

Created for Worship

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Part 4: “Corporate Worship: Reading and Preaching the Word”

Review

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

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The Spirit of God has chosen to work by the Word of God

- Disciples were sent out by Jesus with the Spirit and the Word (Eph 2:19-20)

Ministry is simple

- Love the Lord, love His people, love the Word (Jn 21:15-17)

Paul instructed Timothy to devote himself *“to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching”* (1 Tim 4:13)

- Teaching: The explanation that follows the reading (Neh 8:8; Lk 4:16-21; Acts 13:13-16; Acts 8:30-31)
- Exhortation: Minds informed and hearts aflame. Well instructed and well nourished.

“Preaching should afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted”

“A sermon begins at the application.” - Spurgeon

Three things to remember:

1. Listen astutely. Demand the Word from your Pastor
2. Listen attentively. You’re accountable for what you hear
3. Be responsive. Rely on the Spirit to work through the Word