

# A Life of Worship: Sunday Morning Exploration

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*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not **conform** to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Rom 12:1-2 NIV

## Schedule

Date	Teacher	Topic
2/6/22	Shawn	What is Worship?
2/13/22	Shawn	Sunday Morning Exploration
2/20/22	Sharon	Call, Scripture reading, Confessions, etc?
2/27/22	James	Music
3/6/22	Shawn	The Preaching Moment
3/13/22	Brian	Praying with the Psalms
3/20/22	Sharon	Praying Unceasingly
3/27/22	Bernard	The Creeds
4/3/22	Shawn	The Sacraments
4/10/22	Eugene	Stories

### A. Review

- Worship: A loving and grateful response of devotion to Jesus as Lord because of what God, the Father, has done through Jesus, the Son.
- Importance of Sunday Mornings
  - The primary place of nourishment.
  - The primary place of "Christoformity."
  - The primary place of gathering.
  - The primary place for receiving elements for a life of worship.

*"The most momentous, most urgent, most glorious action that can take place in human life is worship of the living God."*

– Karl Barth

### B. Sunday Morning Exploration

#### 1) Formation Introduction

- "Do not conform ... but be transformed"
- A major danger of the evangelical church is "unexamined enculturation."
- Cultural mal-formation dangers
  - Individualism
  - Consumerism
  - Materialism
  - Intellectualism
  - Etc
- Note that Sundays alone will not counteract 6 days of mal-formation.

## 2) Framework for Sunday Formation

- God-in-Jesus oriented and focused
- Heart-focused (formation) vs. head focused (in-formation)
- Participatory and active vs. consuming and passive
- In-person vs. virtual
- Repetition is good!

**The Sunday Morning Detailed Framework**

Segment	Worship Flow (Verbs)	Possible Elements
<b>Gathering</b>	Affirm	Music Call to worship Meet/Greet Responsive reading Confession Assurance Creed Personal sharing Missionary sharing Ministry sharing Kid's story Announcements Prayer Scripture Reading Offering
	Pray	
	Remember	
	Give Thanks	
	Celebrate	
	Repent	
	Lament	
	Receive Assurance	
	Adore	
<b>Word</b>	Receive the Word	Preaching moment Stories
<b>Response</b>	Respond	Communion Silence Confession Body life Guided prayer Song
<b>Sending</b>	Get sent (and GO!)	Benediction

## C. Discussion Questions

- 1) Which cultural liturgies in your life do you want to think more critically about? Explain.
- 2) Which element(s) in our worship services help you connect better with God?
- 3) Where do you stand on the use of our Livestream? Are you in favor of it or not? Do you use it?