

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



July 16, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #3

Everything we have belongs to God.
We are His stewards.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. I Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)

Jesus - The Courageous Man:
Having the Courage to Remain Focused
Pastor Nick Preston

Luke 20: 20-44 (NIV)

I. Introduction: Easily Distracted

Common Distraction 1: The _____ of the WORLD.

20 *Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.*

Common Distraction 2: _____(worldly) MATTERS.

27 *Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question.*

Common Distraction 3: The _____ of man.

44 *David calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”*

II. Replacing Distractions with Biblical Focuses

1. Replace distractions over WEALTH and _____ by focusing on TREASURES IN HEAVEN.

21 So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. **22** Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

2. Replace distractions over WORDLY LEADERS and SYSTEMS by focusing on your _____ in HEAVEN.

25 He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

3. Replace distractions over _____ and STATUS by focusing on BEING a CHILD of the KING.

34 Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. **35** But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, **36** and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 (NLT)

4. Replace distractions over _____ and personal COMFORT by focusing on GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION.

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Luke 11: 28

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4: 19

5. Replace distractions over _____ by focusing on GOD'S PURPOSE for YOU and for the WORLD.

44 David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." Revelation 22: 16

III. Steps for Refocusing

1. _____ one distraction to replace.

2. Diligently _____ this area for the next month.

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8

3. _____ to a healthier, Bible-based focus and MEDITATE on it.

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #7

You can't outgive God. He always blesses generous

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:6, 7 (CEB)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you!" Malachi 3:10 (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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