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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, Pastor Josh Jones preached from 2 Corinthians 6:3-13. We considered the truth that a life transformed by the gospel perseveres in selfless love. In conclusion, Josh exhorted us to never give up on those we are ministering to and encouraged us remember that God is always present and will never leave or forsake us as we persevere in this selfless love.

## **Read: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**

This Sunday, Pastor Ken will exhort 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.

In this passage, Paul roots his call for holiness in the promises of God in the gospel. Apart from God's promises of reconciliation and restoration in Jesus Christ, we are hopelessly unmotivated and altogether powerless to live holy lives, dead in our trespasses and sins. Praise God that he has made us alive together with Christ and will bring his work of salvation to completion on that final day (Ephesians 2:4-5; Philippians 1:6)! This reality and promise of our salvation in Jesus Christ empowers us to live in holiness as God's children in this fallen world.

As you prepare your heart for Sunday worship, let these words from Brian Hedges further your understanding of how faith in God's promises empowers our holiness.

## **Reflect: "Faith-Empowered Holiness"**

One of the most compelling biblical examples of how faith in God's promises empowers holiness is found in the story of Moses as told in Hebrews 11.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. —Hebrews 11:24-26

The writer to the Hebrews presents Moses as an example of faith. Faith is characterized by the conviction that God will reward those who seek him. "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (Heb. 11:6). It is impossible to please God if you seek him out of any other motive than the desire for reward. We do not seek God as his benefactors, thinking we can reward him. We are always the beneficiaries of his grace.

# PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Notice the decisions and actions Moses' faith produced. We see him both refusing and choosing. By faith Moses "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter." Imagine the implications of this! Moses had been raised in the household of Pharaoh. He was "instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds" (Acts 7:22). He was a prince in Egypt, possibly a high-ranking government official. As part of the royal family, he had luxury at his fingertips: the choicest food, the richest accommodations, the most beautiful women. And he turned his back on all of it. He "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin" (vv. 24-25).

How could he do this? Why did he consider "the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt"? Verse 26 answers: "For he was looking to the reward." Moses was empowered by the promise of a superior satisfaction. "By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible" (v. 27). He was captivated by a greater beauty, a more enduring treasure, a more satisfying pleasure than Egypt could offer. To quote John Piper once more:

Faith is not content with "fleeting pleasures." It is ravenous for joy. And the Word of God says, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; in Thy right hand there are pleasures forever" (Ps. 16:11). So faith will not be sidetracked into sin. It will not give up so easily in its quest for maximum joy.

That is faith: Believing that God, and all he promises to be for us in the gospel, is more satisfying than sin. Faith is the powerful conviction that joy in Jesus is so superior to the fleeting pleasures of sin that I am compelled to choose the eternal over the temporal and the Savior over sin, even if I suffer.

Excerpt from *Christ Formed in You*, by Brian Hedges

## **Sing: Song List for Sunday**

1. "Exalted Over All," by Vertical Worship
2. "Only a Holy God," by CityAlight
3. "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me, by CityAlight

# SONG LYRICS

## "EXALTED OVER ALL"

### Vertical Worship

(Verse 1)

From Heaven's throne You came to us  
And set Your heart upon the cross  
We'll never know the sacrifice You made

(Verse 2)

For all our sin and all our shame  
You took the nails and took our place  
No one else could do what You have done

(Chorus)

One name is higher  
One name is stronger  
Than any grave than any throne  
Christ exalted over all  
The only Savior Jesus Messiah  
To You alone our praise belongs  
Christ exalted over all

(Verse 3)

From the grave where death would die  
You rose again and brought us life  
You're reigning now the Savior of the world  
You're reigning now the Savior of the world

(Bridge)

We'll (We) sing Your praise  
Sing Your praise  
We sing Your praise forever  
And lift Your name  
We lift Your name  
Jesus over all

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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

## "YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME"

CityAlight

(Verse 1)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Verse 2)

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Verse 3)

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Verse 4)

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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# SERMON NOTES

## SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

We Are Temples of the Living God

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

**Big Idea:** As temples of God, we must guard against incompatible relationships that would lead us away from our devotion to Christ.

**Paul begins with a command:** [14a] Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

- What does being “unequally yoked” mean?
- Who are the unbelievers?
- Is this command a call for isolation?

### A. The incompatibility between believers and unbelievers (6:14-16a).

#### 1. We are governed by different standards (v. 14b).

For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness?

**Romans 6:19**

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

**1 John 3:4**

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

#### 2. We are citizens of different kingdoms (v. 14c).

Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

**Colossians 1:12-13**

[12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. [13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

**Ephesians 5:7-12**

[7] Therefore do not become partners with them; [8] for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10] and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11] Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

# SERMON NOTES

## **SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST**

**We Are Temples of the Living God**

**2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**

**3. We are ruled by different kings (v. 15a).**

What [accord](#) has Christ with Belial?

**4. We are influenced by different worldviews (v. 15b).**

Or what [portion](#) does a believer share with an unbeliever?

