

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 closed our series in Genesis 1-11 with the sermon: “God Topples Towering Pride,” from Genesis 11:1-32. Through the event of the Tower of Babel, we saw that God’s merciful judgment topples man’s towering pride.

Read: Revelation 5:9-10

This Sunday will be slightly different from our normal gathering time. We will still worship the Lord through song and the hearing of his Word; however, we will also hear from a panel of Crosspoint members on the topic of living daily on mission for the advancement of the gospel. Additionally, we will hear from several of our missions’ partners through video updates.

Jimmy Gann will proclaim the Word of God from Revelation 5:9-10, and we will consider the truth that we are a purchased priesthood through Jesus Christ who live daily on mission. As you prepare your heart for our gathering, let this devotional from Milton Vincent serve to strengthen your boldness in Christ “to believe what God says, enjoy what He offers, and do what He commands.”

Reflect: “My Manifesto”

Boldness is critical. Without boldness, my life story will be one of great deeds left undone, victories left unwon, petitions left unprayed, and timely words unsaid. If I wish to live only a pathetically small portion of the life God has prepared for me, then I need no boldness. But if I want my life to bloom full and loom large for the glory of God, then I must have boldness – and nothing so nourishes boldness in me like the gospel!

The gospel gives me boldness first by banishing my greatest fear, the fear of God’s eternal wrath. Indeed, Christ bore God’s wrath upon Himself, not simply so I could escape that wrath on some future day, but also that I might be released from the daily fear of such wrath as I think ahead to judgment day. Because this fear hinders the ongoing work of God in me, the love of God continually expels this fear (whenever it appears) and nurtures within me a confident eagerness to face God on judgment day (1 Jn. 4:17-18). Living in the daily relief of this fear frees me up to continue being perfected in confidence by the love of God, and it also serves to put all other fears, especially the fear of man, into perspective (Matt. 10:28).

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Additionally, the more I experience the life-transforming power of the gospel, the more confident I am in speaking it to others, both saved and lost (Rom. 1:15-16; 1 Cor. 1:18). I know what the gospel can do in people's lives if they would believe the fullness of it, because I see what it is doing in me and in others. Therefore, I have increasing boldness to speak the whole gospel to others (Acts 20:26-27), even amid opposition (Acts 4:29-31).

Also, the more I comprehend what God has done for me through Christ, the more I find myself confidently coming before God in prayer (Heb. 4:16; 10:19-22), speaking to Him in situations in which I formerly would have shrunk from Him, and offering requests that I formerly would have been too timid to offer (due either to the largeness of the request or my own sinful unworthiness). With greater boldness in prayer comes an increased enjoyment of God and the bounty that He gives, due simply to the fact that I was daring enough to ask for what was needed (James 4:2).

Preaching the gospel to myself each day nourishes within me a holy brazenness to believe what God says, enjoy what He offers, and do what He commands. Admittedly, I don't deserve to be a child of God and I don't deserve to be free of sin's guilt and power. I don't deserve the staggering privilege of intimacy with God, nor any other blessing that Christ has purchased for me with His blood. I don't even deserve to be useful to God. But by the grace of God I am what I am and I have what I have, and I hereby resolve not to let any portion of God's grace prove vain in me (1 Cor. 15:9-10)! And to the degree that I fail to live up to this resolve, I will boldly take for myself the forgiveness that God says is mine and continue walking in His grace. This is my manifesto, my daily resolve; and may God be glorified by this confidence that I place in Him.

