

BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

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 Ken Lewis preached the sermon: “Fill the Earth,” from Genesis 1:28-2:17. We considered the truth that God has entrusted the world to man to steward for man’s good and God’s glory.

Read: Genesis 2:18-25

This Sunday, Pastor Jason Finley will preach the sermon: “Created Male and Female,” from Genesis 2:18-25. We will explore the truth that we flourish when we live according to God’s design for gender, sexuality, and marriage. As you prepare your heart for our Sunday gathering, let this devotional from Paul Tripp remind you of the freedom found in obeying God and living according to his design.

Reflect: “Obedience Is Freedom”

Obedience is freedom. Better to follow the Master’s plan than to do what you weren’t wired to do—master yourself.

It is true that the thing that you and I most need to be rescued from is us! The greatest danger that we face is the danger that we are to ourselves. Who we think we are is a delusion and what we all tend to want is a disaster. Put together, they lead to only one place—death.

If you’re a parent, you see it in your children. It didn’t take long for you to realize that you are parenting a little self-sovereign, who thinks at the deepest level that he needs no authority in his life but himself. Even if he cannot yet walk or speak, he rejects your wisdom and rebels against your authority. He has no idea what is good or bad to eat, but he fights your every effort to put into his mouth something that he has decided he doesn’t want. As he grows, he has little ability to comprehend the danger of the electric wall outlet, but he tries to stick his fingers in it precisely because you have instructed him not to. He wants to exercise complete control over his sleep, diet, and activities. He believes it is his right to rule his life, so he fights your attempts to bring him under submission to your loving authority.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Not only does your little one resist your attempts to bring him under your authority, he tries to exercise authority over you. He is quick to tell you what to do and does not fail to let you know when you have done something that he does not like. He celebrates you when you submit to his desires and finds ways to punish you when you fail to submit to his demands.

Now, here's what you have to understand: when you're at the end of a very long parenting day, when your children seemed to conspire together to be particularly rebellious, and you're sitting on your bed exhausted and frustrated, you need to remember that you are more like your children than unlike them. We all want to rule our worlds. Each of us has times when we see authority as something that ends freedom rather than gives it. Each of us wants God to sign the bottom of our personal wish list, and if he does, we celebrate his goodness. But if he doesn't, we begin to wonder if it's worth following him at all. Like our children, each of us is on a quest to be and to do what we were not designed by our Creator to be or to do.

So grace comes to decimate our delusions of self-sufficiency. Grace works to destroy our dangerous hope for autonomy. Grace helps to make us reach out for what we really need and submit to the wisdom of the Giver. Yes, it's true, grace rescues us from us.

For further study and encouragement: Psalm 119:1-88

March 22 Devotional in *New Morning Mercies*, by Paul Tripp.

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "Let the Nations Be Glad," by Matt Boswell
2. "Only a Holy God," by CityAlight
3. "O Great God," by Sovereign Grace Music

SONG LYRICS

"LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD"

Aaron Boswell | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

Chorus

Let the nations be glad
Let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God

Verse 2

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered
Though they died
Still we holding out the cross
Crossing oceans suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

Verse 3

As Your holy church goes forth
In the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the gospel to proclaim
Now we pray Your Kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and glory of Your name

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SONG LYRICS

"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

Dustin Smith | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

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

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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SERMON NOTES

CREATED MALE AND FEMALE

Genesis 1:27,2:18-25

Big Idea: We flourish when we live according to God's good design for gender and sexuality.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

I. Gender (Genesis 1:27, 2:18-23)

a. God's good design

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:18-23

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

- Male and Female
 - Same in essence
 - Same in dignity and worth
 - Distinct in form
 - Distinct in function

SERMON NOTES

CREATED MALE AND FEMALE

Genesis 1:27,2:18-25

b. Our distortion

II. Sexuality (Genesis 2:18-25)

a. God's good design

- Purity in singleness
- Purity in marriage
 - Created and defined by God

Genesis 2:24-25

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- Complementary roles

“The attempts to redefine gender as unimportant, and a created tool of men to suppress women demeans and defames the will of the glorious, gracious God of the universe who made men and women with distinctive roles—not as a form of punishment or in any way attempting to degrade a particular sex. Indeed, as the society tries to liberate itself from the verity and virtue of gender, it only sows greater confusion, consternation, and chaos. Living outside God's designs portends only to destruction. Christians, therefore, must endeavor in every way to recapture the glory of gender in the marriage covenant. The biblical doctrine of complementarianism, far from oppressing any gender in the marriage, promotes flourishing between spouses who live in accordance with and under God's instruction.”

