

# Corporate Worship: the People's Work

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# Corporate Worship



- ❧ The Purpose of Corporate Worship
  - ❧ The Day Belonging to the Lord
  - ❧ The Command to Worship Corporately

# The Command to Worship Corporately



℞ Psalm 149:1

Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song,  
and his praise in the congregation of saints.

# The Command to Worship Corporately



☞ Hebrews 10:24—25

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

# What Happens Sunday Morning?



- ❧ The Purpose of Corporate Worship
  - ❧ The Command to Worship Corporately
  - ❧ The Examples of Corporate Worship

# The Examples of Corporate Worship



℞ Psalm 111:1

Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

# The Examples of Corporate Worship



## ☞ Acts 2:42

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

☞ apostolic teaching

☞ *the* fellowship

☞ *the* breaking of bread

# The Breaking of Bread



❧ 1 Corinthians 10:16—17

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

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# The Examples of Corporate Worship



- ❧ Acts 2:47 – “praising God”
- ❧ Acts 13:2 – “worshiping the Lord”

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- ❧ The Purpose of Corporate Worship
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  - ❧ The Examples of Corporate Worship
  - ❧ The Terms of Corporate Worship

# The Terms for Corporate Worship



☞ Ephesians 2:19—22

Now therefore **ye** are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple** in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God** through the Spirit.

# What Happens Sunday Morning?



- ❧ The Purpose of Corporate Worship
- ❧ The Preparation for Corporate Worship

# Preparation for Worship



- ❧ 1 Cor 14 – “What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. <sup>27</sup> If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. <sup>28</sup> But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup> Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. <sup>30</sup> If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, <sup>32</sup> and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. . . .
- ❧ <sup>40</sup> But all things should be done decently and in order.”

# Gospel-shaped Liturgy



## ☞ The Gospel:

- ☞ God reveals himself
- ☞ We recognize our guilt
- ☞ God provides atonement through Jesus Christ
- ☞ We hear his Word and obey
- ☞ We bring our requests to God
- ☞ We experience full communion with God and his people
- ☞ We are sent out into the world

## ☞ Gospel-shaped liturgy:

- ☞ Call to Worship & Revelation of God
- ☞ Confession
- ☞ Assurance of Pardon
- ☞ Sermon
- ☞ Dedication
- ☞ Prayers of Supplication
- ☞ The Lord's Table
- ☞ Charge and Benediction

# The Preparation for Corporate Worship



## ∞ Ecclesiastes 5:1—2

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

# What Happens Sunday Morning?



- ❧ The Purpose of Corporate Worship
- ❧ The Preparation for Corporate Worship
  - ❧ Preparation Begins Monday Morning
  - ❧ Preparation Intensifies Saturday Evening
  - ❧ Preparation Culminates Sunday Morning

# What Happens Sunday Morning?



- ❧ The Purpose of Corporate Worship
- ❧ The Preparation for Corporate Worship
- ❧ The Participation in Corporate Worship

# The Participation in Corporate Worship



- ❧ Singing
- ❧ Offerings
- ❧ Prayer
- ❧ Special Music
- ❧ Silence
- ❧ Preaching

# What Happens Sunday Morning?



℞ Hebrews 12:28—29

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

# What Happens on Sunday Morning?

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