



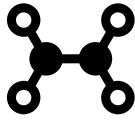
# GOSPEL CENTERED WORSHIP

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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11:00-11:15.....	Break
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12:00-1:00.....	Lunch
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2:00-2:30.....	Session 4
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# SESSION 1: WHAT DO WE MEAN BY GOSPEL CENTERED?

## **The Gospel Defined**

The gospel is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that accomplishes redemption and restoration for all who believe and all of creation.

## **Gospel-Centered: The Big Picture**

To be gospel-centered means that the gospel is what defines us as Christians, unites us as brothers and sisters, changes us as sinner/saints and sends us as God's people on mission.

## **The Gospel-Centered Life**

The gospel-centered life is a life where a Christian experiences a growing personal reliance on the gospel that protects him from depending on his own religious performance and being seduced and overwhelmed by idols.

## **The Gospel-Centered Church**

In the same way, on the corporate level of the local church, gospel-centeredness is a church that positions Jesus and the gospel above everything else. The gospel is the position from which all ministry begins and is sustained and the gospel is the lens through which all things are assessed.

Joe Thorn, <http://www.joethorn.net/blog/2009/08/11/gospel-centered>

# SESSION 2: SINGING AS WORSHIP

Why do we sing?

As God's creation, created in his image, \_\_\_\_\_ (Zeph. 3:17).

We sing because \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 2:12)

We sing because \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 47:6; 96:1; 1 Chron. 16:9)

We sing when the \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:18)

What is our singing doing?

Singing is one way we worship God

Worship basically defined: \_\_\_\_\_

“Worship is a way of gladly reflecting back to God the radiance of his worth.” (John Piper, Desiring God, 87)

Correct worship, as the Bible lays it out, is ascribing worth, honor and praise to God. The negative of that is ascribing worth, honor and praise to anything other than the One True God.

Right worship of God has been wrecked by \_\_\_\_\_.

God makes commands regarding worship because he knows our evil hearts are now drawn to worship anything and everything but Him, \_\_\_\_\_

Proper worship in the Old Testament involved living under the \_\_\_\_\_ that God made with his people. This entailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper worship in the Old Testament required a right \_\_\_\_\_. “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.” (Isa. 1:11)

Proper worship in the New Testament: We are now God’s people if we have looked to Jesus’ sacrifice alone as the means whereby we can have our sins atoned for. As God’s people, we are called to worship God.

Proper worship in the New Testament is done in \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:24).

Proper worship under the New Covenant is not confined \_\_\_\_\_

Proper worship is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and it is to \_\_\_\_\_

“Christian worship is New Covenant worship; it is gospel inspired worship; it is Christ-centered worship; it is cross focused worship. Our worship is no longer focused on a particular form or festival. It must be bound up with all we are and do as the blood-bought people of God’s Messiah. This side of the fall, *human worship* of God properly responds to the redemptive provision that God has graciously made” (Carson, *Worship by the Book*, 37-38).

Our songs are another means by which we can ascribe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Our singing teaches and admonishes

This teaching is \_\_\_\_\_ but is for \_\_\_\_\_.  
To teach is to \_\_\_\_\_. To admonish is to \_\_\_\_\_

Our corporate gatherings are opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_

“Making God’s glory the exclusive goal of worship sounds very reverent but actually fails to respect scriptures own gospel priorities. Certainly it is true that God is the most important audience member for our worship. But if God were not concerned for the good of his people, his glory would be diminished. He expects us not only to praise his name (Ps. 30:4), but also to teach, admonish and encourage one another in worship (Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:24)” (Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship*, 119).

Our singing commits to memory the truth of God's Word

The Lord wants his people to remember truth, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deuteronomy 31:20-22)

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Our singing forms and shapes affections

We have all formed affections for things of the world.

The gospel calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds [affections] on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Col. 3:1-3)

The songs of the church help us form greater affections for the Lord.

Our singing rehearses the gospel

The songs we sing remind us of who \_\_\_\_\_

The way we plan and conduct our services helps us continually put in front of our people a broader understanding of the gospel than can be contained in just one song.

Continuously putting the gospel as central forms and shapes our love affection for our Savior.

“The identity of the church is formed and transformed as it gathers around the Word and responds in the songs, prayers and fellowship of the saints.” (Mike Cosper, Rhythms of Grace, 94)

# SESSION 3: HOW SHOULD THE GOSPEL SHAPE OUR MUSIC?

## The structure of a service

Liturgy defined: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bryan Chapell: Liturgy “simply describes the public way a church honors God in it’s times of gathered prayer, praise, instruction and commitment.” (Christ Centered Worship, 18)

What do we see in the New Testament regarding the corporate worship of God’s people? Worship is done in \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4). Christians \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:18; Mark 14:26). The gathering of God’s people is to be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 14:40). The church has two ordinances: \_\_\_\_\_ . The church \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2). \_\_\_\_\_ is to be a part of the life of the church. The church is called to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s redemptive work.

