

**A Life of Worship:
Elements of Sunday Morning**

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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 (and the Holy Spirit)
- “The most momentous, most urgent, most glorious action that can take place in human life is worship of the living God.” – Karl Barth
- Sunday Worship Services – Facts and Framework (Gathering, Word, Response, Sending)

B. Elements of the Sunday Worship Service

- Call to Worship
- Praise songs and hymns (next week)
- Prayer and confession (more in a few weeks)
- Welcome
- Announcements
- Offering
- Scripture Reading
- Dismiss kids and youth – intergenerational worship
- Sermon/Preaching Moment (in two weeks)
- Response (in a few weeks)
- Benediction (Sending)

C. Discussion Questions

- Has anything we discussed today been new or confusing or confirming to you?
- Which elements of the service do you find most and least formative?
- How has adding the intergenerational aspect to our services impacted you?

Rory Noland, *Transforming Worship: Planning and Leading Sunday Services as if Spiritual Formation Mattered* (InterVarsity Press 2021)