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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 is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. 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 preached the sermon, “Jesus is the Light of the World,” from John 8:12-30. We learned that Jesus is the true Light by which we see God, the world, and salvation.

Read: John 10:11-21

This Sunday, Ronnie Morris will preach from John 10:11-21, where Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). As we live like sheep in a dangerous, fallen world with so many voices of influence, we often find ourselves discouraged and confused, wondering who’s voice we can trust for guidance and direction. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, gives us the ultimate reason for placing our trust in his voice alone: He laid down his life for his sheep. No other voice can say that! As the sheep of the Good Shepherd, we must submit all other voices of influence to his and obey him alone, for he alone is entirely trustworthy. As you prepare your heart for Sunday worship, let this devotional from Milton Vincent further strengthen your trust in our Good Shepherd.

Reflect: “A Cure for Distrust”

Every time I deliberately disobey a command of God, it is because I am in that moment doubtful as to God’s true intentions in giving me that command. Does He really have my best interests at heart? Or is He withholding something from me that I would be better off having (Genesis 3:4-6)? Such questions, whether consciously asked or not, lie underneath every act of disobedience.

However, the gospel changes my view of God’s commandments, in that it helps me to see the heart of the Person from whom those commandments come. When I begin my train of thought with the gospel, I realize that if God loved me enough to sacrifice His Son’s life for me, then He must be guided by that same love when He speaks His commandments to me. Viewing God’s commands and prohibitions in this light, I can see them for what they really are: friendly signposts from a heavenly Father who is seeking to love me through each directive, so that I might experience His very fullness forever (Deuteronomy 5:29).

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

When controlling my thoughts as described above, the gospel cures me of my suspicion of God, thereby disposing me to walk more trustingly on the path of obedience to His commands.

“A Cure for Distrust,” in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Who You Say I Am,” Arr. Shane & Shane
2. “Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy, by Shane & Shane
3. “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death,” Arr. Shane & Shane

SONG LYRICS

"WHO YOU SAY I AM" Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

(Chorus 1)

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

(Verse 2)

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

(Chorus 2)

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

(Bridge)

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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SONG LYRICS

"PSALM 23 (SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY)"

Shane & Shane

(Verse 1)

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want
In green pastures He makes me lie down
He restores my soul and leads me on
For His name for His great name

(Chorus)

Surely goodness surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your holy name

(Verse 2)

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door I'll trust You Lord

(Bridge)

And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death I will fear no evil
(And) even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death You are on my side

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SONG LYRICS

"CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

(Chorus)

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

(Verse 2)

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

(Verse 3)

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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SERMON NOTES

*JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
WHO IS ENTIRELY TRUSTWORTHY*
John 10:11-21

Big Idea: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is entirely trustworthy.

I. The Good Shepherd owns us (vv. 11-13)

- a. Ownership is the difference.
- b. Sin is the problem.
- c. Only trust the Good Shepherd who bought you with his blood.

II. The Good Shepherd knows us and makes himself known (vv. 14-16)

- a. His love is divine.
 - i. John 10:28-30
 - ii. John 17:3
 - iii. Romans 8:35-39
 - iv. 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - v. Galatians 4:6
 - vi. Psalm 139:1-6
- b. His love is all-powerful and worldwide.
 - i. Ephesians 2:13-16
 - ii. John 17:21-23

III. The Good Shepherd sovereignly laid down his life for our salvation (17-18)

- a. The cross was not happenstance but God's sovereign plan.
- b. We have absolute certainty.

IV. The Good Shepherd is still calling his sheep (vv. 19-21)

- a. How will you respond?



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. Trust in Jesus, the Good Shepherd who owns us, knows us, and gave His life for our salvation.

DISCUSS

- Who are some leading influencers in our culture today? Why do people listen to their voices?
- Read John 10:11-21. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- How does our relationship with the good Shepherd bolster our trust in Him?
- Why may we be subject to untrustworthy voices? What voices may be shepherding you?
- By what means may you follow the voice of the good Shepherd?

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, JUNE 29, 2020

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Because Jesus is the good Shepherd, we can wholly trust Him.

READ: John 10:11-21

- What does Jesus reveal about himself that makes him a good shepherd?
- How are hired hands different from Jesus?
- What are examples of “hired hands” you need to watch out for?
- Practically, how may you follow Jesus as your good Shepherd more closely this week?