God’s people are to remember and rehearse what God has done in redemption.

Psalm 78:1-4 “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

2 Peter 1:12 “Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.”

2 Peter 3:1-2 “This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.”

Rehearsing again and again God’s redemptive plan inculcates in us an understanding of who God is, how he has worked in the past, how he is working now and how he will work in the future. Reminding people of God’s faithfulness in the past fuel faithful living in the present.

Our church services are first to remind people of the redemption that they have in Jesus Christ. We want to remind people again and again of the glorious truths of the gospel. We do that through:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Our aim in the structure of the liturgy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

“Through the ages, the common pattern of the order of worship in the church reflects the pattern of the progress of the gospel in the heart. The gospel first affects the heart by enabling us to recognize who God is. When we truly understand the glory of his holiness, then we also recognize who we really are and confess our need of him. The gospel then assures us of the grace that he provides, and our hearts respond in both thanksgiving and humble petition for his aid so that we can give proper devotion to him. In response to our desire for his aid, God provides his Word.” (Bryan Chapell, Christ Centered Worship, 99)

Isaiah 6 and liturgy:

Verses 1-4: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Verses 6-7: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 8: \_\_\_\_\_

**Elements of the Liturgy:**

1. Call to Worship:

“We don’t gather because we’re clever. We don’t meet because we’ve figured something out that the rest of the world has missed out on. We come because God is the great initiator. He made the world, he made us, and he is remaking us in Jesus. Our gathering, our songs, our sermons, our fellowship around the table — all of it is a response to his initiation and invitation.” (Mike Cospers, Rhythms of Grace, 125)

We gather together \_\_\_\_\_



The call to worship is a call to worship the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 100: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

## 2. Adoration:

In this element of the liturgy, we want to look \_\_\_\_\_

Adoration is \_\_\_\_\_

Songs that helps us adore God:

- Holy, Holy, Holy — Traditional hymn
- Behold our God — Sovereign Grace Music
- Our Great God — Fernando Ortega
- Only a Holy God — CityAlight Music

## 3. Confession:

In this element of the liturgy, we want to remember \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Confession is \_\_\_\_\_

We don't confess our sin because we believe we have some atoning work yet to complete, rather, we confess our sin because it is God's kindness shown to us in Jesus that leads us to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

“We should question whether the gospel itself is present, if there has been no acknowledgment of sin. The grace of God has no present glory if the sin it overcomes is not a present reality, and the ministry of Christ has no significance if the sin he came to defeat will not even be faced. In our confession we experience God's love because we confront our sin with greatness of mercy that is already ours through faith in Christ, but we do not earn, gain or force God's pity by the words or weight of our confession...we do not confess our wretchedness to wallow in self-pity or merit divine mercy; we confess our destitution so that our hearts will be enraptured anew and motivated afresh by the riches of our Savior's love.” (Bryan Chapell, Christ Centered Worship, 183)

Songs to sing that help us confess sin:

- Come Ye Sinners — Traditional hymn with chorus by Enfield

Have Mercy on Me — Sovereign Grace Music  
Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted — Indelible Grace Music

Passages of scripture for confession of sin:

Psalm 51  
Psalm 32  
Psalm 25  
Romans 3

#### 4. Assurance of Pardon

This element of our liturgy deals with what God \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Assurance of pardon acknowledges that \_\_\_\_\_

In the assurance of pardon we are NOT \_\_\_\_\_ or granting  
pardon.

“The assurance of pardon in a worship service announces God’s forgiveness. Shame is past, guilt is gone, and divine mercy is ours. We have peace with God because Jesus paid the penalty for our sin on the cross. It pleased God to apply our punishment to him who was without sin, and to grant his holiness to us who are unrighteous. By faith we are united to Christ and may rest in the knowledge that we are as precious to God as his own Child.” (Bryan Chapell, *Christ Centered Worship*, 195)

“Our assurance does not stem from our own accomplishment, nor does God’s forgiveness stem from simply dismissing the demands of justice or ignoring the brokenness of creation; rather, God himself takes our sin and its effects in the Son, on the cross, who also triumphs over them in the resurrection. Our brokenness and violence are met by the grace of God, who suffered violence for our sake and in turn graces and empowers us to reorder our desires, to recalibrate our ultimate aims, and to take up once again our vocation as humans, to be his image bearers in the world.” (James K.A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom*, 180)

Songs that serve to remind people of their pardon:

In Christ Alone — Getty|Townsend  
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery — Boswell|Papa|Bleacher  
Hallelujah What a Savior — Traditional Hymn  
All I have is Christ — Sovereign Grace  
Jesus Paid it All — Traditional Hymn

Passages of scripture that remind us of our pardon:

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” (Mic. 7:18-19)

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” (Rom. 5:8-9)

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Pet. 2:24)

5. Response:

The gospel always demands a response.

