

Preparing for Worship

Highland Baptist Church of Hickory, NC

The Lord's Day

March 7, 2010

Ways to Use This Worship Preparation Page

Print it out on Thursday or Friday and take it home. Put it in your Bible as a reference for Sunday.

Use it as a **family devotion** on Saturday.

Use it as a **personal devotion** on Sunday morning.

Give it to a **guest** you are inviting to come to the services this weekend.

-Pastor Jesse



This Week's Recommended Memory Verse

*"in whom we have
boldness and access in
confidence through our
faith in him."*

-Acts 3:12 NASU

Pray for our Leaders

In **1st Timothy 2:1-2** the
apostle Paul says:

*"Therefore I exhort first of
all, that supplications,
prayers, intercessions and
giving of thanks be made for
all men, for kings and all who
are in authority, that we may
lead a quiet and peaceable
life in all godliness and
reverence." Just as we pray
for all our national leaders,
let us pray especially for
those leading us during the
worship service on Sunday.*

Preaching

Pastor Jesse Lott

EPHESIANS 3:1-13

Josh Alrutz

Music

Kenny Robison

Worship Choir

Praise Team

Instrumentalists

Rachel Hall



Leading Prayer

Reggie Sweat

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Technical Support

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Children's Worship

Charlie Sisti

Study the Sermon Scripture for Sunday

The LIVING God

Acts 14:1-18

In Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.

2 But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren.

3 Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.

4 But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them, 6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia,

Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region;

7 and there they continued to preach the gospel.

8 At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and began to walk.

11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us."

12 And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with

the crowds.

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;

17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

18 Even saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

2 PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

See GOD for Who He is... then WORSHIP!

What will we be singing on Sunday?

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

“Holy Is He”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

“He Touched Me”

Rachel Hall

“One Touch”



(this is not a picture of me at 5:45 a.m.)

147 MEN is a bible study for men who are willing to roll out early on Thursday mornings, stumble up to the church, drink strong coffee and study God’s Word together. Pastor Jesse has been faithful to lead us each week according to his own biblical studies, and what an eye-opener it’s been (along with the coffee)!

WORSHIP— Our response to Who God is.

One of the recent sessions we looked at was what **WORSHIP** really is. It is so much more than that Sunday gathering or even that personal bible reading. Although these are common and necessary avenues for worship, worship is actually *realizing Who God is—His nature—and responding to that*. The author A.W. Tozer writes that “worship is the response of a heart in love with God.” As we near the Easter season, we think of Thomas. Remember? Ol’ “Doubting Thomas.” But, when he realized Who Jesus was, what was his response? “Thomas answered and said unto Him, ‘My Lord and my God.’” (John 20:28) John goes on to remind us that God is spirit. So, he teaches, we are to worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

God is. God is eternal. God is sovereign. He is omnipotent. He is immutable. God is faithful. He is triune. He is Truth. He is love. He is Judge. God is holy. He is HOLY. GOD IS HOLY!

As we focus on God, we see Who He is, then we respond to Him. Now...that’s WORSHIP!

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP
Come, now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God.

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now!

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives;
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
We gladly choose You now!

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