

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, Will Jackson preached from Genesis 3:14-24 and exhorted us to lament sin's curse but also to look to the promised seed, Jesus Christ, who has overcome the curse of sin once and for all.

Read: Genesis 4

This Sunday, Ronnie Morris will preach from Genesis 4, and we will consider the truth that sin devours through self-worship, but grace delivers through selfless worship of God. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this article from Jon Bloom help you to lay aside the weight of preoccupation, or self-worship.

Reflect: "Lay Aside the Weight of Preoccupation"

The Self Will Never Satisfy the Soul

The soul is designed to worship, but not to worship our self. The self is not glorious enough to captivate the soul. We know this. Yet our fallen selves don't want to believe it. We're drawn again and again into the hopeless labyrinth of deception that is self-worship. We know we're not worship-worthy—no matter how many self-affirming pop psychology mantras we chant. And yet we try over and over to satisfy our souls with other people's praise—and if possible, worship—of our self. Our fallen natures seem to believe that if enough people admire us we just might believe we're admirable.

Self-preoccupation is disorienting, because when we're looking at ourselves we aren't looking to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) and we aren't looking at the road we are running on (Hebrews 12:1). It's disappointing because we never find in ourselves what we're looking for. Therefore, it frequently leads to discouragement and despair. Ironically, we are then often lured into self-centered introspection, which leads us into a vicious cycle of self-improvement efforts, self-indulgence, self-disillusionment, new self-resolves, etc., etc.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

How to Lay Aside the Old Self for the Sake of Joy

Self-preoccupation really is a sin that “clings so closely” (Hebrews 12:1). It’s hard to lay it aside. It’s so much a part of us that we can despair of ever really changing. “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). The Bible tells us how to do this:

1. **Deny yourself** by getting your eyes off yourself. But remember, Christian self-denial is hedonistic because you’re denying yourself of what robs life in order to gain life.

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:24–25)

2. **Look to Jesus** (Hebrews 12:2) and all that God promises to be and do for you through him. Only he will satisfy your soul (Psalm 63:1-3) and only he has the words of eternal life (John 6:68).

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:2)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

3. **Serve others.** Strike a blow at self-preoccupation by focusing on others’ needs and concerns. Our Lord’s commands to love one another (John 13:34) and serve one another (John 13:14) have a double-edged benefit for us: they give us the blessing of giving and liberate us from the tyranny of self.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3–4)

Worldly hedonists believe that narcissism is the path to joy. That is a horrible lie. Christian Hedonists know that narcissism is the death of joy, because only God is our “exceeding joy” (Psalm 43:4, Psalm 16:11).

So join me today, for the sake of God’s joy, our joy, and others’ joy, in laying aside the weight of self-preoccupation by denying ourselves lifelessness, looking to Jesus who is our life (John 14:6), and giving life to others by serving them.

Adapted from the article: “Lay Aside the Weight of Self-Preoccupation,” by Jon Bloom, desiringgod.org.

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Let the Nations Be Glad,” by Matt Boswell
2. “Christ Be All,” by Grace Worship
3. “Nothing but the Blood,” Arr Shane & Shane

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
Let the nations be glad

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

"CHIRST BE ALL"

Andrew Murray | Kevin King

Verse 1

Oh to be empty and lowly
Meek and unnoticed and unknown
And to God a vessel holy
Filled with Christ and Christ alone

Verse 2

How great is God His grandeur endless
How frail I come before his throne
I am lost in love relentless
That Christ be all and I his own

Chorus

May Christ be all
And I be nothing
His glory shines
In vessels weak
May Christ be all
And I be nothing
This is my hope Not I but Christ in me
This is my hope Not I but Christ in me

Verse 3

I am poor and I have nothing
All my deeds cannot avail
But Christ endured the Father's crushing
He bowed his head as Mercy bled
Peace to prevail
He bowed his head and Mercy bled
Peace to prevail

Bridge

Bring me low
My heart lower still
That your grace my pride relieves
May these words
Resound loud until
Every tribe and tongue believes (can sing)

Verse 4

On golden shores of sure salvation
I will run to meet my King
Freed from shame and all accusation
He'll give Himself Nothing I'll bring
He'll give Himself Nothing I'll bring

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SONG LYRICS

"NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"
Matt Redman

Verse 1

Your blood speaks a better word
Than all the empty claims I've heard
Upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me
And stands in my defense
Jesus it's Your blood

Chorus

What can wash away our sins
What can make us whole again
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can wash us pure as snow
Welcomed as the friends of God
Nothing but Your blood
Nothing but Your blood
King Jesus

Verse 2

Your cross testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart
To make a way for us
Now boldly we approach
Not earthly confidence
It's only by Your blood

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SERMON NOTES

WORSHIP IN A FALLEN WORLD

Genesis 4:1-2

Big Idea: Sin devours through self-worship, but grace delivers through selfless worship of God.

