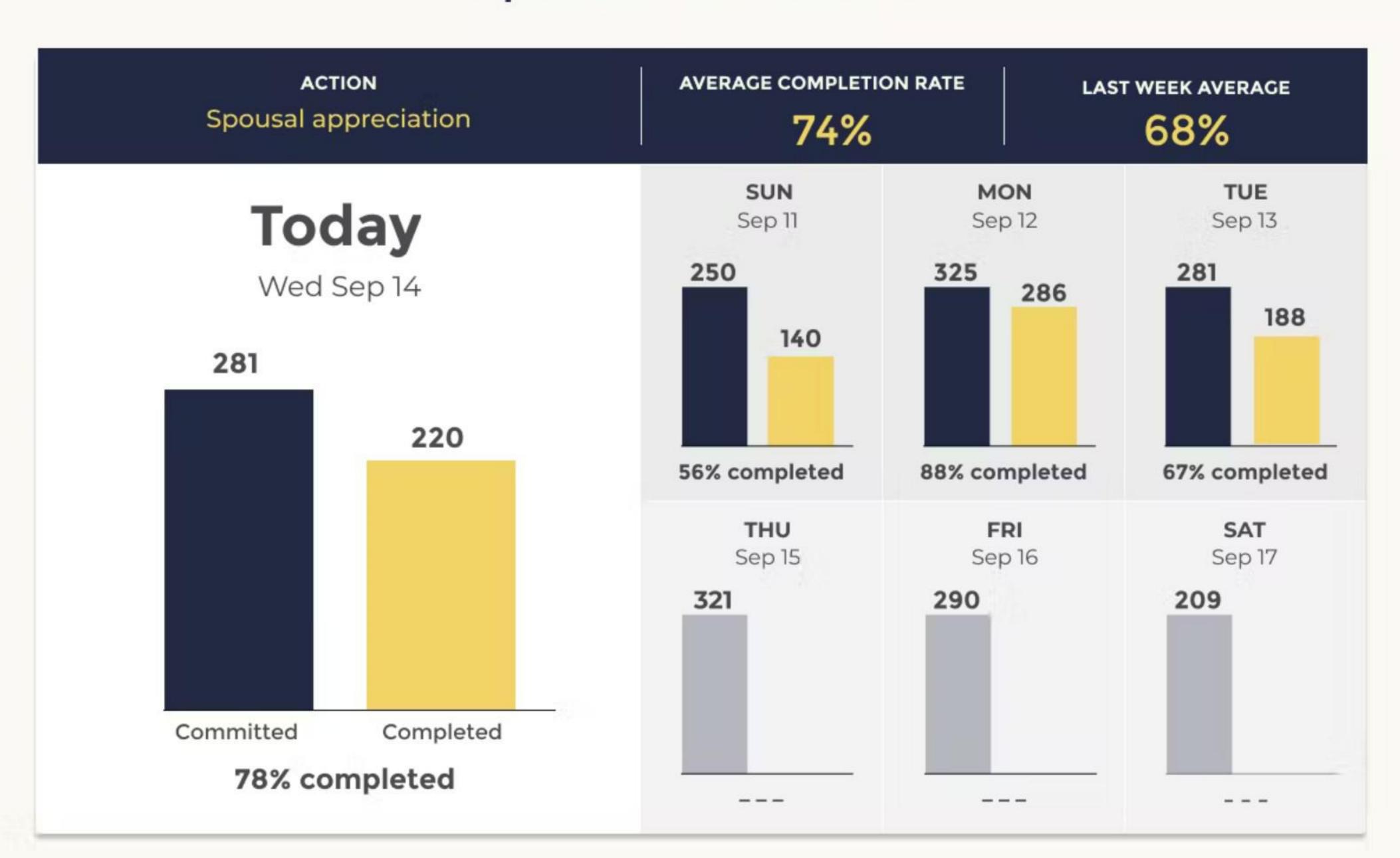
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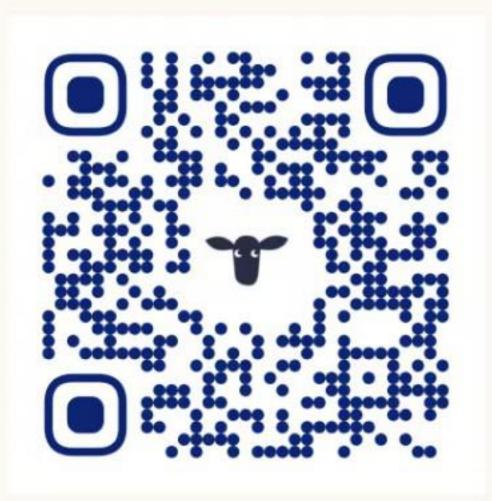
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