

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

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Sermon Recap:

The Worship of the Church

Worship is showing worth/weight to someone or something. God is infinitely valuable, unsearchable, unfathomable, and the only One worthy of worship.

I. The Character of the Worship

a. Worship is from God

- There has to be knowledge of God in order to offer acceptable worship to him. In that sense, worship is from God.

b. Worship is through Christ

- B/c of all of our sinfulness, all of our unworthiness our worship has to travel back to God through Christ, our Mediator.

c. Worship is by the Holy Spirit

- John 4:24- If we are to worship in the Spirit, then our worship must be based on the truth of the Scriptures.

II. The Elements of Worship

a. Preach the Bible

- 2 Tim. 4:2- Preach the Word. Preaching is paramount for salvation and sanctification.
 - Deep preaching creates deep worship.

b. Pray the Bible

- 1 Tim. 2:1- The reality and vitality of a church is its prayer life. Prayer is not optional. If a church is truly dependent upon God, if you are truly dependent upon God, then prayer will be essential in your life.

c. Sing the Bible

- Eph. 5:19- The Ephesian church was command to build one another up, to mature one another and praise God through song.

d. See the Bible

- Luke 22:19- The two ordinances of the church (the Lord's Supper & Baptism) are dramatic presentations of the gospel of Scripture.

e. Live the Bible

- Acts 2:42- "Biblical fellowship is the Holy Spirit ministering to the saints through the spiritual interactions of believers with each other."

III. The Rules of Worship

God is not just concerned with whether or not we worship Him. He is also concerned with how we worship Him.

a. Worship Must be God Centered- True, genuine, biblical worship is to be entirely directed towards God.

b. Worship Must be Word Centered- Worship must be regulated by the Word because the Word is the tool through which the Holy Spirit Works.

c. Worship Must be Holy- Worship to a holy God by a holy people should always be holy in nature and practice.

d. Worship Must be Orderly- Cor. 14:26-33- Christians who are under the influence of the Spirit, are called by God to submit to the proper order of the service.

Discussion Questions:

- What is worship?
- What aspects of life reflect worship?
- How is worship from God?
- What role does Christ and the Holy Spirit play in worship?
- Why is preaching the Bible the primary task of the church?
- Why is it important to ensure that the songs we sing are rooted in God's Word?
- Why is fellowship a part of the life of the church?
- Are we free to worship God however we like?
- How does the Word regulate worship?
- Why must worship be Word centered?
- Why is holiness and order vital in worship?

Application:

- What does your day-to-day worship look like?
- What part of corporate worship most appeals to you? Why?
- Is your experience with worship more man-centered or God-centered?
- Do you participate in congregational worship? Is it marked by reverence and awe?
- How is your worship from God, through Christ, and by the Holy Spirit?
- How can you deepen your worship?

Family Worship Hymns:

- How Great Thou Art
- All Creatures of Our God and King

