

Four Different Worship Styles

<h3>WORD-CENTRED</h3> <p>Important to articulate belief Clarity and precision matter Knowledge is important Enjoys well-crafted liturgy Happy to debate details and argue people to faith Argue details with each other! Likes exegetical preaching Enjoys formality Bible reading important Prayer and Bible study meeting</p> <p><i>Church of England / Traditional Free Churches</i></p>	<h3>EMOTION-CENTRED</h3> <p>Important to feel things both joyful and painful Visual as well as words Dislikes formality and routine Happy to raise hands, etc. Keen to help others 'feel' the presence of God Enjoys the performing arts Personal faith stories important Creative prayer</p> <p><i>New churches / Pentecostal</i></p>
<h3>SYMBOL-CENTRED</h3> <p>Prefer symbols, images and metaphors to words/emotions Sensing God's presence Happy with 'mystery' Icons and the 'drama' of worship Enjoys the created world and meets with God in outdoors (so may well not be in church at all) Enjoys silence Personal reflection important Taizé and <i>Lectio Devina</i></p> <p><i>Orthodox churches / Celtic / Quaker</i></p>	<h3>Action-centred</h3> <p>Keen to make a difference Passion for justice and for expressing God's love to wider world Impatient with discussion and planning, just want to 'get on with it' Faith should be lived, rather than discussed or felt Social action</p> <p><i>Salvation Army / charities & action groups</i></p>