

# Where's the Fire?

by Owen Robertson

*(This sketch came from a desire to help the congregation realize that we all come to worship from different directions, with different problems, with different expectations, etc. We need to combine our differences into the unity of the Body of Christ. How do we build koinania? We build fellowship through common experience. Experiencing God in our lives, individually and corporately, builds fellowship. Why do we come to worship? We want to touch and be touched by God. So how do we find God? He is seeking us, but we need to be still in order to hear his voice. That's the idea behind the sketch: coming together to experience God. The group enters, singing "Kumbaya." The counselor is carrying a flashlight. The flashlight is on, but the lights should be up full. Don't worry about trying to make it look like it is nighttime. Let the actors do that with their voices and expressions. This is indeed a motley crew; however, the parts should be played straight.)*

**Person 1:** I'm tired of that song. Can't we sing something else?

**Person 2:** Yeah.

**Person 3:** Let's not sing anything.

**Counselor:** Decorum, people. Decorum.

**Person 4:** We should have been there by now. We're gonna miss the skits.

**Person 5:** Good.

**Person 2:** My feet hurt.

**Person 1:** Yeah, I'm tired.

**Counselor:** Let's not complain now, people. It can't be much further. Come on. Everyone else is already at the campfire.

**Person 3:** I hate retreats.

**Person 4:** Wait a minute. *(Pointing to the ground.)* That's the same rock we passed ten minutes ago.

**Counselor:** I was sure we were going the right way.

**Person 5:** Oh, great.

**Persons 1 and 2:** Oh, no.

Person 5: Everytime the same thing. We get lost on our way to the campfire.

*(The flashlight batteries die.)*

Person 3: Quit foolin' around. Turn the light back on.

Counselor: The batteries are dead.

Person 2: Man, it's dark out here. I can't even see my hand in front of my face.

Person 4: Didn't anyone bring extra batteries?

Person 3: I'm not on the battery committee.

All: *(Ad-lib)* What are we going to do? I'm scared.

Counselor: People, People. All we have to do is look in the book at directions. *(He takes out a Bible and begins trying to read it.)*

Person 3: How are we going to do that without a flashlight?

Person 4: I've got a lighter. *(Lights the lighter.)*

Counselor: What are you doing with a lighter? Have you started smoking?

Person 1: *(To person 2)* \_\_\_\_\_ has started smoking.

Person 2: Really?

Counselor: People. Here are the directions. *(They all look at the book.)* Now that can't be right.

Person 5: Oh, great. So what are we going to do now?

Person 2: *(Pointing)* I think we should go this way.

Person 5: You're crazy. We need to go north.

Person 3: No, it's this way.

Person 1: This way!

Person 5: You're wrong!

Person 3: What do you know?

Person 4: Well, we're never going to get anywhere unless we all work together. We've got to cooperate.

**Person 3:** *(Sarcastically)* Oh, great idea — and how do you propose we do that?

**Person 4:** I don't know.

**Person 3:** Right.

**Person 5:** Let's just go back to the cabin. We should never have come out here.

**All:** *(Ad-lib)* Yeah. Right. Waste of time. Which way's home? Etc.

**Person 2:** I think we should pray.

**All:** *(Continue the ad-lib confusion.)*

**Person 2:** I think we should pray.

**Persons 3 and 5:** Oh, shut up.

**Counselor:** No, she's (he's) right.

**Person 4:** I'll pray. Dear God, please help us to ...

**Person 2:** Wait. We need to pray silently.

*(Reluctantly, they all bow their heads in prayer. In the silence, they hear voices at the campfire singing "Pass It On." The campfire should be located in the foyer to the sanctuary and the voices should be audible.)*

**Person 1:** Hey, you hear that? Listen.

**Person 2:** It's the campfire.

**All:** *(Ad-lib)* Hooray! We're saved. Etc.

**Person 5:** Come on let's go.

*(They exit up the aisle to join the campfire. They sing with the campfire group as they go. The congregation might even want to join in.)*

END