



Sermon Discussion Guide

Preaching Passage: Psalm 95

Sermon Series: Foundations

Sermon Title: Our Values – Authentic Worship

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Preacher: Bart Box

Authentic Worship: *God is infinitely glorious and worthy of all our affection, worship, and praise. We desire to exalt Christ on a weekly basis corporately and on a daily basis personally. All of life is to be lived before God and for God.*

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Bart talked a great deal about participating in all of the worship service, not just in the singing portions of the service. Take a look at a CFC worship guide and talk through what participation looks like in each of the various elements of the service. Also, have people share some of the things they do or think through to engage in the different parts of the service.
 - a. **[Q]** What do you find yourself doing or praying during the time of silent reflection?
 - b. **[Q]** How can you participate in the call to worship?
 - c. **[Q]** How can you participate in the various prayers (prayer of invocation & adoration, prayer of confession, prayer of illumination, prayer of intercession)?
 - d. **[Q]** What does it look like to participate during the preaching of God's Word?
 - e. **[Q]** How do you approach the Lord's Table?
 - f. **[Q]** How do you engage with the benediction?
- 2) Take a look at the statement on authentic worship at the top of this sheet (also at the top of the sermon notes). **[Q]** In your own life, do you give more attention to Sunday corporate worship or to personal daily worship? Does one need to become more important in your priorities?
- 3) Bart used this quote by Jonathan Gibson in the sermon to help define what worship is: "Worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of moral beings—angelic and human—to God the Creator, Redeemer, and Consummator, for who he is as one eternal God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what he will do in the coming consummation, to whom be all praise and glory, now and forever, world without end. Amen."
 - a. Let's articulate aloud together some of the things for which we should respond to God in worship—things about who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

- i. **[Q]** What has struck you recently about the character of God (“who he is”) that is worthy of praise?
 - ii. **[Q]** What has God done for you that is worthy of praise?
 - iii. **[Q]** What has God promised to do for us in the future that we should praise him for now?

- 4) Bart stated that we look in all the wrong places to be impressed (phones, Netflix, etc.) and wonder why we don’t have affections for God. **[Q]** What are the things in your life that make you less impressed with God? What things are desensitizing you to the beauty and majesty of God?

- 5) On the sermon about Our Mission, we talked about how we can often see our vocational calling as a distraction to our disciple-making, when we ought to see it as a means for our disciple-making. In this sermon, we talked how we can all do our callings in a way that brings glory and honor to God.
 - a. **[Q]** What does worship look like for you in your vocational calling? How do you do it?
 - b. **[Q]** Is there anyone in the group that you could encourage about how you perceive them doing their work in a way that worships the Lord?

- 6) **[Q]** Of the three final points made in the sermon (listed below), which one of them challenged you the most? Why?
 - a. This demands active participation in worship.
 - b. This demands whole-hearted, genuine engagement in worship.
 - c. This demands fewer demands in worship.