

Introduction

Outline, Distinctives, Questions to be Answered

Outline

1. January 22nd – Introduction
2. January 29th – Liturgy: The Sacraments (Covenant Baptism & Communion)
3. February 5th – Liturgy: Covenant Renewal, Music, Worship as Warfare
4. February 12th – Liturgy: Church Calendar, Vestments, Men & Women
 - February 19th – Extended Brunch/No Sunday School
5. February 26th – Genuine Community
6. March 5th – Focused Discipleship
7. March 12th – Unreservedly Ecumenical
 - March 19th – Extended Brunch/No Sunday School
8. March 26th – Conclusion

Distinctives

Thoroughly Biblical Worship

“Christians live in a new covenantal order, but it’s a dangerous error to think that the New Testament *alone* is our guide for worship or for anything. We can’t even know what worship is unless we understand Leviticus, *the* biblical book about worship. And we can’t grasp Leviticus without knowing Eden and the exodus. We can’t grasp the biblical teaching about liturgical music without immersing ourselves in the Psalms and 1-2 Chronicles. We won’t understand the meaning of holy communion unless we glimpse the rich biblical theology of food and festivity, which runs from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22. When we say Christian worship must be biblical, we mean it must be patterned by the *whole* Bible.” – Peter Leithart, *Theopolitan Vision* p. 27

“A religion requires not only a body of priests who know what they are doing, but a body of worshippers who know what is being done.” – T.S. Eliot, *Christianity and Culture* (p. 96)

Worship is the center. Man was created to worship. Nowhere in all of the Bible is worship tolerated that is directed by God.

- Cain & Abel
- Nadab and Abihu
- Idolatry in Judges
- “High places” throughout 1-2 Kings
- Jesus’ condemnation of Temple in the gospels
- Constant instruction on worship & church life in Paul’s epistles
- Hebrews ups the ante – Worship God in reverence and awe.
- Revelation a model of heavenly worship

Genuine Community

- Being together: Feasting, singing, and praying
 - o Song unites people » work through discomfort/awkward » think long-term
- Honest and unguarded

- Social media ≠ reality or real community (Doesn't mean it isn't a reality or a community)
- For the "life of the world"
 - John 6:51 – I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Focused Discipleship

- Bible Saturation
 - So much Bible in the liturgy
 - In homes » singing the Bible
- Formation through the Psalms (all 150)
- Practical preaching
- Empowering the saints

Unreservedly Ecumenical

- Intentional outreach
- Cooperation with other faithful local churches

Questions to be Answered?