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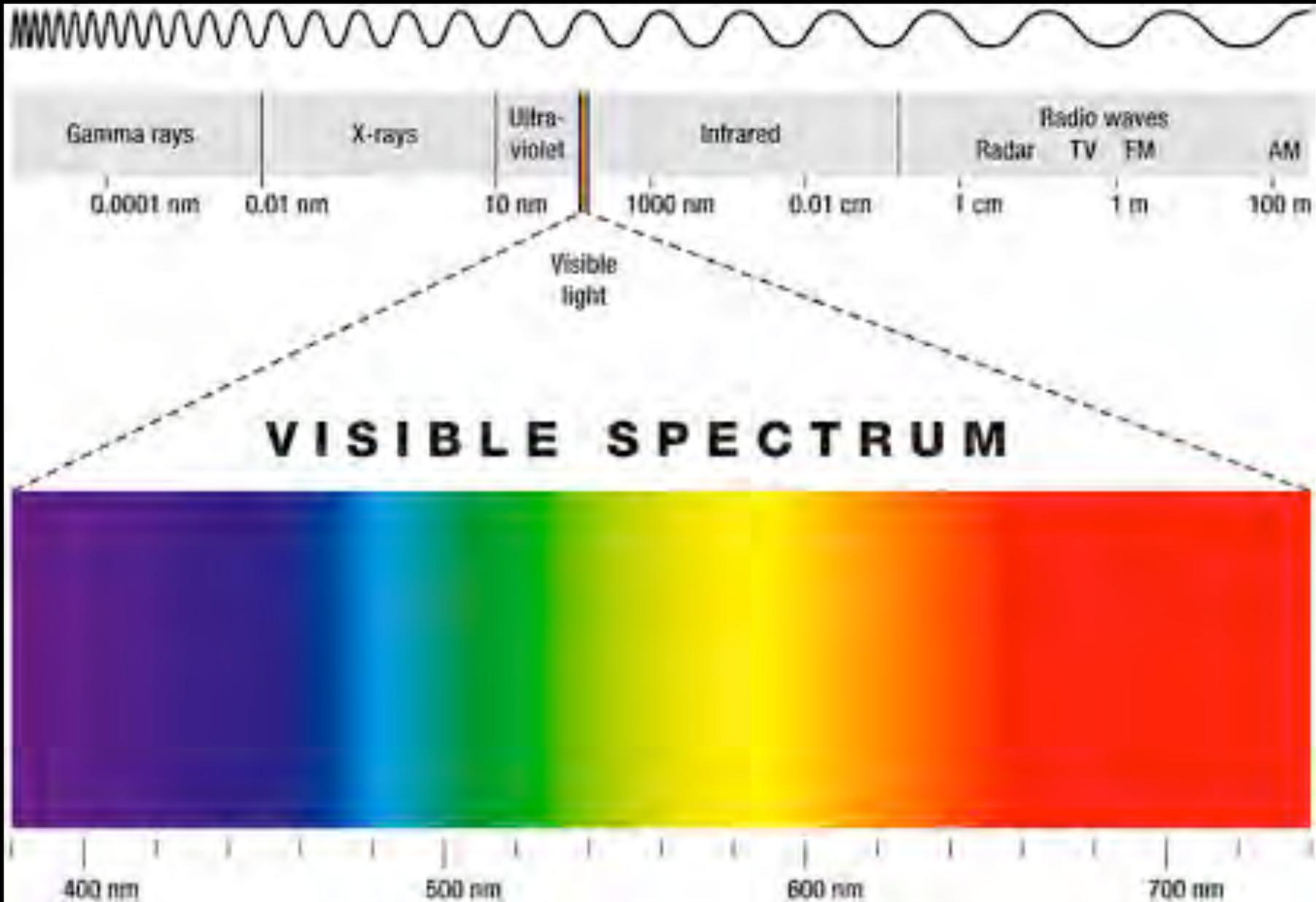
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Church: A word generally used to translate the generic Greek word *ekklēsia*, which variously means “gathering,” “assembly” or “congregation.” However, the NT tends to use the word to refer to all those who by faith in the person and work of Christ as the fullest revelation of God have entered into a new relationship with God and with one another (1 Cor 1:9–10), who are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit on earth (1 Cor 3:16) and who have been given the task of proclaiming the present and future reign of God in the world, both by the verbal declaration of the word of God (Acts 20:25–27) and by the administration of the ordinances or sacraments (Mt 28:19; 1 Cor 10:16–17). The church is founded on the past work of Christ in his death, resurrection and ascension, points to the return of Christ in the future and seeks to live in love by the power of the Spirit in the present.

