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WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday and Tuesday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Ken exhorted us from 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 to radically pursue holiness as God's children, specifically in how we partner with others in life's pursuits. We are not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers because the relationship will be incompatible, and God's holiness in our lives will be compromised.

Read: 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

This Sunday, Pastor Jason will preach from 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 and direct our hearts toward true repentance in Jesus Christ, which leads to our true joy and restoration in Jesus Christ. As you prepare for Sunday worship, let this devotional from Paul Tripp further your understanding of what true repentance is and shine light on any ways that you may be striving for self-reformation instead of running to God's transforming grace.

Reflect: "True Repentance"

Since sin is deeper than bad behavior, trying to do better isn't a solution. Only grace that changes the heart can rescue us.

There is a difference between a person in whom disappointment leads to self-reformation and someone in whom grief leads to heartfelt confession. I think that we often confuse the two. The first person believes in personal strength and the possibility of self-rescue, while the second has given up on his own righteousness and cries out for the help of another. One gets up in the morning and tells himself that he'll do better today, but the other starts the day with a plea for grace. One targets a change in behavior, and the other confesses to a wandering heart. One assesses that he has the power for personal change, while the other knows that he needs to be given strength for the battle. One has to hold on to the possibility of personal reformation, but the other has abandoned that hope and therefore runs to God for help.

Self-reliant personal reformation and the penance that follows is the polar opposite of heartfelt confession with the repentance that follows. People who acknowledge that what they've done is wrong and then immediately lay out plans to do better unwittingly deny what the gospel of Jesus Christ says about them, how real change takes place, and where help can be found. What they have omitted or neglected is confession. When you confess your sins to God, you don't just admit that you have sinned; no, you also confess that you have no power to deliver yourself from the sin you have just confessed. True confession always combines an admission of wrong with a plea for help. The heart then, encouraged by the forgiveness and presence of Jesus, longs to live in a new, better way (repentance).

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

A person who manifests a self-reliant recognition of wrong assigns to himself the power to do better and then gives himself to spiritual-looking acts of penance that make him feel good about himself and his potential ability to do better. But while he is acknowledging sin, there is no verticality to what he is doing. By that I mean that there is no Godward confession, no recognition of his desperate need for rescue, and no repentance that is motivated by a heart filled with gratitude for and worship of God. It is an "I can save myself" way of dealing with sin, and it is far more prevalent in the church of Jesus Christ than we would think. It never results in lasting change. It never produces a protective and preventative humility of heart. It never stimulates further worship and service of the Savior. It simply does not work. If you had the power to change yourself without God's help, Jesus wouldn't have had to come. The whole story of the gospel in Scripture is a story of people who are desperately trapped in sin and have no hope except the rescuing grace of the Redeemer. When your sin is revealed today, which of these two pathways will you take?

For further study and encouragement: Luke 15:1-10

November 17th Devotional, in *New Morning Mercies*, by Paul Tripp

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "O Great God," by Sovereign Grace Music
2. "Only a Holy God," by CityAlight
3. "Jesus, I Come," by Shelly Moore Band

SONG LYRICS

"O GREAT GOD"

Sovereign Grace Music

(Verse 1)

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

(Verse 2)

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

(Verse 3)

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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SONG LYRICS

"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

CityAlight

(Verse 1)

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

(Verse 2)

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

(Verse 3)

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Verse 4)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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SONG LYRICS

"JESUS, I COME"

Shelly Moore Band

(Verse 1)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness and into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

(Verse 2)

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

(Verse 3)

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

(Verse 4)

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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SERMON NOTES

SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

A Celebration of Restoration

2 Corinthians 7:2-7:16

Big Idea: God restores us when we turn to Him in repentance.

I. Repentance demonstrates our regeneration (vv. 5-10).

2 Corinthians 2:12-13

[12] When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, [13] my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there.

So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

[5] For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. [6] But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, [7] and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. [8] For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. [9] As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. [10] For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

What exactly is repentance brought from godly grief?

- Not merely recognizing our wrong
- Not mere sorrow—“feel bad about it” – could be remorse or despair.
- Not just abandonment of our sin – just avoidance of unwelcome consequences.

Repentance: Grief over our rebellion against God leading to a turnaround in our attitude and actions.

II. Repentance drives our mission (vv. 11-12).

[11] For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. [12] So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

SERMON NOTES

SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

A Celebration of Restoration

2 Corinthians 7:2-7:16

Worldly guilt & shame are terrible motivators. Forgiveness in the gospel emboldens & empowers us to be concerned for others to know this reconciliation.

Repentance restores us on mission for the King.

III. Repentance deepens our relationships (vv. 13-16, 2-4).

[13] Therefore we are comforted. And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. [14] For whatever boasts I made to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our boasting before Titus has proved true. [15] And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. [16] I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

[2] Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. [3] I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. [4] I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

God restores us when we turn to Him in repentance.

Benediction: 1 John 2:1-2

[1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?




Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Believe God restores us when we turn to Him in repentance.

