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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 Ken showed 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.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

This Sunday, Pastor Jeremy will preach about the core of ministry for all believers from 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2, namely, we are all reconciled ministers of reconciliation. We have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, and he has entrusted to us his message of reconciliation to the world. Praise God that he loves us and has made a way to be restored to him through Jesus Christ! As you prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, let this devotional from Paul Tripp aid your perspective as an ambassador for God equipped with his message of reconciliation.

Reflect: "Ambassador"

What does it mean to be an ambassador of the King? It means reflecting his message, his methods, and his character wherever he's placed us.

It really is a very different way of looking at life. It's a very different basis for making decisions. It's a very different template for deciding how you should act, react, and respond. It's a very different way of thinking about who you are and what you're supposed to be doing. It is a radical way of living, quite different from the worldview that is preached all around us.

The common cultural worldview has you at the very center. It says that life is all about your pursuit of happiness. When someone or something makes you unhappy, it says that the world is not operating the way it is supposed to operate. It really does pull the walls of your motivation and concern to the tight confines of your wants, your needs, and your feelings. But the Bible presents a polar opposite worldview that is to form the identity and lifestyle of every believer. Scripture asserts that you were bought with a price (the life and death of Jesus), so you don't belong to you anymore (actually, because of creation, you never did belong to you). Take time to look at 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, which applies this truth to something as personal as your sexual life.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

God has a purpose for you. It is that you would live as one of his representatives; that is, that you would live representatively. And what are you representing? You are called to represent your Savior King. And what does that practically look like? Representing the King means you represent his message, his methods, and his character. Representing the King's message means that you look at every situation and relationship in life through the lens of the truth of Scripture—the center of which is the gospel of Jesus Christ—and determine to help others look at life that way too. Representing his methods means that you seek to be a tool of the kind of change he intends to make in people and in the world around you. And representing his character simply means asking yourself again and again, “What of the person, work, and character of the Lord Jesus Christ does this person need to see in the situation that he or she is now in?”

There is no better word for this bigger-purpose-than-my-happiness way of living that God has called each of us to than the word ambassador. It reminds us that there is a King and that we are not him. It moves us to remember once again that our lives do not belong to us. And it puts practical legs on what it means to represent the Savior King in practical ways every day. God's grace has not only rescued you, but has included you in much bigger and more beautiful purposes for your life than you would have ever chosen on your own.

December 14 Devotional, in *New Morning Mercies*, by Paul Tripp

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Lamb of God,” by Vertical Worship
2. “Yes I Will,” by Vertical Worship
3. “Even So Come,” by Passion

SONG LYRICS

"LAMB OF GOD"

Vertical Worship

(Verse 1)

You came from heaven's throne
Acquainted with our sorrow
To trade the debt we owe
Your suff'ring for our freedom

(Chorus)

The Lamb of God in my place
Your blood poured out my sin erased
It was my death You died I am raised to life
Hallelujah the Lamb of God

(Verse 2)

My name upon Your heart
My shame upon Your shoulders
The pow'r of sin undone
The cross for my salvation

(Bridge)

There is no greater love
There is no greater love
The Savior lifted up
There is no greater love

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SONG LYRICS

"YES I WILL"
Vertical Worship

(Verse)

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
The same God who's never late
Is working all things out
You're working all things out

(Chorus)

Yes I will lift You high
In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy
All my days yes I will

(Bridge)

I choose to praise
To glorify glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against

(Tag)

For all my days
Yes I will

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SONG LYRICS

"EVEN SO COME"

Passion

(Verse 1)

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

(Verse 2)

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus 1)

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

(Verse 3)

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

(Bridge)

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

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SERMON NOTES

SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

We Are Reconciled and Sent
2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Big Idea: In Christ we are reconciled to God and sent to share the message of reconciliation.

I. We are reconciled in Christ (God’s Mission) 5:18a, 5:19a, 5:21

A. Reconciliation is initiated by God

[18a] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself

Romans 2:5

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

B. Reconciliation is an act of forgiveness

[19a] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,

How much do you think you owe?

C. Reconciliation is by the work of substitution

[21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1. In Christ, atonement for sin is made

2 Corinthians 5:21a For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin

1 John 3:5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

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Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

2. In Christ, we become righteous before God

[21b] so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

II. We are sent to share the message of reconciliation (Our Mission), 5:18b, 5:19b, 5:20, 6:1

[5:18b] Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

[5:19b] in Christ God was...entrusting to us the message of reconciliation

[5:20a] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

[6:1] Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

How can you share the message of reconciliation during these unique times?

III. Now is the time of reconciliation (The Mission is Urgent), 5:20, 6:1-2

[20b] We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time, behold, now is the day of salvation.

