

Rebound: From  
Worry to  
Wonder

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin  
Assembly 2023

# WORRY

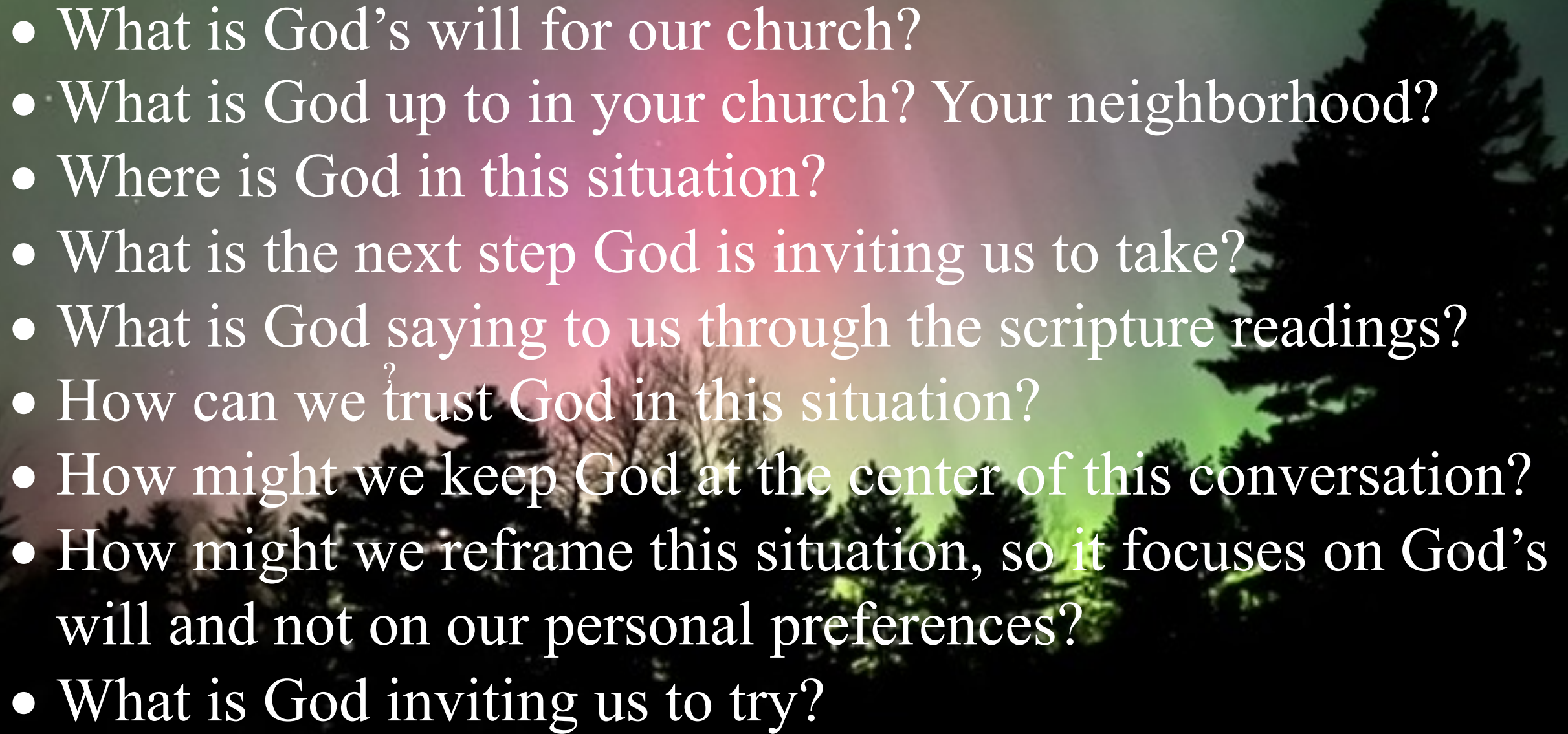
## Dictionary Definition

anxiety, uncertainty over actual or potential problems: cause for concern •


### ORIGIN

Old English-*wyrgan*, strangle, seize by the throat, wring neck, choke, harass, cause anxiety to



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- What is God's will for our church?
  - What is God up to in your church? Your neighborhood?
  - Where is God in this situation?
  - What is the next step God is inviting us to take?
  - What is God saying to us through the scripture readings?
  - How can we <sup>?</sup>trust God in this situation?
  - How might we keep God at the center of this conversation?
  - How might we reframe this situation, so it focuses on God's will and not on our personal preferences?
  - What is God inviting us to try?

God Questions ?



*Jesus said, “Therefore do not worry...but seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” Mt. 6*

Teaching Resolution	Percentage	Percentage
Questions from annual report to the bishop 2022	“YES” 2022	“YES” 2021
Does your Congregation have a green team?	30%	9%
Do you have members who might be interested in green team?		39%
Are you thinking about starting a green team this year? (36% said it wasn't a priority)	33%	
Are you RIC, did you or will you have a conversation in the next 6 months about providing a WIDER WELCOME TO LGBTQIA COMMUNITY	49%	37%
Would you like help getting started in the RIC process/conversation?	21%	

Did you take RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING like IDI in last year or plan to take it in 2023 (2022)?	46% (57%)
Did you have a conversation about racial justice or use the resources on the synod website about racial justice?	26%
Did you have conversation about loving BIPOC neighbors and the Racial Equity Statement for at least 1 hours	76%
<u>Does your congregation have a land acknowledgement?</u>	5% YES 88% No
<u>Note: 10% indicated that they have used one or are working on it.</u>	

