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## What are we like at WOCC, and are you satisfied?

There is trust in this, that the Holy Spirit will lead you.

Outcome will be surprising.

Who are we?

2 Criteria:

1. Satisfied with WOCC
2. Active participant

Jesus' custom was to go into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day. **Luke 4:16**

Paul went into the Synagogue, as was his custom. **Acts 17:2**

**Hebrews 10:24-25.**

Most of us are not doing the church comparison thing and sitting on the fence.

Just let your people be your mouthpiece, and don't worry about anyone else.

**Survey Results:**