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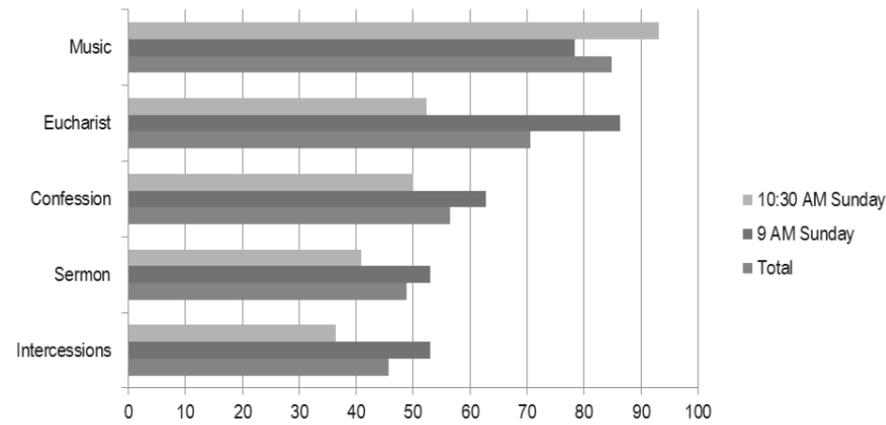
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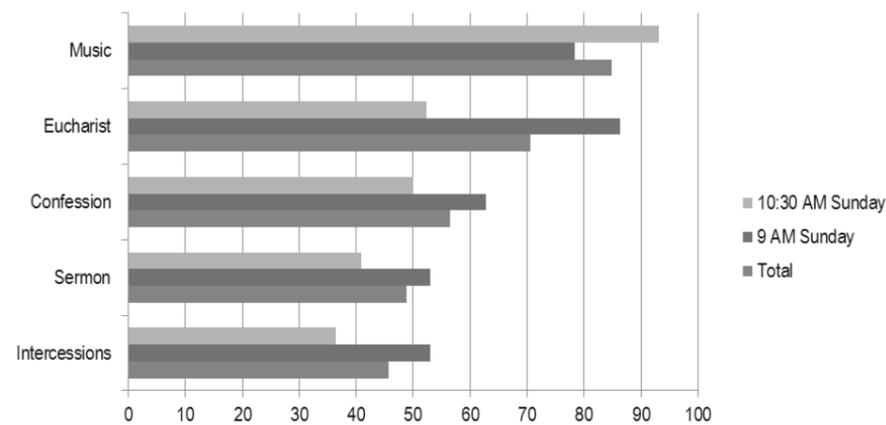
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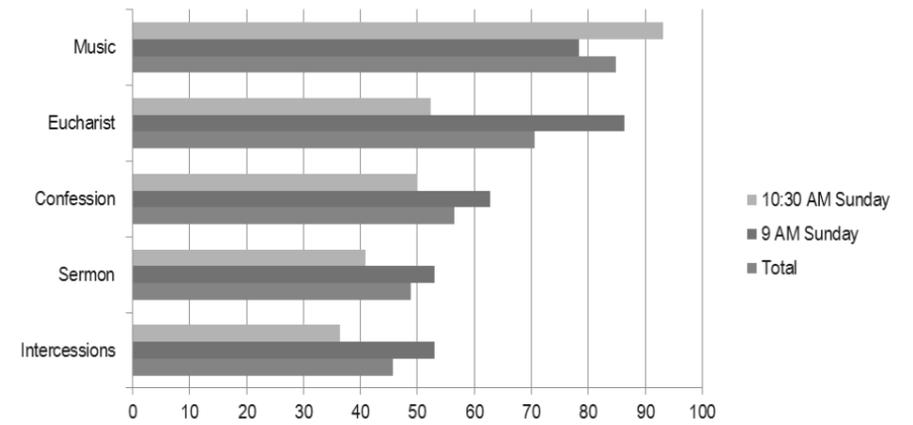
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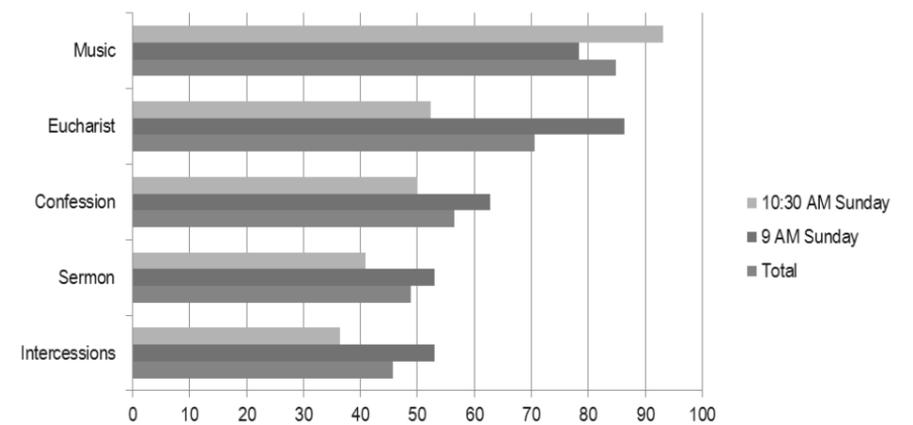
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- *Feeling part of the Family*

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No	2	2.2
Maybe	10	10.9
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