

## 10:00 am Service

### 1. *What is the most important thing about worship?*

- Centered on Christ/God. Community corporate worship. Building relationship.
- Encourages participation. Universal language engages all people. Acknowledge the presence of Christ.
- Attitude, the heart behind it. Jesus. Focus on Jesus – God, connection.
- To honor God, to learn more about God, how do I apply what I learned about God in my everyday life.
- Attitude, presence of the Lord, sense of community.
- Being led into the presence of the Lord, communion, fellowship/meet people, choir

### 2. *Would your unchurched family feel comfortable in our worship services: Why or why not?*

- No – uncomfortable with message. Physical space is welcoming. “we need to own worship”.
- Yes - Doors are open, people are comfortable. Don’t want to be so different that people are put off.
- No, because Jesus is lifted up.
- No – Need stories speaking to the further out person. Don’t assume – take a minute to evangelize. Honestly, we don’t know what they expect.
- Yes, we are friendly and welcoming. We try to make things easy for newcomers to understand without watering down the message for example showing the Lord’s Prayer up on the screen.
- Liberal neighbor – probably not. Friends, mostly would be comfortable if we don’t get too traditional. Be inclusive and stay away from condemning individuals.
- No – sometimes the music is loud and fast. Youth involvement has visually decreased bring them back.

### 3. *Does our worship regularly challenge you to grow as a follow of Jesus? How does it do that?*

- Yes – message, questions.
- No – more power, declarations. Prompting like a coach. I want to see the building rattle like the 12s at a football game. Too comfortable, more outward expression.
- Always challenged by the preaching. There is always something that gives a new thought or challenge. Life application comes through the sermon. Teaching does. Worship music part puts me in the mood but not grows my faith. Helps to focus. Sermon challenges. Love stories – regular people stepping out in faith.
- We like when you challenge us with three questions at the end of the service, we’d like to see that again.
- Yes, 3 questions at the end force us to think and find specifics in our own lives.
- Focus is to change your own life, go one step higher
- Like the questions at the end. Allowing for a focus in the moment. Break between songs inspiring thoughts leading toward the message. Opportunities for prayers for needs for small groups. Allow/require a break to go and meet others in the service.

#### *4. As you think about worship at Harbor Covenant,*

##### *What should we start doing?*

- More participatory. Way people can shout praises, celebration. Declare who we are and who God is. More drama don't be afraid to repeat it. Passing the peace. Prayer requests from congregation during worship. More instrumental without words to provide space for reflection.
- Mix up order of service or add a little variety.
- Explain the hymns back stories. Make the connection old testament to new testament and Jesus every week.
- Some people would like to have communion every Sunday in first service. We would love at least one old hymn every Sunday.
- Hear more during the service from someone who is doing missions; ideally in person, videos ok too; student mission trips, missionary, etc. Throw in historical facts to balance the emotional.
- Apostle's creed, welcome to your neighbor at the end of the countdown to the beginning of service. Hymns/old hymns. Group prayer.
- Scripture on the screens – too many translations and some learn by hearing and some by seeing.

##### *What should we stop doing?*

- "you may sit, be seated," instead say "please take a seat." Stop sitting in same spaces. Mix it up.
- Stop assumptions that we know the bible stories.
- Stop complaining and be part of the solutions.
- Drums/ tone them down/ soften them. Traditional & contemporary. It sounds like all contemporary with no tradition/ more balance with more tradition. Keep kids and high schoolers in worship center during worship.

##### *What should we keep doing?*

- Authenticity – pastors sharing weaknesses. People wearing jeans relaxed nature. Shorter sets of songs. Like mix of contemporary and traditional songs. Song during communion. Freedom to sit or stand. Keep communion as is. Common people can serve in regular clothes. Questions after sermon. Videos. Keep application of message. Real people in our church community. 3-2-1 adopt a newcomer.
- Have we met yet table. Gift bags to new people. Information in bulletin. About what is going on in the church and what future events are occurring.
- Stories of believers stepping out in faith.
- Keep growing. More training on how to reach your neighbor/communities. Serving opportunities for families.
- Mobile giving, offering at the end, good flow, videos. Introduce a song every few weeks/ especially great for friends of HS students. Just one at a time.
- Choir ongoing or developing. Alternate a service/once a month but more choir. Maybe twice a month. Once during the early and once in the later service. Communion Lord's prayer.