**(Example of Teen Assent Form)**

# ASSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPATING IN RESEARCH STUDY

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**Study Title: Religious Worship Among Young Adults**



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| Concise Summary **Purpose of the study:** To learn about the ways teens prefer to worship.  **Duration of Participation:** Ten minutes  **Major Requirements:** You will fill out a brief survey.  **Major Risks:** The study poses no more risk than you would encounter in daily life.  **Benefits:** You will not personally benefit from participating in the study. However, ministers may benefit from your responses. |

## What is this study about?

This research study is called “Religious Worship Among Teens.” It will tell us about the ways teens prefer to worship.

## Who is doing the research?

Ali James is the main researcher. She is a student at Lubbock Christian University. Dr. John Smith, Ph.D., a Professor of Sociology at Lubbock Christian University is helping her with her research.

## What will you have to do?

You will fill out a survey after Bible class.The surveywill ask questions about how you worship. It should take no more than ten minutes to finish. There will be two envelopes at the front of the room. When you are done, place the survey in the envelope marked “Surveys.” Place the assent form in the envelope marked “Assent Forms.” The last person to finish will seal the envelopes. Ali James will pick up the sealed envelopes after everyone is done.

## How were you chosen?

Teens in Bible classes at Broadway Church of Christ, Greenlawn Church of Christ, Monterey Church of Christ, South Plains Church of Christ, and Sunset Church of Christ are being asked to participate in this research project.

## How will your identity be protected?

The survey will be anonymous. That means your name will not appear anywhere on the survey. There will be no questions asking for any information that might identify you. For example, the survey won’t ask for your name or where you go to church. You will put your survey in the envelope when you are done. No one will know which one is yours. The final results will be written in percentages. It might look like this: “Fifty percent of teens said they attend a contemporary worship service.”

## What will happen to your survey?

Ali James will take the sealed envelopes to Dr. Smith after everyone has finished. Your survey will be locked in a file cabinet in Dr. Smith’s office until we put your answers into a computer. Then we will shred your survey. We will put your assent form in a locked file cabinet for three years. On May 19, 2027, we will shred your assent form and delete your survey responses from the computer. Ali James and Dr. Smith will be the only people who see the consent forms or the answers you give on the survey.

**How will I benefit from participating in this study?** Your will not be paid for participating in this study. The results will be presented at a conference for ministers on “Worship in the Modern World.” Your answers may help ministers have a better idea of how teens like to worship.

**Are there any risks or discomforts?** You won’t be asked any personal questions on this survey. However, if a question makes you feel uncomfortable, skip to the next question.

**What if I don’t want to participate?** If you don’t want to participate, don’t sign this assent form. When the surveys are handed out, don’t fill out the survey. When you want to leave, put your blank survey and assent form in the envelopes at the front of the room. This study is voluntary. You won’t be in trouble with the church or the research team if you don’t want to participate.

**What if I have questions?** Ali James will answer questions before the class fills out the survey. You may also contact Dr. John Smith at 806.720.7835 or [John.Smith@LCU.edu](mailto:John.Smith@LCU.edu). For more information about your rights as a research subject, contact the chair of the LCU IRB committee, Dr. Jennifer Dabbs at 806.720.7835 or [Jennifer.Dabbs@LCU.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Dabbs@LCU.edu).

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