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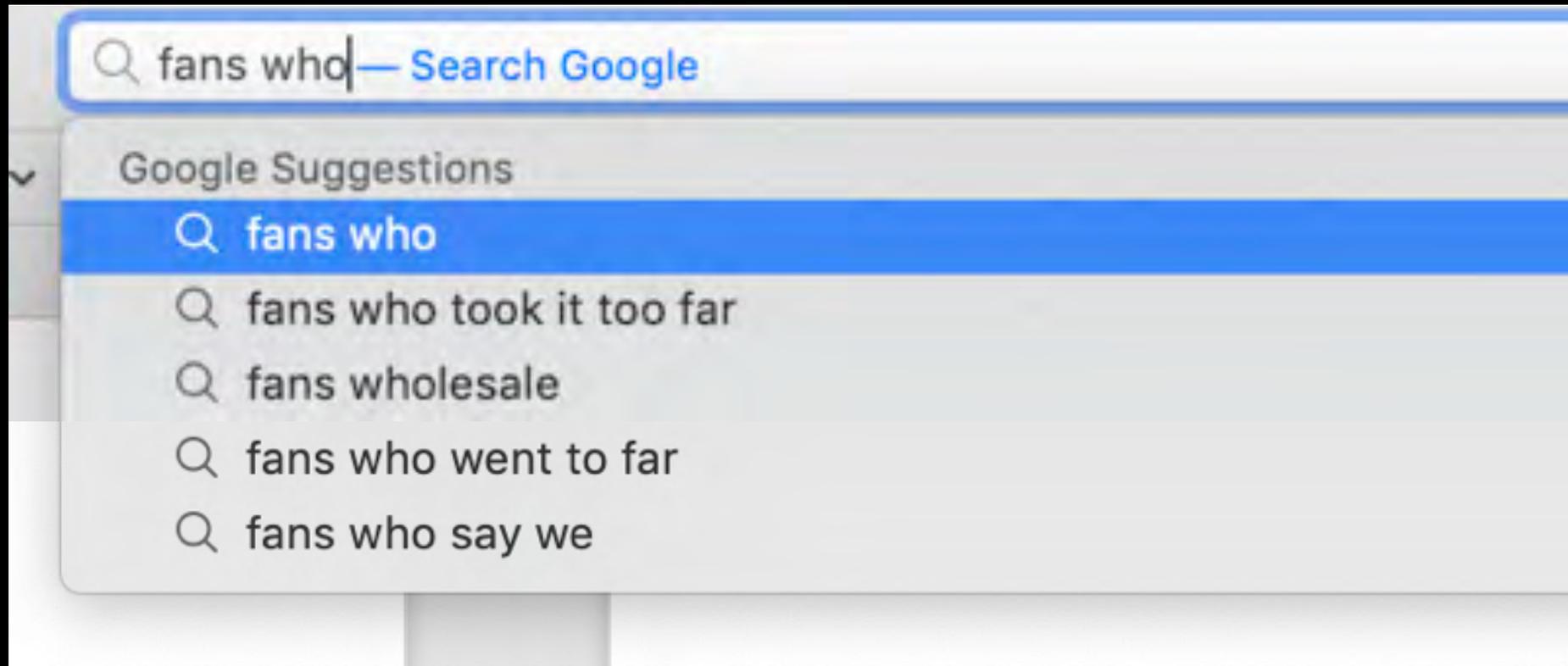
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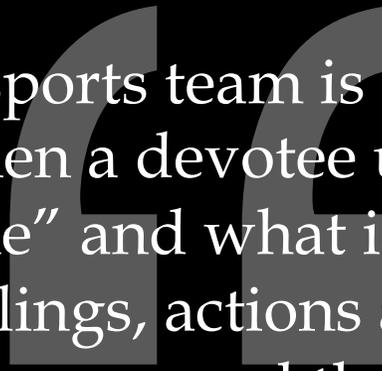
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# Fans who say “We”





A sports team is an expression of a fan's sense of self...It is not an obnoxious affectation when a devotee uses the word "we"; it's a literal confusion in the brain about what is "me" and what is "the team." In all kinds of unconscious ways, a fan mirrors the feelings, actions and even hormones of the players. Self-esteem rides on the outcome of the game and the image of the franchise.

There are benefits to this: not just self-esteem but pride, identity, belonging. There is also a downside: You are quite biased toward yourself and your in-group. And if your relationship with a sports team makes your brain think that the sports team is you, and you are me, and we are all together, then it also applies a lot of those biases to the actions of the team...Sports fans see things that way for the same reasons partisans do in political, cultural and scientific controversies: That's how people behave. We are consistent in the way we weigh evidence and assign blame.

Eric Simons, 1/30/15, [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

*The psychology of why sports fans see their teams as extensions of themselves*

How do you refer to Hope Community?

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For you, is Hope Community “They” or “We”?

