

8:30am Service

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

- Fellowship; Keeping Sabbath; Hearing the Word; Music; God focus.
- To focus on the Lord completely; Music is very important as part of worship.
- Fellowship
- Focus on God & spiritual health; Keep holy the Sabbath; Praise is missing; Music; Enjoy God & glorify Him; Word of God proclaimed well.
- Fellowship; Nice to gather as a community of different views coming together as one and worshipping God; Worship in spirit and truth with ways to apply it to our life; Relevancy – want encouragement also.
- Giving glory to God; Being able to understand what is being said; Reverence; Good sermons; Not entertainment; Not issue oriented; All parts of the service are worship; One mind community.
- Liked the liturgy this morning
- Sermons; Reflection; Collectively praising God and experiencing His presence together; Commune with God together and unified as a body; Learning together; Exalting God; Take the focus off ourselves and made God our focus; Fellowship; Allows me to align with God.
- Sermon; Music (only time some sing); Interpreting scripture in context and with application including stories; Biblically based on God's Word.
- Education from lessons from the Bible as it relates to our lives; We are "all the same" in spite of our differences and God does not care about that and we can all worship.

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

- Depends. Child raised in church but turned back. Grandpa we just don't believe, going to take some more work.
- Our service seems incredibly disjointed, Progressive music, Preaching here is excellent
- Yes, mostly, Michael makes things relevant, not sure of younger people because we may not be as socially conscious of issues going on, not sure about people of color but there's nothing we can do about that because of how GH is.
- Not until recently (Brenden is very open to people and the Lord). Service can't be about how to get "plugged in" not promoting the church's agenda – focus on God/Jesus who can heal the hurts people come with.
- Yes – Music and sermon comes together. Getting them here is the challenge. Refer to people as "unsaved" not "unchurched." We don't have meet and greet that is good because it is so awkward, but we do it organically. We do it in other ways – that is good. Speaks true to the fundamentals, friendly, exposes the unchurched to the spiritual. True experience happens here.
- Yes, I think so.
- No because so different.
- Yes like the "come as you are"
- "unchurched" sounds like we are responsible to a physical place and not God, Our daughter feels that churches are full of hypocrites, Harbor Covenant reaches out to people to make them welcome from the first day.

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

- Sort of. I need to get connected to something more. There isn't anything that I'm drawn to.
- We seem to get new lessons each week
- I love the questions at the end of the message
- Yes, it challenges us to dig deeper. Like the questions that we are left with at the end of sermons.
- Yes, relatable stories. Michael is authentic and open. Always application quiet moments. Offers space for tears. Freedom/space to respond.
- Yes, in the sermon. Small group reinforces. Need more time in other parts of the service for reflection (today Kyrie – was good in this regard)
- Yes, then the sermon – 3 points and contemplate moments

4. As you think about worship at Harbor Covenant,

What should we start doing?

- Schedule/plan a better progression of music from welcoming to praising to intimate. Put announcements at the beginning then invite people to worship
music>prayer>word>benediction
- Structure entire service toward a model, as a whole as a sum of components. Announcements done first. Look at other churches – find what is good
- Sign Brenden to a contract. We need more reporting on signature ministries more updates. Prayer time more reverent – there not always meaningful, wish we had a prayer of confession, this would clear the mind before the sermon.
- Communion doesn't seem special. Background music with no words please.
- Communion – do something to make it feel more reverent- spiritual reflection time first. Day of worship and reverence.
- More of the music and attitude of worship (like today). More traditional hymns. Decrease volume (especially drums) or delete drums more open and personal interaction from pastors. Words to songs in bulletin (to us in service and after) more bulletin info, don't rely on computer connects (isolating)
- Let this plate pass you by. Put a joy box out front – talk it up! More small group interactions as whole congregation. Have a way for people who know music so that they can participate (hymnal not necessarily). An option for people to receive prayer in service.
- Survey congregation on their musical preferences. Consider printing a prayer list.
- Videos are great.
- Sunday greet, eat and meet with line buffet (not pot luck)
- Occasionally have us greet each other like we used to do.
- Sometimes the sound is too loud, could be monitored more closely through the sound board.

What should we stop doing?

- Performance oriented worship music
- We should be here to participate not be entertained
- Music too loud during communion. Walking up to get communion is distracting.
- Less internet use to get info out.
- No 7/11 song (7 word x 11 times)
- Stop the rush to communion. More reflective. Mad dash to get in line to take the elements. People don't have the space to take time to reflect on why they are participating. The danger is that it can become ritual.
- Not a fan of the rock types of music, would like to hear more of the uplifting style of the violin, flute, etc.

What should we keep doing?

- Most everything.
- Don't touch the sermon.
- Make sure you can track what you hear with the Bible.
- Like it when we preach on books of the bible for an extended period – helps to understand things more.
- Like topical sermons.
- Sometimes sermons seem too topical. Not enough of preaching in books of bible.
- Thankful for what we do have – good preaching true to scripture.
- Preaching that is relevant and true to scripture and opens up perspective.
- More missionary testimonies. Short videos that let us know what has been happening (mission trips etc.)
- Exalting God, reflection, bible based preaching
- Keep reaching out to young families to keep an intergenerational community.
- Let's continue to keep our prayers non political. Let's continue to keep our music with variety – more musicians, special vocalists, an occasional drama or reading.
- Like communion once a month in first service.
- Appreciate the opening scenario from Michael's life. Sets the tone for the message.