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Sufficient in Christ

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, we celebrated Easter, and Pastor Ken preached from 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, showing us how the hope of eternity with Christ empowers us with courage for today.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:11-17

This Sunday, Pastor Ken will teach us that proper motivation for ministry is the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ from 2 Corinthians 5:11-17. We far too often minister to others for selfish reasons, serving them for our own gain instead of God's glory. Thankfully, the power of the gospel sets us free from selfish pursuits and to God-glorifying ministry to others.

As you prepare your heart for this Sunday, please continue to pray for all who have been affected by the tornado and seek the Lord with how you might best serve those who are in need. Also, let this devotional from Milton Vincent lead you to the liberating power of the gospel and to further depths of the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Reflect: "Liberation from Self-Love"

Compared to greater endeavors, self-love is mundane and tiresome. Consequently, the more thoroughly I can be done with such tedium, the freer my soul will be to soar at its God-intended heights.

One of the leading causes of my natural tendency to self-love is fear. I fear that if I do not love myself there would be no one left to love me quite so well as I do. An even more significant cause of self-love is a lack of persuasion that there is someone out there who is worthy to be loved more than I. Arrogance lies underneath both of these causes: I love myself supremely because I am the most worthy person I know to be loved and also because I think I can do a better job at it than anyone else. Such arrogance makes me dangerous, yet it is deeply ingrained in my sinful flesh.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Thankfully, the gospel frees me from the shackles of self-love by addressing both of these causes. First, the gospel assures me that the love of God is infinitely superior to any love that I could ever give to myself. "Greater love has no one than this," says Jesus while speaking of His love. And the deeper I go into the gospel, the more I experience the truth of His claim and thereby know how far His love for me surpasses even my own. His astonishing love for me renders self-absorption moot and frees me up to move on to causes and interests far greater than myself.

Second, the gospel reveals to me the breathtaking glory and loveliness of God, and in so doing, it lures my heart away from love of self and leaves me enthralled by Him instead. The more I behold God's glory in the gospel, the more lovely He appears to me. And the more lovely He appears, the more self fades into the background like a former love interest who can no longer compete for my affections.

Preaching the gospel to myself every day reminds me of God's astounding love for me and also of His infinite worthiness to be loved by me above all else. These reminders deliver a one-two punch to my innate self-absorption and leave me increasingly absorbed with Christ and with God's ultimate plan to gather together all heavenly and earthly things in Him.

"Liberation from Self-Love," in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)," Arr. Shane & Shane
2. "His Mercy Is More," Arr. Shane & Shane
3. "All I Have Is Christ," by Sovereign Grace Music

SONG LYRICS

"PRAISE TO THE LORD (JOYFUL, JOYFUL)"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

Praise

to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul praise Him for He is your health and salvation

Come all you hear now to His temple draw near

Join me in glad adoration

(Verse 2)

Praise to the Lord above all things so wondrously reigning

Shelt'ring you under His wings and so gently sustaining

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining

(Verse 3)

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper your work and defend you

Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

If with His love He befriends you

(Chorus)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Op'ning to the sun above

(Verse 4)

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore Him

All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him

Let the amen sound from His people again

Gladly forever adore Him

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SONG LYRICS

"HIS MERCY IS MORE"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

(Verse 2)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

(Verse 3)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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SONG LYRICS

"ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"

Sovereign Grace Music

(Verse 1)

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

(Verse 3)

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

(Verse 2)

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

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SERMON NOTES

SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

Motives For Ministry
2 Corinthians 5:11-17

Big Idea: We are motivated to minister by the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ.

I. The fear of the Lord (5:10-12)

A. We are accountable to Christ (vv. 10).

[10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

B. We persuade others to believe in Christ (v. 11a)

[11a] Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God

C. We proclaim with integrity the message of Christ (v. 11b-12).

[11b] But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

[12] We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

II. The love of Christ (vv. 13-17)

A. It controls us (v. 14)

[14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

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B. It changes us (vv. 13, 15-17)

1. It gives us a new passion (vv. 13, 15).

a. To glorify God and to edify the church (v. 13).

13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

b. To live for Christ and not ourselves (v. 15).

15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Philippians 1:21

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

2. It gives us a new perspective (v. 16).

[16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

a. Of humanity (v. 16a) "From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh."

b. Of Christ (v. 16b) "Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

3. It makes us a new person (v. 17).

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



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?

**Sermon
doodles**

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Live and minister motivated by the fear of the Lord and the love of Christ.

