

Created for Worship

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Part 4: “Created for Corporate Worship”

Preview

- Caution: Dr. Jason has some strong and negative feelings about Children’s Ministry, including the common claim that kids who participate in the regular church service are less likely to leave the church as adults

Watch video

What should mark our time in Corporate Worship?

- Word-centered and Word-saturated
- Doxological: All to the praise of God
- Dialogical: A conversation between God and us
- Simple: Focused on what we’re hearing
- Reverent and joy-filled as recipients of grace
- Edifying: Encouraging and equipping
- Verbal: Listening and speaking

But do we really need to go to Sunday worship?

- The church is corporate in nature. A flock (Acts 20:28), a temple (2 Cor 6:16), a body (1 Cor 12:27)
- We are saved unto God and unto one another. We belong to each other (Rom 12:5)
 - We only see the full expression of the Spirit when we are gathered (1 Cor 12:7)
- The Bible knows nothing of “Lone Ranger” Christianity. Regular gatherings for worship have always marked God’s people (Acts 2:42; 1 Tim 4:13; Heb 10:24-25)

Families should participate together, including the children

- This has always been the case when God’s people gathered (Joel 2:15-16; Ex 12:26-27)
- When children are in the midst of God’s people we put them in the way of the means of grace. Hearing and seeing the witness of the Word

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How should we prepare for Sunday mornings?

- Make Saturday evenings boring
- Treasure the Lord's day. Look forward to it.
- Prepare your heart in advance. Talk about it, read through the passage, pray.
- Reflect afterward. Ask, "How was I impacted and encouraged? What stirred my soul? What did I learn?"