

September 26, 2021
Discussion on the Introduction to Divine Worship and Pre-worship

QUESTION FOR REVIEW:

1. Read some of the instructions given concerning worship in the Old Testament (e.g. Leviticus 16:1-4 or Deuteronomy 16:1-17). What do we learn in those places about the work of preparing for worship during those days?

2. Read Acts 2:42-47. We see in these verses a number of activities of the early Christians. How are some of those things continuing to be done in Divine Worship today?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:33-40. How is God described in these verses? How does this instruct us as we gather for worship?

4. Read Exodus 20:1-3. What do we learn about worship from these verses?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

5. What are some of the differences you have seen between church services here at Grace and other meetings you have attended? What differences have you seen between Divine Worship here at Grace and other church services you may have attended?

6. The Scriptures use different language to describe how believers fit together under God in His kingdom. Sometimes a body, or a family, or a building. How does this order and structure in the relationship of believers inform us concerning Divine Worship?

7. There are many things that might distract us when we are gathering for worship. What are some of the at home that might come up (or have come up) in preparing for worship that have caused you to be distracted? What are some of the things at church that might come up and distract from worship?

8. What are some of the things that have been a help to you in preparing for worship? While you are at home? When you arrive at church?

9. What are some of the ways that we might help people come to and be prepared to participate in Divine Worship?

10. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22. In v. 21 we are told to “test everything; hold fast to what is good.” This is a general statement given for our instruction. How can this be specifically applied to worship?

11. Read Psalm 20:7 and 124:8. We are told that the Lord is our help and to trust in the name of the Lord in these verses. What are some of the ways we trust Him as we gather for worship? How have you found the Lord to be a help?

12. Read Psalm 16:11. We read that in the Lord’s presence “there is fullness of joy.” How can we say that there is joy in His presence?