DISCUSS

- Read 2 Corinthians 7:2-16. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- Why was Paul downcast? What means did God use to comfort him? Share a time when God comforted you when you felt downcast.
- What is the difference between worldly grief and godly grief? What are some examples of each?
- What are some biblical examples of people responding with worldly sorrow? Of godly repentance? [worldly sorrow: Saul - 1 Sam. 26:21, Esau - Gen. 27:38, Judas - Mat. 27:3-5; godly grief: Corinthians in our immediate context, David - Ps. 51:10, 12, 17; Peter - Luke 22:60-26, John 21:15-19, Prodigal Son - Luke 15:17-21]
- Why does Paul describe the Corinthians' grief as "only lasting for a while" in v. 8? (see v.9)
- The Corinthians godly repentance brought great encouragement and joy to Paul and Titus. Share about a time when someone's repentance and restoration brought great joy to you.
- Knowing the truth of this text—that godly repentance brings life and encouragement—what are the biggest threats/hindrances to you for godly repentance?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. If using Zoom, you may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you toward this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is one prayer request you have for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

RESTORED THROUGH REPENTANCE

Paul celebrates the restoration of the Corinthians after their repentance. When faced with our sin, we must remember that godly grief leading to repentance leads to joy and restoration whereas worldly grief always leads to death.

READ: 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

- Summarize this passage in your own words. Consider rereading the Sermon BIG IDEA and using it to help you write your own summary of these verses.
- What does “repentance” mean? What does Paul say in this text about how grief and repentance are related?
- What does it mean that Paul was filled with comfort (v. 4)? What does this text say about who and how God comforts (v. 6)? Is there a time that you have been comforted by God?
- Compare and contrast true repentance to self-pity? Which one are you more prone to?

PRAY

- Ask God to draw you towards true repentance. Spend a few minutes reflecting on if you have tended more towards true repentance or towards self-pity recently. Ask God to help you in any areas where you may have tended towards self-pity.
- Thank the Lord for a time when you have been comforted by Him or by a brother or sister as Titus and the Corinthians were a comfort in this passage. Specifically pray for this brother/sister by name and consider contacting them to thank them.

SING: “Jesus is Better,” by Austin Stone Worship

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TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER

The apostle John writes this letter many years after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. John enjoyed fellowship with Jesus during Christ's earthly ministry, and continued to enjoy fellowship with Him after Jesus returned to Heaven. John wants us to know that even when we fall into sin, Jesus' work on our behalf provides the means of fellowship with the Father.

READ: 1 John 2:1-2

- In 1 John 2:1, why does John say he writes to the church? What hope does John give for when we fall to sin?
- Jesus can be thought of as our lawyer (speaks in our defense), as well as our substitutionary sacrifice (propitiation). Why are these two elements important for maintaining fellowship with the Father? (see also Rom 8:34, Heb 9:13-14)
- How does Jesus' ministry on our behalf encourage you to live out faith, obedience, and love? Based on these verses, what is one way you want to respond the next time you experience grief over sin?

PRAY

- Give thanks that Jesus has paid the sacrifice for sin and now is an advocate who ensures our fellowship with God.
- Ask God to help strengthen you not to sin and to graciously lead you to repentance when you fall (1 John 1:9).

SING: "Arise, My Soul Arise," by Indelible Grace Music

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

THE WICKED REPENT

God called Jonah to preach to the pagan city of Ninevah. After Jonah's rebellion from God's call and subsequent discipline, Jonah reluctantly went to Ninevah to preach God's message of repentance. Shockingly to Jonah, the people of Nineveh turned from their wicked ways to worship God. God in his mercy spared the people of Nineveh from destruction. Jonah learned God saves even the most wicked of people among the nations.

READ: Jonah 3:6-10

- Was there anything special about Jonah's message to the Ninevites?
- After Jonah preached God's message to the Ninevites, describe how the people responded.
- In v. 10, what happened after the Ninevites repentance?
- How does God respond to us when we repent (Romans 10:9-10)?

PRAY

- For a humble heart willing to repent before a holy and gracious God.
- For God's compassion for those who are far from God

SING: "This is My Father's World," by Fernando Ortega

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

THE BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

To be forgiven by God is what brings true happiness. When we try to ignore and cover our sins with our own efforts, it leads to worldly grief expressed in pride and shame. When we are overcome with godly grief over our sin it leads to confessing our sins to God, repentance, and trusting in God for the strength to obey. The Lord is merciful and faithful to cover our sins and bring us into his joy.

READ: Psalm 32:1-5

- What are the ways that the Psalmist describes the blessed man (vv. 1-2)?
- What happens to the one who neglects to seek the Lord in forgiveness (vv. 3-4)? Why is it a blessing to be forgiven?
- After reflecting on how he felt when he neglected to come to God in forgiveness, the Psalmist decides to turn to the Lord (v. 5). What motivates us to turn to God instead of run away from him when we sin?

PRAY

- Praise God for the promised blessing of forgiveness of sin.
- For grace to see and turn from your sin in repentance.

SING: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," from *The Hymns* by Michael W. Smith

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

When Jesus saves us, he changes us. Though unbelievers may at times mimic godly morality, only a Christian can genuinely bear fruit of the Spirit.

READ: Galatians 5:16-26

- Contrast the life led by the flesh with the life led by the Spirit.
- Why is the fruit of the flesh so damaging to the Christian church and witness?
- How does the fruit of the Spirit impact relationships?
- Considering your life, focus on a present sin struggle. Confess this to the Lord and Pray for His Spirit's power to honor him in faith and obedience.

PRAY

- Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit—our helper and comforter (John 16:7:15).
- Confess to the Lord any ways you are led by the flesh, and turn away from that destructive pattern of living.
- Ask for the Lord to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in your life and allow you to live in harmony with others.

SING: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God," by Keith & Kristyn Getty

THIS WEEKEND, MAY 23-24, 2020

This weekend, continue reading this passage alongside the "Prepare for Worship" article in preparation for Sunday's worship service. Consider the following questions as you read.

- What encourages you in this passage?
- What new thoughts stand out to you in this passage?