PRAY

- Praise Jesus who alone is worthy of our praise because He has laid down his life for us.
- Pray for grace to follow Jesus as your good Shepherd.
- Pray for someone you know who is not a Christian that Jesus will “bring them also, and they will listen to [His] voice” (v. 16).

SING: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," Baptist Hymnal #61

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQd2sh-nQ_M)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

THE SHEPHERD RANSOMS HIS SHEEP

Peter has already shared his gratitude for the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ to save believers from their sin. He now reminds us that this sacrifice was not cheap—but more costly than we can imagine. In light of this, we should desire to live holy lives that honor God.

READ: 1 Peter 1:17-21

- What does it mean to pay a ransom? How does Jesus ransom His sheep?
- When did God decide to pay the ransom? Based on v. 21, why did God reveal His plans at this time?
- How should the ransom paid by Jesus impact the way we live (v.17)? Name 1-2 things in this passage that encourage you to praise God.

PRAY

- Praise God for His amazing plan to ransom believers in God through Jesus' sacrifice.
- Ask God to help you live more conscious of the precious blood that ransomed your life.

SING: "The Wonderful Cross," by Chris Tomlin and Matt Redman

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylihJUH0gP4>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

GOD'S SHEPHERD REJECTED

Having just returned from exile, God's people continue to disobey Him by rejecting the shepherd God has given them, the prophet Zechariah. Because of their rejection of this true and good shepherd God provided for them, God instead gives to His sheep a worthless, false shepherd who will mistreat and exploit the sheep for personal gain leading to their judgment. The New Testament writers reveal this rejection of God's shepherd and being handed to a worthless shepherd as pointing to the Jews's rejection of Jesus.

READ: Zechariah 11:15-17

- How does Jesus, our good shepherd, contrast to the worthless shepherd (v. 16)?
- When the people rejected God's shepherd, God allowed them to follow after a worthless false-shepherd. What are some examples of a worthless shepherd in Jesus' day? What about in our world today?
- What hope does v. 17 give us about how God will bring final justice?

PRAY

- Pray for the Lord to help you avoid following after worthless shepherds/leaders and instead grow in faithfully following His True Shepherd, Jesus.
- Pray for those you know being deceived by worthless shepherds of our age to repent and believe in Jesus.

SING: "The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)" by Stuart Townend

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-elQQayhpak>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

COME WORSHIP THE LORD, OUR SHEPHERD

In the history of Israel, God's care for the nation was met by unbelief and disobedience from His people. This Psalm seeks to stir His people to sing and worship their great God. This Psalm also serves as a reminder and warning not to follow in the ways of their forefathers. We too must take great care today to guard against unbelief.

READ: Psalm 95:6-9

- How does this passage describe the believers' relationship with the Lord? (v. 6-7)
- What is the significance of knowing we are made by God and that we are the people of His pasture?
- In what ways may you be tempted to harden your heart toward God? How does this passage aid you in resisting this temptation?
- How does your understanding of Jesus as the good Shepherd enlighten your reading of this text?

PRAY

- Use the words of this Psalm to praise God.
- Pray for God to protect you from hardening your heart to Him.

SING: "Rejoice the Lord is King," Baptist Hymnal #197

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85H7cJP-sw0>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP

It is in the midst of pain and suffering that believers are most aware of the goodness and nearness of God. In this text we read of the deep sorrow Mary and Martha felt at the death of their brother Lazarus. In raising Lazarus from his grave, Jesus displayed His love toward them while also demonstrating the reality that those who believe in Him will never die. This passage gives a rich view of Christ as the one sent by the Father who has power over death.

READ: John 11:17-44

- What do you gather about Jesus' relationship with Mary, Martha, & Lazarus from this passage? How do you think they felt when Jesus was delayed four days before seeing Lazarus?
- What do you think Jesus means when He says "I am the resurrection and the life?" How do all the elements in the narrative of Lazarus' resurrection support Jesus' words (vv. 25-26) and bring comfort to Mary and Martha?
- How does this narrative strengthen your faith in God and His purposes even in difficult and painful circumstances?
- How does the reality of Christ as "the resurrection and the life" give you hope?

PRAY

- Lament before the Lord the reality of sin and death. Then, praise God for His power over sin and death.
- Thank God for the gift of life you've been given in Christ, and ask for greater faith to trust Him for deliverance from the effects of sin.

SING: "Shout Hosanna," by Passion

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BN1Pv2cntgU>)