
Discussion Questions

Preparation: What is worship?

Passage: Read Psalm 95 – Consider reading it from multiple versions to get a better grasp of the passage.

1. Having heard what worship is and its power to change people's lives, do you think we make worship a high enough priority in our lives? How do people treat worship?
2. How does worship engage our emotions, mind and will?
3. Why do we need to allow worship to engage our entire being? What happens when we don't allow worship to engage our emotions, mind and will? What happens if we only allow God to engage two of the three areas?
4. Of the three areas (emotions, mind and will) which one do you need to engage more during worship?
5. Evaluate the worship at First Presbyterian. How do we engage each of these three areas of the person? Which one(s) are we strong in and which one(s) do we need to improve? How would you go about doing it? (Send the results of this conversation to Worship so they can consider your evaluation and solutions)
6. Have you ever thought worship as being an act of ascribing value to something, in this case, God? How do we do that in the worship service?
7. Do you think most Christians understand who they have in Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit? If we could grasp it fully, how would it change how we worship?
8. Share an attribute of God that has touched your life recently and shaped you, made a change in your life.
9. True worship is corporate, rhythmic, and restful. Discuss each of these.
10. You are talking to a church member who no longer attends worship but watches it faithfully online. They aren't sick, disabled or homebound. They simply prefer watching it online. Using what you heard about worship build a convincing argument to persuade the person to return to church.
11. Pastor Richard made a bold statement: *"So the whole idea that you can be a strong Christian and not go to church is bunk!"* Agree or disagree?

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Psalm 95

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12. What is the rhythm of worship and how do you see it occurring in the worship at First Presbyterian Church.
13. How can worship lead to rest, true rest? Jesus says, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28. How can we enter that rest?
14. Final thoughts, questions, reflection?

Idea: The church staff works really hard to make worship the best that it can be. So does our audio/visual team. It's a weekly grind to produce a good, meaningful worship service that has flow and have each element tied to a unifying focus that compliments the message. And we've been working to improve the worship service and I think you've seen the improvements!

If you haven't expressed your appreciation recently for all the hard work that goes into a service consider writing a note to a staff member and/or one of our volunteers who make worship happen.

We have a lot of volunteers who make worship possible: Ushers, Greeters (Called EODs), Communion Servers, Audio/Visual people, the Praise Team, the Praise Band, musicians, singers, Coffee Fellowship hosts, the CLEs (They do the announcements, prayer and offertory) décor people, nursery help and Sunday School teachers who enable parents with kids to worship without having to deal with their kids.

Show your appreciation to them more than to the staff. We are paid to produce a weekly worship service, they are not!!! Thank you!