

Projection from the Sunday Morning Meeting – 12.15.2019
“A Word-Shaped Liturgy” – Matthew Williams

Message Bible Passage:

Hebrews 10:19-25, “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Projection:

Hebrews 11:6, “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Hebrews 12:22-24, “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

1) Why do we gather as a church on Sunday?

Exodus 20:8-11, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work...For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”



Exodus 31:13, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD sanctify you."

1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We gather as men and women who are clinging to Christ Jesus to express our corporate identity in Christ Jesus by together proclaiming the excellencies of Christ Jesus.

2) What should we do when we gather on Sunday?

A) Draw near to worship God

Romans 12:1, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

B) Remember and respond to the truth of the gospel

C) Encourage one another to persevere in the obedience of faith

Sunday is all about glorifying God and edifying one another by remembering and responding to the gospel.

3) How does the order of our service achieve God's goal for our service?

"Through the ages, the common pattern of the order of worship in the church reflects the pattern of the progress of the gospel in the heart. The gospel first affects the heart by enabling us to recognize who God is. When we truly understand the glory of his holiness, then we also recognize who we really are and confess our need of him. The gospel then assures us of the grace that he provides, and our hearts respond in both thanksgiving and humble petition for his aid so that we can give proper devotion to him. In response to our desire for his aid, God provides his Word. We heed his instruction, knowing that we are both charged to do so and have the promise of his blessing as we live for him. The common liturgy of the

church through the ages reflects this sequential flow of the gospel in our hearts." -
Bryan Chapell

Additional Slides:

Consistent Elements of Historical Liturgies

- Recognition of God's character (Adoration)
- Acknowledgment of our character (Confession)
- Affirmation of Grace (Assurance)
- Expression of Devotion (Thanksgiving)
- Desire for Aid in Living for God (Petition and Intercession)
- Acquiring Knowledge for Pleasing God (Instruction from God's Word)
- Living unto God with His Blessing (Charge and Benediction)

Order of Service for Nov 10

Psalm 33:1-12
Glorious and Mighty
Prayer of Confession
I Will Wait for You
Offering
Blessed Assurance
Prayer of Intercession
Jonah 3-4
Sermon
A Debtor to Mercy Alone
Introduce Lord's Supper
Jesus There's No One Like You
Share Lord's Supper
Benediction & Charge