DISCUSS

- Share common reasons why people are motivated to help others.
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-17. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- How does the fear of the Lord motivate us in evangelism? (see v. 10-11)
- What does it mean to be 'controlled by the love of Christ'? (v. 14)
- What are evidences of being a 'new creation'? [New creation is reflected in a changed heart (v. 13-15: we glorify God, edify church, live for Christ), and new creation is reflected in a new outlook (v.16: we have new eyes – how we view Christ and others)]
- What does it look like to regard Christ and others according to the flesh? How are we to regard Christ and others as a 'new creation?'

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, APRIL 20, 2020

NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST

Motivated by our identity as new creations in Christ and our citizenship in heaven, we live for Christ and persuade others of the new life offered in Him alone.

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:11-17

- Paul talks about how integrity of character (not boasting in yourself) is important in our witness (vv. 11-12). What motivates you to do good (share the gospel, etc.) for others?
- How has Christ made you a 'new creation' (v. 17)? Contrast your 'old self' (i.e. life before Christ) with your life now as a new creation.
- What is one truth about the Lord you could share today with someone that needs the hope of this new life?

PRAY

- Ask God to help you to be controlled by the love of Christ. Confess the struggles you've faced in being controlled by love of yourself.
- Thank the Lord for making you a new creation. Thank Him specifically for the changes you have seen since believing in Christ.

SING: "All I Have Is Christ," by Sovereign Grace Music

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

ZEALOUS FOR THE GOSPEL

The gospel of Christ radically changed Paul, making him zealous to preach Christ. We too, having been called by grace, are to live with zeal for Christ.

READ: Galatians 1:11-24

- What things had Paul been zealous for in his past? What changed Paul's aim in life?
- What do you think others thought of and said about Paul before his conversion? What different things did people say about Paul after his conversion? (see vv. 23-24)
- Paul reminded his readers that the gospel message he preached had a supernatural origin (vv. 11-12). How could this supernatural message further impact your zeal in life?

PRAY

- Thank God for the life changing power of the gospel and specific ways it has impacted your life.
- Ask the Lord to continue his transformation process in your life and ask for greater zeal about the things of God.

SING: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," by Sovereign Grace Music

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

COMPELLED TO SPEAK OF CHRIST

Jeremiah was commissioned with the difficult task of proclaiming God and His Word to an unrepentant people. He was compelled to speak, and we too as ambassadors for Christ are compelled to proclaim the message of Christ to sinners.

READ: Jeremiah 20:9

- What analogy does Jeremiah use to describe his need to share God's message? What in your life has brought about a similar passion to share it with others?
- The content of Jeremiah's message was not popular (context: vv. 4-6, 8). In contrast, what are some compelling elements of the gospel message that we are to share with others? (consider Ephesians 2:4-10)
- In light of who God is and the power of the gospel, what encourages you to share the good news of Jesus with other people?

PRAY

- Confess the struggles you have when it comes to sharing God's Word with others.
- Ask God to use the truths of the gospel to produce an excitement and desire to share the message of Christ with those around you.

SING: "Mighty to Save," by Laura Story

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

PROCLAIM GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Knowing that God is one who can be trusted, we are moved to share the good news of God's mighty acts of deliverance with others so that God's faithfulness will be made known.

READ: Psalm 40:1-10

- David describes the Lord's great act of delivering him from a dreadful situation in this text. What do you think led David to declare the wonderful deeds of the Lord? (vv. 3, 5, 9-10) What is God's greatest act of deliverance?
- How does the habit of remembering what God has done for you give you greater confidence to trust God with your future?
- Who can you share with this week about God's mercy and deliverance?

PRAY

- Praise God for the ways in which He has been faithful to you. Ask Him to lead you in how you can continue to grow in being faithful to Him.
- Ask God to reveal to you those in your circle of influence with whom you can share the good news of God's deliverance. Consider other believers you can encourage during this time by reminding them of the gospel and God's goodness.

SING: "His Mercy Is More," Shane & Shane Arrangement

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION

As believers, we have been reconciled to God by faith in Jesus Christ. We are now ambassadors for Christ, sent to share the good news of the gospel, the message of reconciliation, to others, that they may be saved.

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

- What does it mean to be reconciled?
- What did Christ do to reconcile us to God (v. 19, 21)?
- How are we “ambassadors” for Christ (v. 20)?

PRAY

- Praise the Lord for how He has reconciled you to himself.
- Ask God to reveal to you if there is someone you need to be reconciled to in your life. Pray for them and for you, that the peace of the gospel would bring healing and unity.
- Pray for opportunities to share this good news with people who would repent and believe.

SING: “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me,” by City Alight

THIS WEEKEND, APRIL 18-19, 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?