



Why We Sing | To Witness

September 25 | Matt Anderson

SEMESTER WEEK 3 FOCUS:

- 1) **Weekly preparation:** Community Groups are getting into a nice rhythm by now, as meeting on a weekly basis quickly becomes a routine. Continue to encourage members to WATCH the sermon online if they missed church or want a refresher: surprisechurch.com/worshipanywhere and complete the discussion questions *BEFORE* you meet. It makes an incredible difference for discussion.
- 2) **Pray for one another:** Prayer strengthens your relationships and draws you closer to one another and to God. Identify who may be willing to collect prayer request at the end of each gathering and send them out via text message to the group. Encourage group members to check in on shared requests during the week to build a supportive climate.
- 3) **Hosting a Sunday** together: Make a final decision about which Sunday you will serve at Surprise as a Community Group and plug your group name and contact into the Google sheet (shared by Ann).

WARM UP QUESTIONS

1. Growing up, what did you most enjoy about fall?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG INTO IT!

3. Talk about the Pew Research trends in America. Do the numbers surprise you? What do you think is behind the trend?
4. See if your group can identify all for groups that to whom public worship serves as a "witness." Which one most encouraged you and why?
5. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. How does public worship encourage and inspire other believers? How can we help more people think about worship in this way?

WRAP UP

6. Why is the Ethiopian Lutheran Church growing at 500,000 members per year? What do American Christians and churches need to learn from them?



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Trend for "Christians in America"

Worship is _____.

1) To Your _____.

This is _____ we are.

2) To Your _____.

Ephesians 5:18-20

Hebrews 10:23-25

3) To Your _____.

John 13:34-35

_____ + _____ > Jesus

4) To our _____.

Matthew 5:14-16

There is a better _____.

Ethiopian Church

Church can only leave the building if...