I. Sin devours through self-worship (vv. 1-24)

- a. Sin attacks our identity as worshippers (1-8)
 - i. We are designed to worship (1-5a)
 - ii. Sin's primary goal is unbelief (1-5a)

Deuteronomy 26:2

“You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.”

- iii. Sin's ultimate goal is self-worship (5b-8)
 - Self-worship is expressed in increasing rejection of God and pursuit of self-rule.

b. Sin devours and is never satisfied (9-24)

- i. Sin devours Cain (9-16)

Galatians 5:14

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

- ii. Sin devours Cain's descendants (17-24)

Psalm 127:1

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

Application: Who are you worshipping? Yourself, or God?

II. Grace delivers through selfless worship of God (25-26)

- a. Grace is revealed (25)
- b. Grace is confirmed (26a)
- c. Grace delivers (26b)
 - i. Through the Promised Seed

Hebrews 11:4

“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.”

SERMON NOTES

WORSHIP IN A FALLEN WORLD

Genesis 4:1-26

Luke 3:23-38

“Jesus . . . the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.”

ii. Through a better word

Hebrews 12:24

“[But you have come] to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

Matthew 16:24-25

“[24] Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

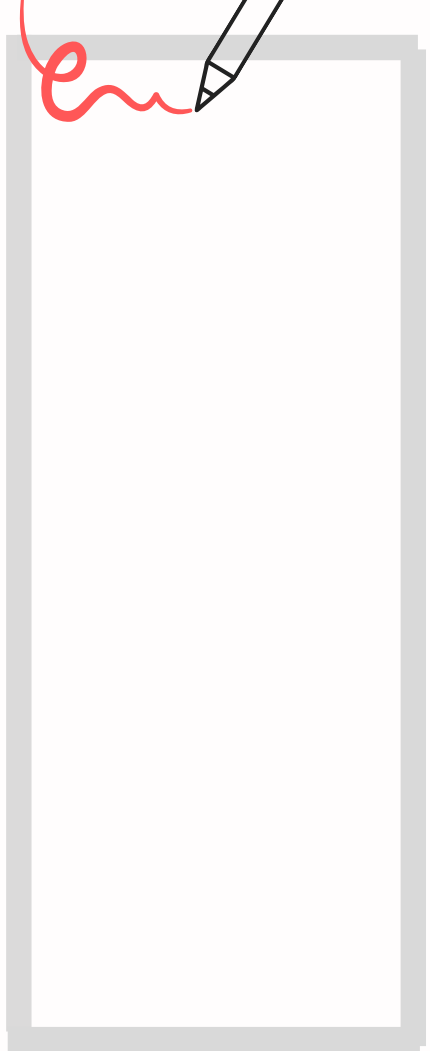


Who's preaching this morning?

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 RECOGNIZE THAT SIN DEVOURS WHILE GRACE DELIVERS

DISCUSS

- Read Genesis 4:1-25. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about Man?
- Is there a command to obey, an example to follow, or a promise to believe in this passage? How are we to live in light of this passage?

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, OCTOBER 5, 2020

MAN'S IDOLATROUS HEART

Despite Adam and Eve's sin, God provided them offspring through whom a savior would eventually come. Sadly, we continue to see the selfishness that sin causes, leading to the first human bloodshed through the murder of Abel. Sin is the idolizing of oneself. In Cain, we see how sin devours the heart and persuades us to act selfishly. But Abel modeled a true and selfless heart of worship by offering the best of his flock. Sin causes destruction through self-worship, but God's grace delivers and leads us to selfless worship of Him.

