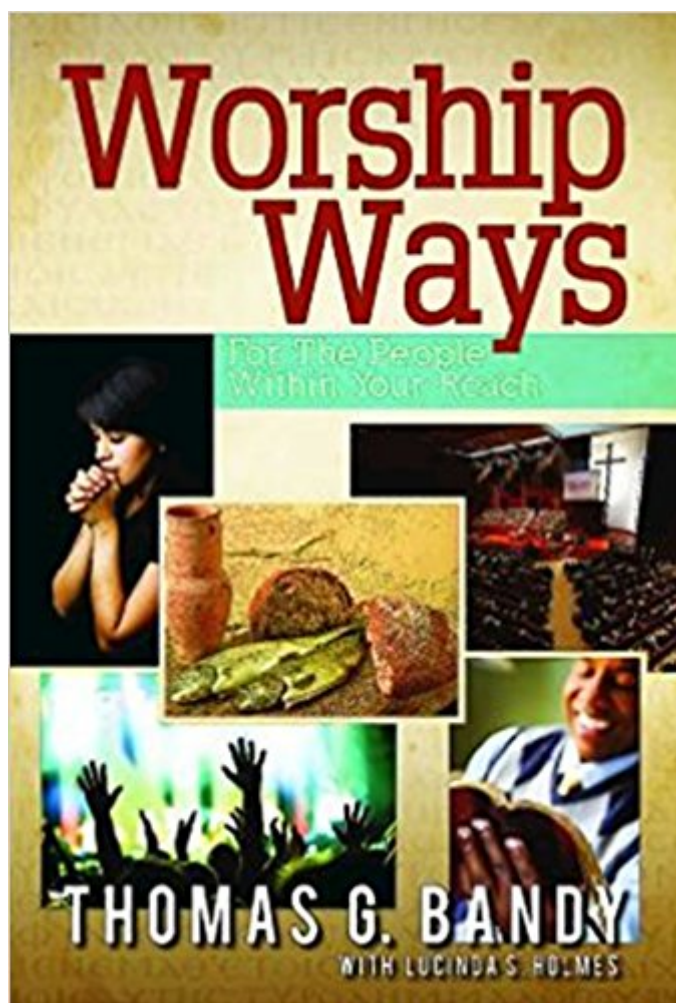


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Worship Ways: For The People Within Your Reach



Synopsis

Accelerating diversity of lifestyles has created a crisis for worship designers. One size does not fit all. No worship service can be “blended” to address the complete needs of a congregation. Moreover, church “shopping” is ending as people are choosing a worship service that directly meets their fundamental anxieties about life (regardless of style). Learn to use lifestyle information in worship planning to design a service that truly reaches the people in your community. This book explains why people worship and guides leaders to design relevant worship services that address people’s sense of urgency. It is both practical and theological. The decline of worship attendance in all denominations, and across all “traditional” or “contemporary” styles, is reshaping the quest for relevance. Church leaders are turning away from methods to outcomes. People will only participate in worship if it really matters to the fundamental issues that they face.

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Bandy makes a lot of good points and the book could be a good tool for those working on changes to worship style. It makes some assumptions that aren't backed up in the text but might be covered in one of his earlier works. This book, however, doesn't make me want to go back and read any of them. His definitions and examples are good as are his conclusions even if you don't accept his base premise. If you are looking to change styles, this would be one of the books to use but I wouldn't suggest it as the only one.

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