– Ray Ortlund

- We flourish when we live by God's design and testify to its goodness

A stable and functional culture requires the establishment of stable marriages and the nurturing of families. Without a healthy marriage and family life as foundation, no lasting and healthy community can long survive.

– Albert Mohler

SERMON NOTES

CREATED MALE AND FEMALE

Genesis 1:27,2:18-25

b. Our distortion

Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

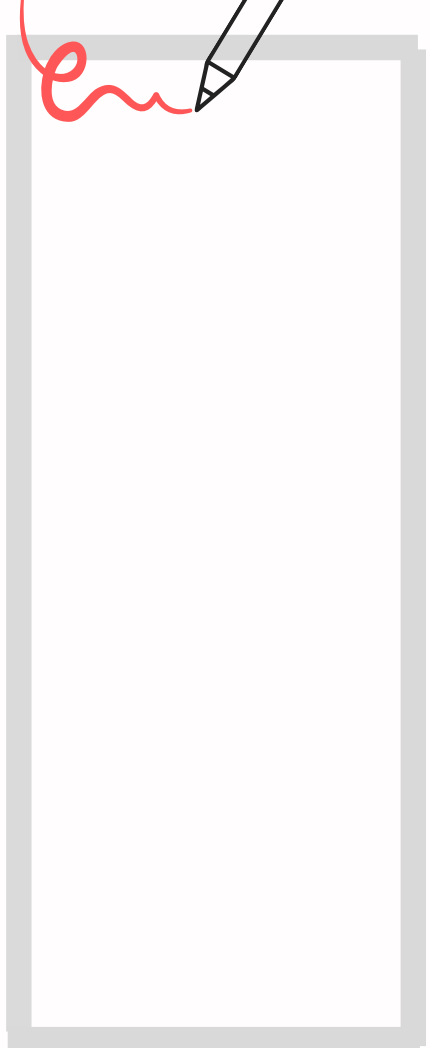


Who's preaching this morning?

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

OBJECTIVE: TO LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S DESIGN FOR GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND MARRIAGE.

DISCUSS

- Read 2:25. Why are the topics of gender, sexuality and marriage uncomfortable to talk about?
- Read Genesis 2:18-25. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What are some distortions you see in our society today of gender, sexuality, and marriage?
- What motivates people to follow or explore distortions of gender, sexuality, or marriage? What are the results of following such desires?
- How does the truth of scripture help us fight back against these distortions of gender, sexuality, and marriage? How does the gospel enable us to live out God's good design?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. 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 towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MAN

God spoke all of creation into existence. In Genesis, God declares man's purpose and His intent for man. Man, prone to live by his own ways, will distort God's intention for gender, marriage, and sexuality.

READ: Genesis 2:18-25

- Summarize in your own words what has happened in Genesis so far?
- What does this passage say about man?
- Knowing God's design for man, how should we respond?
- How does the truth of Scripture help us to fight back against today's distortions of gender and sexuality.

PRAY

- Praise God for his sovereign creation of you.
- Thank God for his good design and ask him to reveal anything in your heart or mind that distracts or distorts his intentions for your expressions of sexuality.

SING: "Before the Skies," by Sovereign Grace Music

(<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QxzKZbT6Xxw>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

THE PROFOUND MYSTERY

In this passage, Paul speaks specifically about marriage and the unified relationship between husband and wife. He then uses the language of Genesis 2:24 to illustrate how marriage actually displays an even more unified relationship, the profound mystery of Christ's relationship with the church.

