



Worship 101: God Sends

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Head: Understanding the Bible

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. We cannot commend what we ourselves do not cherish.” ~John Piper, Let the Nations be Glad

- 1) When you think of missions and evangelism what comes to mind? What general objections do people have to Christians seeking to convince others to follow Jesus?
- 2) Read Matthew 28:18-20 & Revelation 7:9-17. What does Jesus command His church to do? Who is gathered in worship around the Lamb in Revelation 7?
- 3) Why is everyone gathered around and praising the Lamb? Why does Jesus want us to see the Church triumphant in heaven while we are still in the 'great tribulation' on earth?
- 4) Vs. 15-17 are a hymn. What word pictures grab your attention here? Who is our shelter? Read Isaiah 49:10-16 and compare it to Revelation 7:15-17.

Heart: Using the Gospel on Our Affections

“May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father’s boundless love, with the Holy Spirit’s favor rest upon us from above.”

~John Newton, “Benediction”, Trinity Hymnal #730

- 5) We will be clothed in white robes. Why is this astonishing? What makes them white?
- 6) Read Revelation 1:4-6. What current attitude toward His people? What difference does it make to know that the Lamb of God is in control of all your circumstances?

Hands: Applying the Gospel to Our Lives

“Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.”

~John Newton, “Benediction”, Trinity Hymnal #730

- 7) The Bible begins with God speaking. And the story of the Bible ends with God speaking in Revelation 21:5. Therefore our gathered worship services end with a Benediction and a charge. How important is the last word in your relationships? What is God’s “last word” to us in a service? What is He sending us out with?
- 8) Based on Revelation 7 & Matthew 28, what should the mission of Hope Church be? Where do you see yourself in this mission? Where do you need help when it comes to evangelism?
- 9) Take time to pray for the mission of Hope Church. Pray for people to come and know the Lamb of God through our love of Jesus, the Lamb.