

## Top 10 Worst Church Moments from a Church Secret Shopper

I have attended hundreds of church services as a church secret shopper. I’ve had thousands of conversations with volunteers, staff and visitors. Here’s my list of the top 10 worst things people said to me:

**10.** “Excuse me, but you’re sitting in my seat.” It seems cliché but it happens more often than you think.

**9.** “Ya’ not from around here, are ya?” Older man said to me after I asked directions to the restroom. I didn’t respond, but I was thinking: “What gave it away? having all my teeth?”



**8.** “Follow the blue line. It’s kinda complicated. Good luck.” Said the two men sitting inside the information kiosk before turning to each other and finishing their conversation. They pointed to a board on the wall with multiple color lines leading to different locations on campus.

**7.** “Nazarenes are a lot like the Baptists, but holier,” middle aged man at a Nazarene church said when I asked him the difference between a Nazarene and a Baptist church.

**6.** “You’re the prettiest thang I ever seen!” I’m not telling you who said it.

**5.** “We Lutherans are a homely bunch.” A greeter at a Lutheran church as I asked more information about her church. She was right.

**4.** “I don’t know anything. I can’t really help you. This is my first day at the information table and the person who was going to train me didn’t show up.”

**3.** “I’ve got dresses that are older than you!” I don’t really remember how I got into this one, but does it really matter?

**2.** “It must be a special day, I see a lot of strangers here today.” Misguided Music minister during a Sunday morning greeting time. No warm and fuzzies for this stranger.

**1.** “Hey, Mister, come back here! You’re not Catholic, are you? Give me the wafer back!” A Catholic Priest on the rightful suspicion I was impersonating a Catholic worshiper during communion. I had to give it up.