

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



December 3, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95:6 (NIV)

II. Advent

Week #1 - Hope

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” Isaiah 9:2

GOD’S DESIGN FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

III. **Our Kingdom-Focused Vision of Singleness**
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Groundwork

A Contemporary Western Culture Vision of Singleness

A Contemporary Evangelical Church Culture Vision of Singleness

A Kingdom-Focused Vision of Singleness

A Kingdom-Focused Vision of Relationship (Gen. 2:18, Ps. 68:5-6, John 19:26-27)

A Kingdom-Focused Vision of Family (Matt. 12:46-50)

A Kingdom-Focused Vision of Union/Marriage (Matt. 22:23-33, 1 Cor. 7:32-35)

A Kingdom-Focused Vision of Fruitfulness (Eph. 1:3-14, Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:1-8)

What is the invitation?

#1 We are to take Yahweh seriously that it is not good to be alone.

#2 We are to reject the teaching that lust is the only desire that cannot be overcome and must have an outlet.

#3 We should live any season of singleness in a way that bears fruit.

#4 We should affirm the aim of singleness as a vision of the current and coming Kingdom.

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #3

The wise person saves. The foolish person spends everything.

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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