Mike Roiccardio

“The believer puts all his faith, all his hope, all his trust in the person of Christ and in the promises of Scripture. The unbeliever puts his trust in himself, or in this world, or in the fruitless philosophies of man-made religion, and scoffs at the authority of God’s Word. The believer’s life revolves around Christ, and making much of His glory, magnifying His name throughout the world. The unbeliever’s life revolves around himself, making much of his own glory, and doing everything he can to make a name for himself in the world. The unbeliever craves the praise of man; the believer craves the reward of Christ. The unbeliever’s treasure is laid up on earth where moth and rust destroy; the believer’s treasure is reserved in heaven where it can never perish or fade.”

**5. We worship different Gods (v. 16a).**

What [agreement](#) has the temple of God with idols?

**1 Corinthians 10:14**

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

**B. The reality that believers are God’s holy temple (v. 16b-18).**

**1. We are indwelt by the Spirit of God (v. 16; Lev. 26:11-12; Ezek. 37:27).**

[16] For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**a. Churches are God’s temple (1 Corinthians 3:16–17; Eph. 2:21-22).**

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

[16] Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? [17] If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

# SERMON NOTES

## SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

We Are Temples of the Living God

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

**b. Christians are God's temple (1 Corinthians 6:19–20).**

[19] Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20] for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**2. We are in a covenant relationship with God (vv. 17-18).**

**a. Set apart from the world (vv. 16-17abc; Isa. 52:11; Ezek. 11:17).**

[17] Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing;

**b. Set apart unto God (vv. 17d - 18; 2 Samuel 7:14; Duet. 32:18-19; 2 Sam. 7:8, 14; Isa. 43:6).**

[17d] then I will welcome you, [18] and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

**3. We are called to pursue holiness by God (7:1).**

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

**1 Thessalonians 4:7**

For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

**Why do we pursue holiness?**

**a. Because we have the promises of God (v. 1a, 16-18).**

[1a] Since we have these promises,

**2 Corinthians 1:20–22**

[20] For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. [21] And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, [22] and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**b. Because we know the consequences of sin (v.1b).**

[1b] beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,

**c. Because we fear God (1c).**

[1c] bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.



# Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

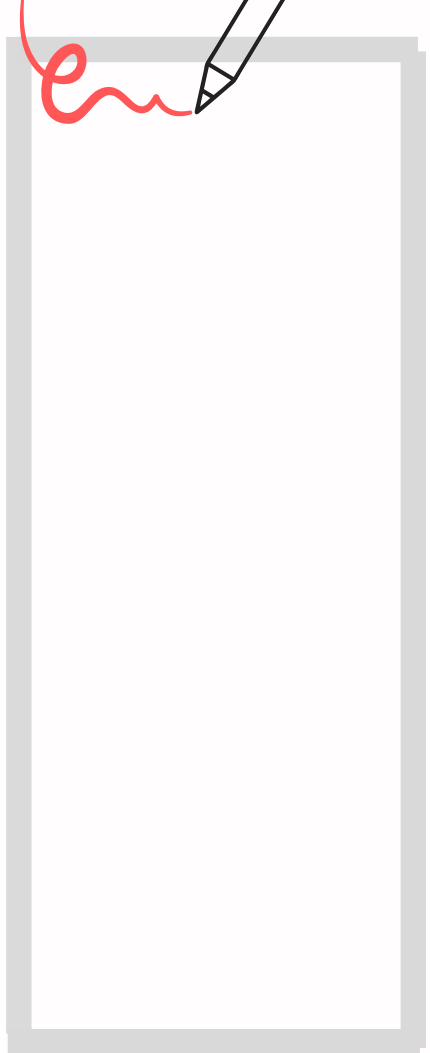


Who's preaching this morning?

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 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Preserve our devotion to Christ by guarding against incompatible relationships that would lead us away from Him.

## DISCUSS

- Think of a time when you were unevenly/poorly matched in a study group, sport, work group, etc... [i.e. "sloth pictinary" on Geico TV commercial]
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- How does Paul balance encouragement with warning in this passage?
- What does it mean to be "yoked with unbelievers?" Why can this be dangerous? [These binding relationships can tempt believers to forsake Christ]
- What comes to mind when you hear the word "holiness" and why? Are your thoughts primarily positive or negative? Burdensome? Freeing?
- How do you recognize when you are being led astray by a relationship or activity? What should you do about it? [(Know the truth - John 8:31-36; Flee from sin and pursue righteousness - 2 Timothy 2:22; Worship - Romans 12:1-2; Prayer - Ephesians 3:14-19; Accountability with brothers and sisters - Hebrews 3:12-13)]
- Under the old covenant, God had a temple for his people. Now under the new covenant, God has a people for His temple. Why is it significant that Paul calls God's people the temple (v. 16)? [Because of the fall, Adam and Eve were cast away from God's presence (Gen. 3:24). In the old covenant, God dwelled near his people in the temple (1 Kings 8:27-30). Today in the last days, He indwells believers through His Spirit (2 Cor 6:16) as a foretaste of the future where we will dwell in the fullness of His glory (Rev. 21:22, 22:3-4)]
- Putting this into practice, how do we discern a balance between separating ourselves from the world while still living daily on mission?

