

Comments overheard by visitors regarding Joys and Sorrows

1. Occasional responses, usually positive.
2. None. That is why it was difficult to answer the last question above in 18.
3. No response received
4. Again, we get mixed responses. Some visitors actually share on their first Sunday and later join saying j&s was a significant factor. Other visitors report that it feels like the "in crowd" is talking to their own and the visitor felt left out and unwelcome.
5. Have not heard anything
6. Most that I have spoken to think it is nice to hear what's going on
7. those who speak like it as a way of inviting intimacy
8. varies
9. Only heard positive comments
10. We do not have any systematic feedback but anecdotal evidence has been positive.
11. some are very touched by it
12. Visitors see us as a mutually supportive congregation
13. Positive and Negative
14. They don't say anything to me.
15. Primarily positive
16. Really get hooked to our congregation by the depth of sharing and caring
17. no comment
18. some find that it reflects a positive dimension of our congregation
19. some participate. never heard anything negative from them
20. Visitors don't usually ever give negative feedback. If they volunteer any information it's almost always polite. I often cringe at J&S that are self-indulgent and ego-centered and wonder if visitors
21. visitors are often intrigued by the practice
22. Liked it; some visitors occasionally participate
23. Like the participation
24. Good question. Some (those who stay) fairly quickly use it. I suspect it's what leads many first-time visitors to not return.
25. some really like; unknown about others
26. they are more often impressed
27. They sometimes feel comfortable enough to participate because the service and community feel "accessible".
28. negative
29. Some say it is the reason why they will return; occasionally, a first-time visitor will even participate.
30. I have not.
31. Don't know.
32. None that I am aware of.
33. not certain
34. none

35. generally positive
36. some say they like it. others don't comment
37. Sometimes feel excluded or confused by what we're to be sharing.
38. same
39. (continued from member; applies to members and visitors) distraction that we should do away with.
40. Positive
41. I am not aware of direct responses. They don't appear to be alienated.
42. Often participate
43. They think we are a warm, caring congregation. I know don't know if anyone has specifically mentioned Joys and Concerns
44. I haven't asked visitors how they perceive it.
45. I am often surprised when visitors or those who have only come a few times participate in J&C; overall, I think this is a positive thing
46. none
47. much appreciated
48. Often listed as the most striking part of service.
49. none
50. positive