SERMON NOTES

SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

**We Are Reconciled and Sent
2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2**

A. Now is the time to be reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

B. Now is the time to share the message of reconciliation

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”

Benediction

Romans 5:10-11

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

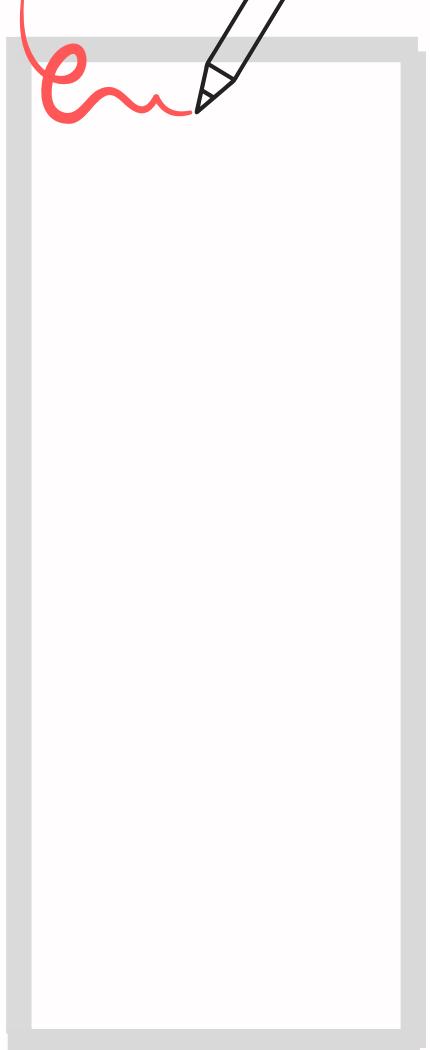


Who's preaching this morning?

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. Understand believers are reconciled to God and sent to share the message of reconciliation.

DISCUSS

- Tell about a time when you experienced a significant reconciliation in a relationship.
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does it mean to be unreconciled to God? To be reconciled to God? According to the passage, how are we reconciled to God? (vv. 18-21)
- How does our reconciliation to God reconcile us to others? What is the nature of Christian reconciliation? How does this compare to the world's common view of reconciliation (e.g. "fool me once...")?
- What does it mean to be an ambassador? What is God's plan for people to be reconciled to Him?
- Who is one person in your life not reconciled to God for whom we can pray?

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 27, 2020

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

God entrusts the spread of the gospel message through his disciples speaking on His behalf.

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

- What does it mean to be reconciled to God? What does this passage say about how you have been reconciled to Christ?
- What does Paul mean that now is the favorable time (6:2)?
- How does being an ambassador for Christ (5:20) in this favorable time (6:2) impact the way you live in the current reality of life in a pandemic?

PRAY

- Pray for one or two family members or close friends that need to hear the message of reconciliation.
- Ask God to use you as an ambassador of Christ to them this week.

SING: "In Christ Alone," by Keith & Kristyn Getty

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

JESUS IS COMING BACK

Jesus came to take the place of sinners under God's wrath. But his work is not finished! Jesus will return again. Knowing Jesus is coming back and that he will save those who wait for him, believers are motivated to share the gospel.

READ: Hebrews 9:28

- What does it mean that Christ was "offered to bear the sins of many?" How would you explain this verse to someone that is not a follower of Christ?
- When is the last time you pondered the second coming of Christ? How does this verse spur you on in evangelism in light of His return?
- How does this verse prompt you to pray about how you are using your time and opportunities to advance the kingdom?

PRAY

- Ask God to remind you of the work of Christ that reconciled you to himself. Thank the Lord for what you were saved from and how your life has been transformed.
- Pray for hope and courage as you look forward to the return of Christ.

SING: "How Great Thou Art," by Shane & Shane

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

SALVATION FOR THE NATIONS

Hundreds of years before Jesus, Isaiah described how God will restore His people and save the nations by using his people. From of old, God's plan has always been to use his people to bring the gospel to all people.

READ: Isaiah 49:1-12

- In what ways is the Messiah described (vv. 1-7)?
- How are the promises of God in this passage realized in Christ (vv. 8-12)?
- Jesus is described as "a light for the nations" (v. 6) so that the salvation of God may be known to the whole world. How are we called to share this light with others?

PRAY

- Praise God for sending the Savior.
- Ask God to renew the joy of your salvation and to give you a greater desire to know more of his love.
- Continue praying for an opportunity to share the message of Jesus' shining light of salvation with.

SING: "May the Peoples Praise You," by Keith & Kristyn Getty

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

GOD FORGIVES SINNERS

David reflects upon the blessing of forgiveness. Through Christ and his work on the cross, we have been forgiven completely from our sins and reconciled to God. Now as His children, God treats us as though we had never sinned.

READ: Psalm 32:1-11

- How can we understand the meaning of the word “blessed” in light of this passage?
- David recounts his experience with sin, forgiveness, and sharing about what God has done for him in vv. 3-5 and 8-9. Summarize the progression of his experience (i.e. how he felt as a result of his sin, what happened when he turned to God, and how he is compelled to share with others).
- What is promised to those who have been forgiven by God (vv. 6-7, 10-11)?

PRAY

- Confess all unrepentant sin to God and plead for His mercy; He is faithful and just to forgive.
- Thank God that He is a “hiding place” for His people (v. 7). Ponder how you can find refuge and safety in Him amidst the uncertainties and trials you face.

SING: “Nothing But the Blood,” by Keith & Kristyn Getty

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020

THE CHARACTER OF A DISCIPLE

Paul continues his demonstration that God's power is reflected in human weakness. He describes the characteristics of a disciple of Jesus as well as the circumstances he has experienced as a result of his faith.

READ: 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

- How does Paul describe the character of a disciple of Jesus amidst hardship?
- How can Paul experience apparent tragedies and actual victories simultaneously (vv. 8b-10)?
- How does God use hardship to grow you as a disciple Jesus?

PRAY

- Like Paul, confess to God the ways you presently struggle. Lament to God.
- Like Paul, ponder the victories which are yours amidst your struggles. Give thanks to God.

SING: "Just As I Am," by Travis Cottrell

THIS WEEKEND, APRIL 25-26, 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?