"My Manifesto," in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "Hosanna," by Hillsong Worship
2. "Before the Throne," Arr. Shane & Shane
3. "More Like Jesus," by Passion

SONG LYRICS

"HOSANNA"

Brooke Ligertwood

Verse 1

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes yeah

Verse 2

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

Verse 3

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

Verse 4

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

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SONG LYRICS

"BEFORE THE THRONE"

Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Chorus

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Praise the One, risen Son of God

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

SONG LYRICS

"MORE LIKE JESUS"

Brett Younker | Brooke Ligertwood | Kristian Stanfill | Scott Ligertwood

Verse 1

You came to the world You created
Trading Your crown for a cross
You willingly died
Your innocent life paid the cost

Verse 2

Counting Your status as nothing
The King of all kings came to serve
Washing my feet
Covering me with Your love

Chorus

If more of You means less of me
Take everything
Yes all of You is all I need
Take everything

Verse 3

You are my life and my treasure
The One that I can't live without
Here at Your feet
My desires and dreams I lay down
Here at Your feet
My desires and dreams I lay down

Bridge

Oh Lord change me like only You can
Here with my heart in Your hands
Father I pray make me more like Jesus
This world is dying to know who You are
You've shown us the way to Your heart
So Father I pray make me more like Jesus
(More like Jesus more like Jesus Lord)

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Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

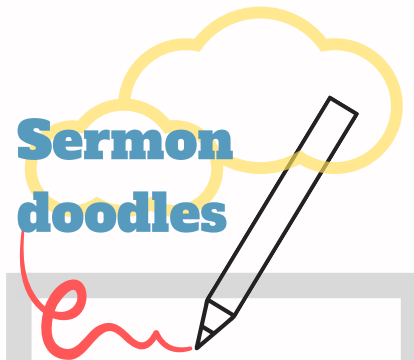


Who's preaching this morning?

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 SEE WE ARE A PURCHASED PRIESTHOOD AND LIVE DAILY ON MISSION.

DISCUSS

- What challenges have you experienced in light of the current cultural realities (Pandemic, racial tensions, economic crisis, political strife) seeing the mission go forth? Despite these challenges, how are you seeing God at work?
- Read Revelation 5:9-10. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does Revelation 5:9-10 tell us about God?
- As believers are "priests to our God," what should our response be to these characteristics of God?
- How does the sovereignty of God fuel evangelistic mission instead of sidelining it?
- What are the primary motivations for being faithful in Gospel witness?
- What are examples of ways we settle and seek joy in worldly things?
- In what ways can we be involved in the carrying out of God's redemptive plan seen in the book of Revelation?
- What opportunities do we have to witness here locally, even over the holiday season?

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For larger groups, consider 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, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

THE LAMB OF GOD AND HIS PURCHASED PRIESTHOOD

In this portion of God's revelation to the Apostle John, we see and hear the elders worship the Lamb of God. They sing to the Lamb a new song, telling what he has done, why he has done it, and showing our purpose as the purchased priesthood of God.

READ: Revelation 5:9-10

- What does this new song, sung by the 24 elders, reveal about God and his mission? Why is God pictured as a lamb that was slain (v. 6)?
- What does this song reveal about God's people and their role in God's mission?
- How are you challenged to live in light of this passage? What's a step of obedience you can take this week?

PRAY

- Praise God for being the Lamb who was slain in order to ransom God's people.
- Pray that God would continue to save people from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- Pray that God would help you live each day on mission with Him wherever you go and that He would give you boldness to declare the good news of the gospel to those who are without Christ in our lives.

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

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BrfkjHdKVI>)

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

CHOSEN TO PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF CHRIST

Once a fisherman, and now a disciple of Christ, Peter encourages Christians to remember who they are in Christ and to endure hardship while proclaiming the excellencies of Christ.

READ: 1 Peter 2:4-12

- What are some of the different words Peter uses to describe followers of Jesus?
- How does Peter describe Jesus in verses 7 & 8?
- What does the end of verse 8 teach us about sin and its effects on humanity?
- How does Peter encourage us to live as believers in a fallen world (vs. 11, 12)?
- How does this passage impact the way you see Jesus and how you live in response to the message of the gospel?

