

Guidelines for Worship Service Evaluation¹

On a separate sheet of paper, write your response to the worship service you attended. Cover but do not limit yourself to the questions listed below. Your response should be no more than 2 to 3 typed pages.

1. Date, time, denomination, or type of service attended.
2. How **prepared** were you personally for worship as you entered the church?
3. What was the **atmosphere** when you entered the sanctuary? What factors such as sights and sounds either enhanced or hindered your preparation for worship?
4. Did the **beginning** of the worship service draw you into worship? How or why not?
5. Did the worship service have a **sense of direction, flow, and cohesion**, or was it disjointed, going nowhere? What seemed to enhance or detract in this area?
6. Did the **pace** of the service allow you to really commune with God? Why or why not?
7. What **emphasis** was placed on the following items and how did they **relate** to each other? **Music, Scriptures, Prayer, Sermon**. How did each aid or hinder your worship?
8. How was the service **concluded**? Did it bring a sense of closure or completeness to your spirit?
9. With what thoughts or feelings did you leave the service?
10. What were your overall impressions of the service? What seemed strange or different from what you are used to? What struck you positively or negatively and why?

¹ These guidelines follow my class note taken at the Worship class of Dr. Dennis R. Borg.