

Engaging the Senses in Worship

Sight	Hearing
<p>Projection – videos, backgrounds</p> <p>Light – contrast, windows</p> <p>Color</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Props, décor</p> <p>Haze, fog, smoke</p> <p>Dance (interpretative)</p> <p>Drama</p> <p>Architecture (history – stained glass, cathedrals)</p> <p>People</p> <p>Attire, costumes</p> <p>Photography, pictures</p> <p>Greenery, water</p>	<p>Silence (constant) – different than dead time</p> <p>Music, singing</p> <p>Space, changing sound and where it’s coming from, surround sound</p> <p>“Audio Bible,” or have a child or oldest man read Scripture</p> <p>Poetry</p> <p>Good sound system</p> <p>Clapping, applause for Jesus</p> <p>Responsive reading (Biblical – Isaiah), antiphonal singing (e.g., Psalm 136)</p> <p>Interactive – talking, videos</p> <p>Spontaneous prayer</p> <p>Hammer ring, laughter, water trickling</p> <p>Baby crying (pray for them!)</p>
Smell/Taste	Touch
<p>Communion (plan differently sometimes)</p> <p>Bread of Life – smell of bread baking, give loaves of bread away to 1st-time guests</p> <p>Saltwater – bitter, maybe not too good!</p> <p>Positive and negative smells</p> <p>Have someone with a “new” nose walk through the church and see what it smells like (coffee, bread, bathrooms, etc.)</p> <p>Lemons → lemonade</p> <p>Give out Hershey kisses</p> <p>Cookies with different ingredients missing</p>	<p>Meet and greet – important!</p> <p>Be careful – some people don’t like hugs</p> <p>Christ’s touches – healed blind man and leper, picked up children, washed disciples’ feet</p> <p>Other Biblical examples – laying on of hands, anointing with oil</p> <p>Prostrating oneself – bowing down</p> <p>Write sins on a paper and nail it to a cross or burn it in a fire</p> <p>Rocks, nails, coins, rope</p>