

Ezra

RESTORATION

The Centrality of Worship

Ezra 3:1-6a

April 23, 2023

What is your typical Sunday experience? For many people it varies. There are days where you might be excited to be present for worship. Other days it might be difficult. You might not be "feeling it". In the early COVID days, we decided to "shut down" for a couple of months and it meant we didn't meet for worship. When we came back together, I met someone crying in church. I asked why, and they said, "I didn't know how much I needed worship". Today we're going to see the centrality of worship in the life of the believer!



WAYPOINT
CHURCH

Know Where You're Going.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-3

Songs of Praise

Christ Be Magnified

Behold Our God

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #28

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Offering and Prayer

Song of Declaration

Holy Forever

Confession of Sin

Blessed Spirit, author of all grace and comfort. Come, work repentance in my soul. Represent sin to me in its odious colors that I may hate it; melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God. Show me my ruined self and the help there is in him. Teach me to behold my creator, his ability to save, his arms outstretched, his heart big for me. May I confide in his power and love, commit my soul to him without reserve, bear his image, observe his laws, pursue his service, and be through time and eternity a monument to the efficacy of his grace, a trophy of his victory. Make me willing to be saved in his way, perceiving nothing in myself, but all in Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Children's Message

Sermon

The Centrality of Worship

Ezra 3:1-6a

Pastor James Brignac

Song of Response

The Blessing

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text

Ezra 3:1-6a

Priority of Worship

What do we learn in Ezra 2? How does this help us see what they prioritized?

What leads the returned exiles to rebuild the altar?

Exodus 29:45-46

Why was the altar a necessary aspect of worship?

Pattern of Worship

Who is leading the charge to return to a right view of worship?

How do they assemble the altar? Why is this important?

Exodus 27:1-8

What are the required aspects of worship? Which are subjective?

Person of Worship

What should we always ask about our worship?

Leviticus 23:33-43

What was the Feast of Booths?

What is the promise made to Christians today?

Revelation 21:1-4

Announcements



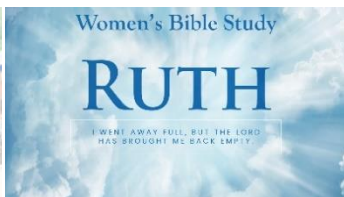
Friday, May 5, 2023, 7:00 AM
Waypoint Church



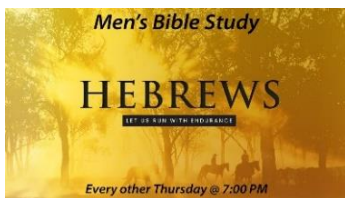
Sunday, April 30
Immediately after service



Sundays - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
At Waypoint Church



Next Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
7:00 PM



Next Men's Bible Study
Thursday, May 4, 2023
7:00 PM



Multiple groups are available.
Contact Pastor James to get
connected



Every Friday at 8:00 AM
via Zoom meeting

Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite aspect of worship? Why?
2. Do you think the actual sacrificing of animals gave the OT believers a greater understanding of the cost and weight of sin?
3. Has worship become "me centric" in the church today? How can we make sure we keep our worship focused on God and his glory?
4. The Israelites celebrated several feasts and rituals (Passover) to remind them of God's faithfulness. What do we have today?
5. Read Revelation 21:1-4. What excites you most about this future hope?
6. In what ways have you seen God at work recently?