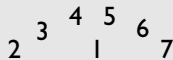


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S C R I P T S E R V I C E



Stage Setup:



Church of Your Dreams

Synopsis: At the end of a church guest reception, six visitors ask the host specific sidebar questions about the church’s worship, people, and pastor. In each case, the host asks what kind of church they came from, and then predicts they will find those same features in the new church.

Themes: Church Life, Criticism, Relationships, Hope, Attitudes

Time Requirement: 4.5 minutes

Characters: **Host** – wise, discerning, confident, and good listener.
Guests – these guests are somewhat generic and can be played by either gender. Don’t make the negative people too evil to be identified with, nor the positive ones too syrupy sweet.

Props: Church literature, a half-dozen chairs



direction script

Author’s Note: Scene opens on a group of six sitting in a semi-circle with another person addressing them in a church guest reception. The audience sees only the backs of the guests until they, one at a time, wait their turn to ask a more specialized question. Until they do, they remain in their chairs mingling quietly in the background.



Blocking: 2 raises a hand to get the leader’s attention. The two of them step off to the side facing the audience, leaving the rest seated.



Blocking: 2 exits while the others mingle in the background, 3 steps casually forward.

1: OK, well thanks for coming. That pretty much wraps up our guest reception here at First Church. You all have the info pack, and you’ve heard the overview, but I’ll stick around to answer individual questions you might still have. If you don’t have any questions, you can head on out and we’ll hope to see you next week. Again, thanks for coming.

2: Well actually I did have a question. How would you describe the worship here?

1: Worship? Well what was the worship like at your last church?

2: Well, to be honest, not that great. People sung off-key and the songs were sort of trite and predictable. The sanctuary was sort of dingy and there wasn’t much enthusiasm.

1: Hmm... well, that’s interesting. You know, I’m afraid you’ll probably find the same thing here.


2: Really?

1: I’m afraid so.

2: Wow. Well then, thanks for being honest, I guess.

1: No problem.

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1-minute mark	<p>.....▶</p> <p>3: Hey, if you don't mind... I think I heard you talking about worship. What's the worship like here?</p> <p>1: Worship? Well lemme ask you. What was the worship like at your last church?</p> <p>3: Oh, the worship was good. Heartfelt. Great songs, very creative. I mean some weeks were better than others, but all in all, I looked forward to it each week.</p> <p>1: Ah, well, that's good.</p> <p>3: So what's it like here?</p> <p>1: You know, I think you'll probably find the same kind of worship here.</p> <p>3: Really? Great. I sorta thought that myself. I'll see you next week.</p> <p>1: OK, see you later.</p>
 Blocking: 3 exits and 4 steps up.	<p>▶</p> <p>4: OK, I have to just ask... What are the people like here?</p> <p>1: Here? Well what were the people like at your old church?</p> <p>4: Oh, well... the people there... not very friendly. There wasn't much reaching out or looking out for each other. It seemed sort of inbred and apathetic. But what's it like here? Just be honest.</p>
2-minute mark	<p>.....▶</p> <p>1: Well, to be honest... I'm afraid you'll probably find the same kind of people here.</p> <p>4: Really? You think so?</p> <p>1: I think so. Sorry. Just trying to be honest.</p>
 Blocking: 4 exits and 5 steps up.	<p>▶</p> <p>4: Well, that's what I sorta thought, actually. But thanks for the tip.</p> <p>5: OK, I just have to know... Do you have a minute?</p> <p>1: Sure.</p> <p>5: Can you tell me what the people are like here? What's the personality of the church?</p> <p>1: Well, what were the people like in your last church?</p> <p>5: Oh, they were wonderful. Very caring. Very sincere, genuine people. Not perfect, but the kind of people who would do anything for you. I loved it there. I left my best friends there.</p>
3-minute mark	<p>.....▶</p> <p>1: Wow. Well, I have good news for you. I believe that's the kind of people you're going to find here too.</p> <p>5: I'm SO glad to hear that. It's been hard moving across the country and starting over. But I think I've found a new home.</p> <p>1: Great, I hope so. See you next week.</p> <p>6: You have time for one more question?</p>

direction script



Scripture Link:
Proverbs 11:27

He who seeks good finds goodwill,
but evil comes to him who searches
for it.

4-minute mark

4.5-minute mark

1: That's why I'm here.

6: OK, so I havta ask. What's the pastor like here?

1: The pastor?

6: Yeah. Just curious.

1: Well, what was the pastor like at your last church?

6: Well... he was alright. I dunno. I never really connected with him. Seemed too busy for most people. His heart was in the right place, but he never showed much drive.

1: Ah. Well, I hate to say this, but... I'm afraid you'll probably find that here too.

6: Really? Here too?

1: 'Fraid so.

6: I sorta thought that might be the case. Thanks.

7: So I heard you mention the pastor. What's he like?

1: The pastor? Well what was the pastor like at your last church?

7: Oh, he was great. Caring and concerned. Very devoted. Hard worker. He would do anything for you. Good preacher too.

1: I think you'll find our pastor to be the same way.

7: Yeah, I sorta had that impression. Well, I'll see you next week.

1: Yeah. Next week. There's always next week.

LIGHTS OUT

Devotional Thought:

OK, so maybe it's not quite this simple. Churches aren't merely a bundle of perceptions. There are good churches and not so good. But there is a lot of room in the middle to get out of a church what you put into it. In many cases, it's a matter of finding what you're looking for. If you look for sincerity, you can find it. If you look for hypocrisy, you can find it. If you expect people to exclude you, you might just make that come true. If you decide to be warm and affirming, it's amazing how you can build true friendships. This seems to be exactly the point of the Proverb below.

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