The response for the unbeliever is \_\_\_\_\_. The response for the believer is to \_\_\_\_\_, is to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ more in the truth of the gospel.

Respond to the truth of gospel by looking at how the gospel helps us deal with \_\_\_\_\_

Respond to the truth of gospel by looking at how the gospel demands \_\_\_\_\_

Respond to the truth of gospel by looking at how the gospel enables \_\_\_\_\_

Respond to the truth of gospel by looking at how the gospel motivates \_\_\_\_\_

Songs that help us respond:

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul — Indelible Grace Music

It Is Well — Traditional Hymn

Let Your Kingdom Come — Sovereign Grace

Boldly I approach — Rend Collective

Jesus Shall Reign — Traditional Hymn with chorus by Enfield

6. Benediction

The benediction is a \_\_\_\_\_

“The benediction is not merely a ‘closing’ but rather is integral to the ‘sending’ now appropriate for forgiven, instructed and blessed people. The benediction is not simply a conclusion but is also a remind to God’s people that they start this new week with assurance of his blessing. God will provide

for them to accomplish all that he calls them to do. Christ's grace is not merely for the context of the church, but for all of life unfolding before his people until God's kingdom is on earth as it is in heaven." (Bryan Chapell, Christ Centered Worship, 252)

Songs for the benediction:

As You Go — Sovereign Grace Music

O Church Arise — Getty

Scriptural benedictions:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Rom. 15:13)

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thess. 5:23-24)

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 24-25)

# RESOURCES

## BOOKS

Christ Centered Worship: Letting the Gospel Shape Our Practice — Bryan Chapell

Rhythms of Grace: How the Church's Worship Tells the Story of the Gospel — Mike Cosper

Worship Matters: Leading Others to Encounter the Greatness of God — Bob Kauflin

True Worshipers: Seeking What Matters to God — Bob Kauflin

Worship By the Book: — D.A. Carson, Editor

Doxology and Theology: How the Gospel Forms the Worship Leader — Matt Boswell, editor

Unceasing Worship: Biblical Perspectives on Worship and the Arts — Harold Best

Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation — James K.A. Smith

The Worship Source Book: Second Edition

Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions

## MUSIC

Sovereign Grace Music: [www.sovereigngracemusic.org](http://www.sovereigngracemusic.org)

Indelible Grace Music: [www.igracemusic.com](http://www.igracemusic.com)

CityAlight Music: [www.cityalight.com](http://www.cityalight.com)

Capitol Hill Baptist Music: [www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/music/](http://www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/music/)

# Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

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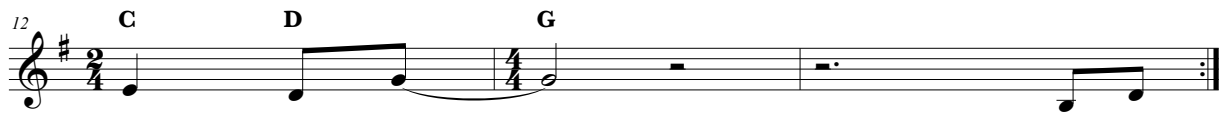
1. Come ye souls by sin a - fflic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sorr - ow  
 2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear - it; Love will make your o - be - dience  
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see - Him, Bless the ears that hear His  
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened



down; By the bro - ken law con vic - ted, Through the cross, be - hold the  
 sweet Christ will give you strength to bear - it, While His grace shall guide your  
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust - Him, And in Him a - lone re -  
 eyes, Like full springs in, de - serts drea - ry, Is the rest the cross supp -



crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through  
 feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed  
 joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be - come their  
 lies; All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest imm -



Him a - lone. \_\_\_\_\_  
 cap - tives meet. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Take His  
 ha - ppy choice. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Bless - ed  
 or - tal rise. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sweet as

# Come Behold the Wondrous Myst'ry

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell,  
Michael Bleecker

1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry in the dawn - ing of the  
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: He the per - fect Son of  
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the  
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: slain by death, the God of

4 King, He, the theme of heav - ens prais - es, robed in frail hu - man i -  
 Man, In His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of  
 tree; In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to -  
 life; but no grave could e'er re - strain Him, Praise the Lord, He is a -

8 ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has  
 sin. See the true and bet - ter Ad - am come to save the hell - bound  
 ry. See the price of our re - demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un -  
 live! What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our

12 come; Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
 man, Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.  
 fold, bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!  
 hope: Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

# LITURGY

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! (Psalm 66:1-2)

**All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.** (Psalm 66:4)

## 10,000 Reasons

## ADORATION

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." (Revelation 4)



## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

### CONFESSIO

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:6-8)

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. (Psalm 25:11) Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25:16-18)

## **Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:1)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8)  
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col. 1:13-14)

## **Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

### RESPONSE

**It Is Well**

### BENEDICTION

**All Glory Be To Christ**