**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 11, 2020**

## STRIVE FOR HOLINESS

As Paul exhorts the Corinthian believers not to live unequally yoked to unbelievers, he calls them to strengthen their undivided devotion to God alone. As believers today, we also are to live holy lives before the Lord and before unbelievers.

## READ: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- What does it mean to be holy?
- How does one's holiness impact their Christian witness to unbelievers?
- Reflect on 7:1:
  - When & with whom am I unduly tempted to sin?
  - When & with whom am I swayed to compromise on ethical matters?
  - When & with whom am I spurred to forsake all to follow Jesus?

## PRAY

- Praise and thank God for His gracious act through Christ to cleanse us from every defilement of body and Spirit and set us apart, as a holy temple for His dwelling.
- Ask for mercy in areas of your life where you have unrepentant sin. Repent; confess your sin to the Lord, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse you of all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**SING:** "Take My Life (and Let it Be) feat. Chris Tomlin)," by Passion: Hymns, Ancient & Modern

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**

## **GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM**

Upon the final defeat of Satan and powers of sin and death, God will make all things new and establish His dwelling place with the redeemed. This new environment is free from all effects of sin. It is only populated by those who trusted in Christ and were found to be in the Lamb's book of life (Rev 21:27). This new creation is the Christian's glorious inheritance where righteousness dwells (2 Peter 3:13), including the righteous King Himself.

## **READ: Revelation 21:1-5**

- What most excites or amazes you from the description of the new creation
- What truth about God is highlighted in v.3? What is the result for His people in v.4?
- How does the new creation encourage you to live holy unto the Lord today (2 Cor. 5:9-10)?

## **PRAY**

- Praise God for His purposes in redemption to make all things new in the new creation.
- Ask God for grace to keep this unseen future dwelling in the forefront of your desires as you walk through your day.

**SING:** "The Sands of Time Are Sinking (Live)," from Together for the Gospel III

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020**

## **WILL GOD INDEED DWELL ON EARTH?**

Because of the fall, Adam and Eve were cast away from God's presence (Gen. 3:24). In fulfillment of years of longing, King Solomon has finally completed the construction of the first Temple in Jerusalem and prays to dedicate it to God. At long last, God dwells near his people in the temple.

Yet consider how much greater for Christians today that we no longer go to a place to be near God (John 4:21-24), but he indwells all who believe in him! In the future new creation, it will be even better, when in glorified bodies, all the redeemed will dwell in the fullness of His glory (Rev. 21:22, 22:3-4].

## **READ: 1 Kings 8:27-30**

- Having built the Temple for God's presence, what is the irony Solomon expresses in his prayer? Exactly how big is our God?
- What is Solomon's attitude as he beholds God's greatness?
- What will it be like for you to one day dwell in the fullness of God's infinite majesty in the new creation? Read Rev. 21:22, 22:3-4 for more on this.

## **PRAY**

- Pray the words of Solomon's prayer as your own.

**SING:** "Revelation Song [feat. Kari Jobe]," by Passion



# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020**

## **A PASSION FOR GODS PRESENCE**

This Psalm recounts when David had just been installed as King of Israel. At the time, the temple had not yet been built and God's presence (in the ark of the covenant) was not with his people. One of David's first priorities as king was to get God's presence into the midst of God's people. This Psalm recalls David's passion for God's presence and reveals God's promise of His presence with His people. As with David, God's people today increasingly long for the supreme blessing of dwelling in the fullness of God's presence.

## **READ: Psalm 132**

- What is the desire of the Psalmist in vv. 1-10?
- How does God answer the Psalmist's request in vv. 11-18?
- Considering the abundant blessings of God's dwelling presence with his people (vv. 14-18), to what things or places are you wrongly tempted to turn for satisfaction?
- Christians know the ultimate victory and blessing in the gospel of Jesus. List 2 specific blessings that are yours that can fuel your passion for His presence in your life today.

## **PRAY**

- Confess ways you have sought satisfaction in things apart from God's presence.
- Ask for more longing to enjoy God's presence in your life today (through His Spirit) and for eternity (in the new creation).

**SING:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Live)," by Keith & Kristyn Getty

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

## FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

### JOY FOUND IN TRUE REPENTANCE

People often feel regret or grief over actions they commit which have harmed others. Rather than a passing regret, Paul rejoices that his painful letter to the Corinthian church (2:1-4) caused the people to feel true sorrow over their sin leading to godly grief and true repentance.

### READ: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- What is the difference between regret and repentance?
- Observe Paul's use of the word "rejoice" and "joy." What causes him joy?
- Knowing true repentance leads to joy, what keeps you from repenting when you sin?

### PRAY

- Praise God for the hope of true forgiveness when we sin through Jesus' shed blood.
- Ask God to show you where you need to repent. Ask him to give you joy in restoration (Ps. 51:12).

**SING:** "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," from Together for the Gospel (Live)

## THIS WEEKEND, MAY 16-17, 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?