READ: Genesis 4:1-25

- In what ways do we fail to offer God selfless worship?
- Which attributes of God are shown in this passage?
- How does God's grace in this passage show us how deep our sin really is and how can this lead us to selfless worship?
- What steps can you take to recognize and remove the idols that hinder selfless worship of God?

PRAY

- Thank God for His grace that is greater than our sin.
- Confess your sin of self-worship.
- Ask God to lead you to offer Him the selfless worship that he deserves.

SING: "The Heart of Worship," by Matt Redman

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-Zp586pvZg&ab>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

JESUS'S REDEMPTIVE BLOOD

In Matthew chapter 23, Jesus is speaking to the crowd and his disciples. They will need to decide whether or not they will follow Jesus or the religious leaders of the day. They can not follow both. In verses 29-36 we see Jesus address the Pharisees self righteousness and the guilt they bear. As you read the passage, notice how Jesus speaks about the righteous blood of Abel and how it points us to Jesus whose righteous blood is able to redeem us from our sin.

READ: Matthew 23:29-36

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- What does this passage teach us about the nature and character of Jesus?
- How does the blood of “righteous Abel” point us to the death and resurrection of Christ?
- How does this passage deepen our trust in God as history unfolds under his sovereign care?

PRAY

- Thank God for his unending mercy and grace.
- Thank God for his steadfast love that endures forever and extends from one generation to the next.
- Evaluate your heart, are there places in your life where you are acting self righteously? Confess that to God, remember the gospel that puts us on equal footing before the Cross.
- Rejoice in God’s forgiveness.

SING: “How Deep The Father's Love for Us,” by Austin Stone Worship

(<https://youtu.be/tZSirSqpM54>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

USELESS OFFERINGS

God knows our hearts. He does not take pleasure in the outward appearance of worship when we are unrepentant of sin. Isaiah confronts Israel and calls them to repent of their acts of injustice and offer true worship to God.

READ: Isaiah 1:11-20

- How does God feel toward his people's acts of worship (11-15)? List specific examples.
- For Israel, what specific examples does God desire to see which would demonstrate repentance (vv. 16-20)?
- What are examples of "vain offerings" Christians may offer in our day?
- How does v. 18 point forward to Jesus?

PRAY

- Ask for God to show you any ways you are walking unrepentant before him.
- Thank God for sending Jesus to wash us, so our scarlet stain of sin may be washed white as snow.

SING: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," by Matt Redman

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-U7n105jNg>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

HONOR THE LORD

This proverb reminds us that honoring God is displayed through obedience in all aspects of life...even with how we steward our wealth and earnings. God deserves and expects our best (i.e., first fruits). It gives honor to God when we trust that our safety and wellbeing only comes from Him, not from holding on to our wealth or other resources.

READ: Psalm 3:9-10

- Think back to Genesis 4:1-7 (the story of Cain and Abel). Why did God have “no regard” for Cain’s offering, but accepted Abel’s offering?
- What does Proverbs 3:10 say is the outcome of honoring God with your wealth and produce?
- Why is there a temptation to withhold our best from God?
- What is one way you can offer your best to God this week?

PRAY

- Ask God to give you confidence that He will provide for you as you give your best to Him.
- Pray that your offerings would bring honor to God and encourage obedience from those around you.

SING: "Offering," by Paul Baloche

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCh7AFvEVjk>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020

LIVING IN LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLINESS

The author of Hebrews reminds readers of God's holiness and righteousness displayed when he gave the Old Covenant to Moses on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20, Deut. 5:22). Here the author of Hebrews wants his readers to see that the New Covenant given through Christ is far greater than the Old Covenant and that Christ's kingdom cannot be shaken. Therefore Christians are called to live holy lives with reverence and awe for their great God.

READ: Hebrews 12:18-29

- How does this passage describe God's holiness and greatness?
- How is the blood of Jesus greater than the blood of Abel?
- How are we called to live in light of this passage?

PRAY

- Praise God for his mercy and grace in forgiving our sin through Jesus. Praise Him that Christ's blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel, that we've been brought into the New Covenant, and that we're part of Christ's unshakable kingdom.
- Pray that God would help you listen to Him and obey His word.
- Pray that God would help you live a life of worship, reverence, and awe.

SING: "Great I Am," by New Life Worship

(<https://youtu.be/dGv5d8EE34k>)