

“SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP” @ CREEKSTONE CHURCH
November 29, 2009 • 5:30-7:00 pm

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS ON TONIGHT’S TOPIC- “WORSHIP”

- Everyone is a worshipper
- Worship is formative, so we need substance and emotion, Word and Spirit
- True worship is what we need most when we are sick, depressed, and/or facing major trials
- Gospel motivated worship glorifies God and angers the enemy
- Gospel motivated worship is compelling to those who do not yet believe
- My dream for Creekstone...

“Traditionalism is the dead faith of the living, whereas tradition is the living faith of the dead. In the worship controversies between the traditionalists and contemporaryists, I am opposed to both polarities. I want the best from both sides... Since our congregations are linked to all God’s people throughout space and time, we need both continuity with our heritage and constant reformation using faithful new forms and words and musical styles.”

~ Dr. Marva Dawn

TEACHING OUTLINE:

I. Getting (Really) Thirsty and Drinking from a (Really) Cold Water Fountain

II. Main Idea: “worship is the result of drinking deeply from the gospel”

III. Key Passages

- A. **Isaiah 55:1-2**, “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.”
- B. **John 4:10**, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”
- C. **John 7:37**, “On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

IV. Quote: “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.” ~ Dr. John Piper

V. Application

- A. God is the **giver** in worship
 - a) Worship is to God but is *for* us!
 - b) We do not come primarily to *give*, but primarily to **get**!
 - (1) What do I bring to worship? *My sin, weakness and need.*
 - (2) What does God bring to worship? *His grace, strength and ability.*
- B. When we forget this, we get **religious**. Isaiah 29:13, “...*this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their [worship] of me is a commandment taught by men.*”

VI. Final Questions

- A. Have I become a **recipient** yet?
- B. Am I **thirsty** yet?
- C. Am I willing to **drink deeply** yet?