Worship

Confirmation 2020

1. We define worship as something we do on Sunday mornings for an hour. This limits the word.

Worship really means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ship. What ever you consider of great worth and thing about a lot is something you’re worshiping. Where do you spend your time and that will tell you something about what you worship.

Pause the video and look at these Bible passages and write down what they say about worship.

* Romans 12:1-2
* Psalm 95:1-7
* I Chronicles 16:26-31 (note who is saying this Psalm)

Share what you wrote with your mentor.

The reality is this, **“worship isn’t just an event…but is an attitude and way of life.”** What happens on Sunday is simply a reflection of what we do every day.

Remember worship is about life and not just Sunday morning.

You’ll know you’re not in the right place spiritually when you feel that a worship service is a burden. When it’s a burden we’ve lost what God has done for us and we’re just doing a habit.

1. Why a worship service?

In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit comes upon believers. The Holy Spirit creates faith and grows faith.

Acts 2:42 says, “…they devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching, and to the fellowship, to

the break of bread and to prayer…”

This verse tells us that the early church immediately started \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

These new believers understood by the power of the Holy Spirit that you can’t walk the faith alone. Our worship service expresses our community so we don’t walk alone.

Here’s the problem. Look up **Hebrews 10:25**. What’s the problem with the church even in its earliest days? **PAUSE THE VIDEO AND ANSWER THE QUESTION.**

Ask your mentor and your parents why they go to worship on Sunday. Write me an email ([pastor@bloomfieldcross.org](mailto:pastor@bloomfieldcross.org)) and tell me what they said.

Ask them what they like about our worship services and what they don’t like. Write me an email ([pastor@bloomfieldcross.org](mailto:pastor@bloomfieldcross.org)) and tell me what they said.

Coming together in community is really important but none of us is perfect and our worship services are certainly not perfect. I’ll talk about this on the video.

If you ask someone to come to a worship service and they aren’t a believer, they will not understand what is happening. A worship service is for believers.

1. What is in our worship service?

Liturgy is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

All churches have a liturgy. Some have an order of service that is very simple and others have a very complex order.

For us as Lutherans, we have certain worship pieces that express who we are. You can actually guess them but I’ll tell you:((on the video, have them fill in blanks)

1. Scripture Readings
2. Sermon (application and Scripture focused)
3. Confession and Absolution (announced forgiveness)
4. Confession of faith
5. Music
6. Holy Communion
7. Benediction

None of these are required but you typically see these weekly. Some of the language we use comes from the very early days of the Christian church and are very ancient.

Robes, candles, altar, a pulpit (where the elder reads the lessons) express what we believe but are not essential.

The danger is that the rituals, like the order of service or what the leaders wear, is more important than the message spoken.

One danger is that our liturgy doesn’t touch hearts but is simply a lot of words. We who lead worship have to communicate so people are able to understand the message.

My biggest fear is being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Closing

The key is that you as a follower of Jesus are in community and worshipping weekly.