READ: Ephesians 5:31-33

- What does verse 31 tell us about marriage? How does it define God's design for marriage?
- In verse 32, Paul says that the relationship between Christ and the church is a profound mystery. Why do you think Paul uses this phrase?
- How have you seen the command in verse 33 lived out? This could be in your own marriage, or even in the marriage of a friend or family member.
- What has been your experience with Christ and his relationship with the church? How has it impacted your life?

PRAY

- Thank God for the institution of marriage. Thank Him for how it displays a much greater relationship between Christ and the church.
- Pray for the marriages of those around you (your own, family, friends). Pray that God would use these relationships for others' good and His glory.

SING: "Holy (Wedding Day)," by The City Harmonic

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vVObf6IGIU>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

REDEEMED OUT OF BROKENNESS

In the book of Hosea, the reader is given a working picture of God's redemption of Israel in the personal story of Hosea and Gomer. The prophet Hosea was called to marry Gomer, a woman whose life became marked by adultery and sexual brokenness. In this passage (3:1-5), God urges Hosea to selflessly welcome Gomer back to his embrace in the same way that God promises to redeem Israel through the Messiah. Here, we are reminded that no one is too deep in sin or lost in the grips of the world to be outside of God's compassionate reach.

READ: Hosea 3:1-5

- With Genesis in mind, how do Hosea and Gomer display God's design for sexuality and marriage? How does their story show the distortion of God's design?
- Why would the story of Hosea and Gomer be surprising to modern readers?
- How does the story of Hosea and Gomer highlight the majesty of the gospel?

PRAY

- Confess your brokenness apart from Christ to God.
- Thank God for pursuing you no matter how far you may have or will run from Him.

SING: "Chain Breaker," by Zach Williams

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGYjKR69M6U>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Psalms opens with this declaration of the blessing of living according to God's wisdom and truth. Here the Psalmist compares and contrasts the life of the person who lives according to God's truth with the life of someone living against God's truth. As you meditate upon this passage, consider the way of the righteous and prayerfully seek to walk in this way for God's glory.

READ: Psalm 1:1-6

- How does this passage describe the lifestyle of the "blessed man?" How does he avoid the way of the world?
- What are the blessings of living according to God's wisdom? What are the consequences of living according to the ways of the world?
- How does Jesus' perfection free us from striving to earn righteousness and free us to pursue this way of righteousness without fear of rejection?
- How are you challenged to live in light of this passage?

PRAY

- Praise God for Jesus being our righteousness and freeing us to pursue righteousness out of being fully accepted in Christ.
- Pray that God would lead you to better live in this way of righteousness and to avoid the ways of the world.

SING: "Be Thou My Vision," by Audrey Assad
(<https://youtu.be/Optrm7IF16s>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

GOD GIVES WARNINGS WITH HOPE

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Paul warns the church in Corinth not to be deceived by the deceitfulness of sin. He warns that those who continue to engage in sinful conduct will not inherit the kingdom of God. In other words, those who live in habitual sin with no remorse or repentance will not go to heaven. Paul wanted them to understand that a Christian profession apart from a Christian lifestyle is not a true profession of faith and it must not be allowed to become a fatal deception (note Luke 6:46 and Matthew 7:21-23). God not only gives us warnings, but he also gives us hope. Hope that one can truly change through repentance and faith in the gracious work of Christ and the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. Praise God that this new life in Christ produces a new kind of living!

READ: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- What is the warning and what is the hope that Paul gives in this passage?
- What are the three transactions that occurred at the time when the Lord saved us?
- When you read “And such were some of you” (v. 11a) what comes to mind?
- Do you believe that the gospel can bring radical transformation in a person’s life? Why?

PRAY

- Pray that you will walk in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and proclaim the gospel because it is humanity’s only hope.
- Thank God that he gives warnings in his word to protect us from sin and God gives hope in his word to encourage us that we can turn from sin.

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

(<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ugGucoYMmKg>)