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Greatest generation, (OK) Boomer, Gen X,  
Millenials (Gen Y), Gen Z

High School, Undergraduate, Graduate,  
Doctorate // home, private, public school

Race: Asian American, African American,  
Hispanic American, Euro American

Socioeconomic differences

Single, Engaged, Married, Separated,  
Divorced, Widowed

Introverted and Extroverted

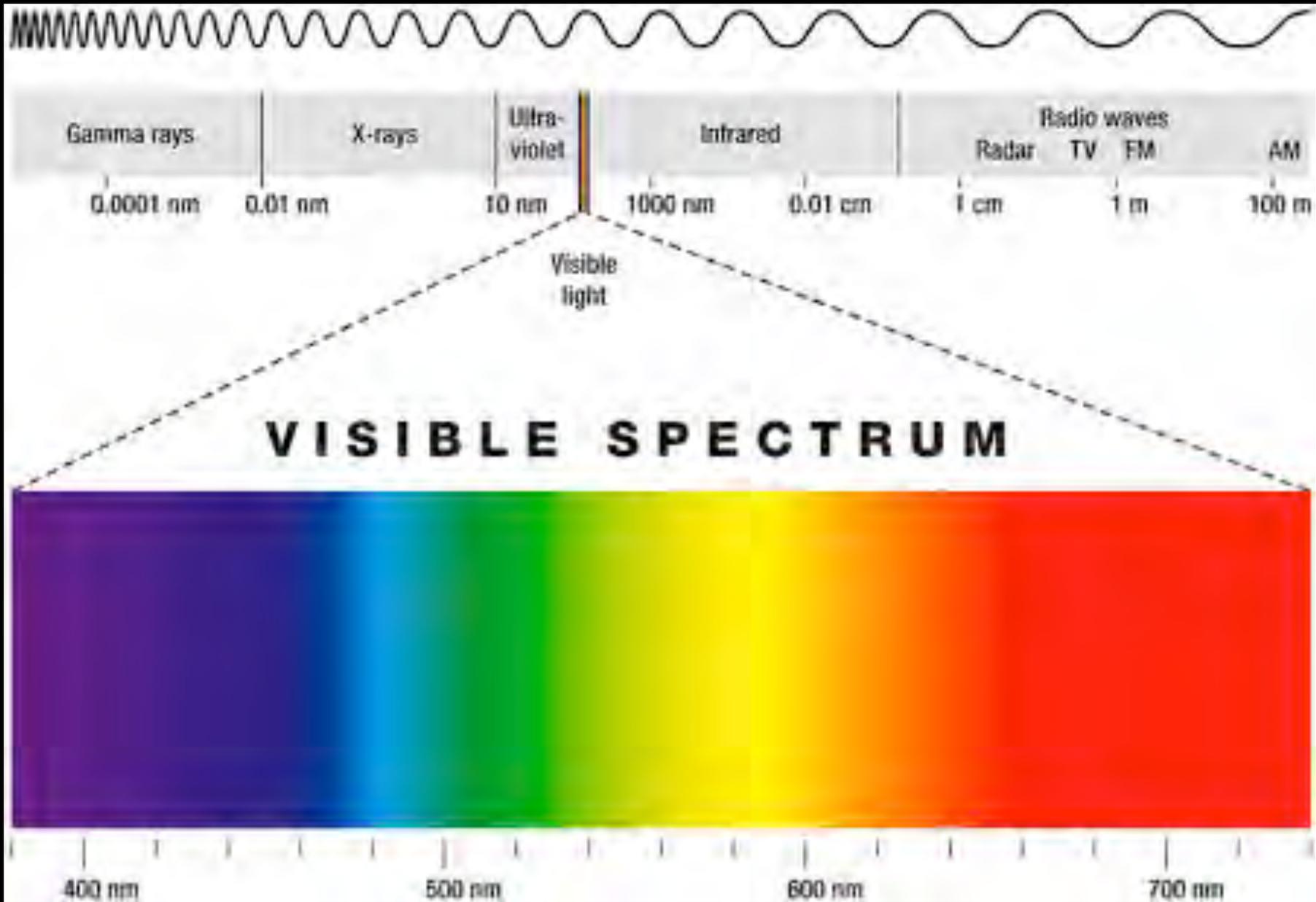
Religious backgrounds and upbringings

Political stripes: Blue, Red, Green, Other

In school, employed, unemployed, retired

Happy, Sad, Grieving, Anxious,  
Depressed, Hopeful, Content, Critical,  
Distrusting

Varying degrees of health, sickness, pain



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<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

<sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

The kingdom of God is the sphere in which he reigns; it presupposes a community of people who have submitted to his rule and who act as both its agent and its sign. The kingdom is not abstract but is embodied in the lives of people on earth. Its outworking necessarily takes place not only in the lives of individuals but also in the life of a group.

Tidball, D. J. (2000). Church. In T. D. Alexander & B. S. Rosner (Eds.), *New dictionary of biblical theology* (electronic ed., p. 408). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

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Children's –  
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Worship –  
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# Possible responses to the LORD

Remember and celebrate Jesus in his death through communion

Respond with giving ([hopecc.com/give](http://hopecc.com/give) or boxes in the back)

Take time for individual prayer or  
be prayed for by a member of the prayer team

Worship the LORD through song