PRAY

- Pray for our Local Missions Partners (Crosspoint Church, CO, Young Life, FCA, CRU, Foothills Pregnancy Center). Pray God would use them to proclaim the excellencies of Christ.
- Pray for those around you and how you can be used by God to point them to the hope they can have in Christ.
- Pray for the body of Christ, locally and globally. Pray for the church's witness in a fallen world.

SING: "This is My Father's World," by Fernando Ortega

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byIpfEVxhs4>)

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020

GOD'S USES IMPERFECT MAN TO CARRY OUT HIS PERFECT PLAN

God gives Jonah specific instruction to go to Nineveh and tell people of him. Jonah does not go immediately, but God's plan still prevails. Despite Jonah fleeing from the presence of the Lord in chapter 1, God eventually makes a way for Jonah to reach Nineveh.

READ: Jonah 1:1-6; 3:1-10

- What is God's instruction to Jonah in these passages? What does Jonah do?
- How does God respond to Jonah in the first passage?
- Is there an area of your life where you are delaying obedience?
- Where is your Nineveh and how can you share the truth of God there this week?

PRAY

- Missions Focus: National Missions Partners (Kings Church - Charlotte, RCH - Boston, TCC - Ann Arbor)
- Pray that God's people would obediently deliver His message to the lost world.
- Pray for a sense of urgency amongst God's people to evangelize.

SING: "Nineveh," by Danny O'Callahan
(<https://youtu.be/MriIFthDg38>)

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For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Our nation has set aside Thanksgiving day to declare gratitude. To whom do we give thanks? And for what do we give thanks? Assumed in the idea of thanksgiving is that there must be one we have to thank. The Bible reveals that every good gift comes from God, and that all our thanksgiving is ultimately due to Him. There is much to be thankful for - but most of these things will not ultimately last. The good news in the Bible is that above all the physical blessings we have, God has promised his steadfast love which will last for all eternity. His steadfast love is best depicted in sending Jesus Christ to die as the atonement for our sin. As we give thanks for many things today, give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love, ultimately displayed in Jesus Christ.

READ: Psalm 136:1

- As the Psalmist records, God is “good” and deserving of our thanks. List or share examples of His goodness for which you are thankful for today.
- What words describe God’s love in this verse? What do these tell us about God’s character?

PRAY

- Thank God for his goodness through which we have many blessings to enjoy.
- Thank God for His steadfast love ultimately displayed in Jesus Christ.
- As we continue praying for Crosspoint Missions partners today, remember also our International Partners (Cuba, India (Ganns), Prague (McClures, Karly Petrella), UK (Alecia Grumbach), Turkey (Diana Thomas))

SING: "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness," by Keith & Kristyn Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTpJxPyo3JE>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020

THE WILL OF GOD

So often do we find ourselves wrestling with what God's will for our life is. We as fallen creatures tend to complicate things when all God calls us to do is remain faithful and obedient to Him. Our primary focus should be to "rejoice" in the Lord, for He is good; "pray" without giving up, for "He hears the prayer of the righteous" (Proverbs 5:29); and "give thanks in all circumstances", for God by His amazing grace has given us all we could ever need or ask for. The will of God is for us to do whatever He commands with joy, in prayer, and with thanksgiving.

READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Why is it important for us to "rejoice always", "pray without ceasing", and "give thanks in all circumstances"?
- Why do we sometimes get so confused as to what God's will is?
- In what ways does this passage relate to the Great Commission?
- How might this passage be prompting you to heed the Lord's call to pray, give, or go?

PRAY

- Rejoice in the Lord for the steadfast love and mercy that He shows us every day.
- Confess any areas where you have failed in doing God's will by rejoicing, praying, or giving thanks. Thank God that He forgives our sins and shows us grace in our failings.
- Pray that God would bring many to salvation through our missions partners.
- Ask God for discernment in how He has enabled you to support missions through giving or an opportunity to go on mission.

SING: "Word of God Speak," by MercyMe

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8cJQMU9Q-U&ab>)