

September 19, 2021
Outline of 1st Presentation
(Introduction, pre-worship, invocation, call to worship)

The story of a Sunday morning....in a different land at a different time.

I. Introduction

A. Introduction to the concept of Sunday School this year

B. Introduction to the topic we will be studying

1. Divine Worship

a. Christian worship is distinctive.....

b. It is communion with God...

c. There is order

1 Cor. 14:33, 40; 2 Cor. 8:20,21; Col. 2:5

Historical order

The order and structure of the Old Testament worship.

The order and structure of the worship of the Jews in the synagogue.

The N.T. structure – Acts describes the gathering of the believers.

Acts 2:41-42

1 Corinthians 14:33-40

Church history

A God who is called the Alpha and Omega. Seems to me to be interested in order.

2. This is a Scriptural study

Repeatedly the Scriptures call people to worship. We are going to consider the question, “How should that look?”

3. The value and purpose of this.

- a. Not just the way we “like to do things”
- b. When we understand more about why we do the things we do we will understand another aspect of the gift that God has given us in Christ.
- c. Why do we do what we do?
- d. Not dogmatic...

II. Pre-worship

A. Getting ready for Sunday

1. The Old Testament
2. The “olden days.”
3. Today....

B. Entering church and the prelude

III. The Invocation

A. The name of the Lord (Triune)

Luke 4:18

The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

That His Name might be known

Isaiah 42:8

B. This is a reminder of the authority and love of God for us.

Isaiah 43:7

1. The Lord has commanded this... so we gather.
2. His love is described in what follows.

Matthew 18:20

John 16:23

We often think of Colossians 3 in connection with our work or regular activities how much more should we think of it in connection with worship.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Cf. Ephesians 2:17-18; 1 Cor. 12:3

We regularly conclude our services with a benediction which again is Trinitarian.

Numbers 6:22-27

IV. Call to Worship

We hear God's word which is God's invitation for us to gather for worship.

Most often we use a Psalm that fits with the theme of the Scriptures for the Sunday. Often we hear in those verses about God's attributes that are worthy of praise and often we hear the psalm writer calling us also to praise or worship or listen to God and His Word.