

The Worshiping Church: Faithful in Teaching

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Key Truth: Worshiping Jesus means that we teach the Bible, faithfully and humbly, but unapologetically, relying on God’s grace and strength to fulfill our task completely.

Just before Jesus ascended back to heaven, he commissioned his disciples to go and “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Through Jesus’ all-encompassing authority (v. 18), he sent them out, as he sends us out today, to make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach them all that Jesus had commanded. What better way to worship Christ than to obey him by spreading his teaching? Jesus modeled Scriptural teaching, Paul and the Apostles modeled it, the early church modeled it. We carry it on even today.

DISCUSS

Do you agree that teaching is essential to our worship services? Why or why not? If you agree, why do you think teaching the Bible is so important?

DIG IN

1. The Bible is True and Trustworthy.

In what ways does the Bible declare its own truthfulness and trustworthiness? In what ways have you experienced this to be true personally?

2. The Bible is Authoritative

Name some people or institutions that people in our world today consider authoritative? What do you think is the basis for those beliefs?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17: What do these verses say about the uniqueness and authority of the Scriptures?

What specific problems could arise when the Bible is not rightly interpreted in teaching? Give examples.

3. Cross-Centered.

In what ways does the Old Testament point to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ? What are specific Old Testament passages that do this?

4. Life-Changing.

Can you think of a time when your life was particularly impacted by the teaching of God’s Word? Share that occasion with the group.

DO

Share with the group some specific ways you can prepare your heart, mind, and body for receiving biblical teaching in the context of the corporate worship service.