

October 10, 2021
Invocation, The Name of God, and Call to Worship

QUESTION FOR REVIEW:

1. Read Isaiah 25:1 and 42:8. What does the prophet say he will do with the name of the Lord? What does it mean that God will not give His glory to another?

2. Read Colossians 3:16-17. We often associate verse 17 with the regular activities of life. When we read verse 16 we clearly see that this especially includes worship. How might this encourage us as we come to worship?

3. Read Matthew 18:20. Gatherings for worship sometimes are quite small. What confidence we take from this verse.

4. Read John 16:23-25. We will speak more about prayer in the weeks ahead. For now what should be our hope as we gather for worship?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

5. What are some of the names of God that have brought you help and encouragement?

6. If someone's name is attached to something it means that they have endorsed it or are connected to it in some way. Have you ever been hesitant to attach your name to something? What does it tell us about God that He desires to attach His name to us?

7. In numerous places in the Old Testament the Lord declares something or tells of actions He will do and says something like, “so that my name may be proclaimed” or “and they shall know that my name is the Lord.” What might these mean for the unbeliever? For the believer?

8. When we gather for worship we gather “in his name.” What reasons does the Lord give for bringing us together “in his name”?

9. For generations in many places around the world church bells would ring to let people know that worship was about to begin. We should rejoice that we can gather for worship. Since we don’t have bells ringing what are the things that draw us to worship?

10. Read Luke 4:16-30. In this passage Jesus is a participant in the worship occurring in the synagogue. What is something that He does that we also do in our worship services? How do we see the Trinity mentioned in this passage?

11. Read Isaiah 43:1-7. What joy can we take in the fact that we who believe are created, redeemed, and called by the Lord? How is the protection and care of God’s people described in these verses? What does it mean to be called by God’s name (v. 7)?

12. Have you ever tried to go somewhere, and you were denied access? Read Ephesians 2:17-22. What do we learn in these verses about the access we have in Christ?