

Sermon Series: Revelation and Response

Week 3 – “A Response to the King’s Invitation”

Monday: Read the Sermon text again. After hearing the sermon this week and reading the Bible passage, is there a section, a verse, or even a word or two that are standing out? How is God speaking to you? Which point of the sermon was most impactful to you? Why? Spend some time in prayer asking God to work in your heart, to build your faith, to bring you to repentance, to continue to speak to you this week.

Tuesday:

Week 1 and 2 Review

Spend some time reviewing the items Pastor Tom reminded us of about the previous two sermons in this series:

- Worship is dialogical
- Worship is about glory – seeing God’s glory/holiness/majesty/etc
 - o Whose glory are we most aware of in worship?
- Worship is about confessing our sin
 - o (Woe is me) emphasis added. My sin, not other people’s sin
 - o At the root of every sin is the desire for our own glory
- Worship is also about spiritual transformation – as we behold the beauty of our Lord in worship, our hearts are being transformed.
 - o Definition of transformation: causing a radical and typically positive change in outlook, character, form, or condition.

Wednesday:

Sermon Points – A Response to the King’s Invitation

1. Worship is personal

Look at all the personal pronouns in verse 8 (*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” The I said, “Here I am! Send me.”*) Consider the personal pronouns and the impact/relationship to Isaiah’s response. (NOTE: Unless Isaiah heard the Lord’s voice he would not have responded.)

Have you heard the Lord’s voice in worship? Through the sermon? Through the full conversation (dialogical worship) of the entire worship service? (Remember: God always initiates worship... He calls us to worship Him and God’s people respond. When God speaks, his people respond. When God’s people speak, God listens.)

2. Worship is transformative

The Gospel changes us as the Holy Spirit points us to the beauty and majesty of our God, we become like Him. Transformation/change always requires the Spirit of God using the Word of God.

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In what way(s) was Isaiah transformed? Can you speak to his “sight” and his “insight” – the change and transformation in his life? How does this relate to you? Is God able to do the same for you in worship?

Thursday:

Sermon Points (continued) – A Response to the King’s Invitation

3. Worship requires a response

God wants my heart. If He gets my heart, I will respond in very tangible ways (with grateful hearts in service to our God and world). This extends to all areas of our life (our own life, our family, our job, our neighborhood). The impact is to those around us, our neighborhoods, the city, and the world.

Have you worshiped (NOTE: this is not asking if you have come to a worship service or been present – rather “have you worshiped”)? Have you responded? Can you think of an example of how you have responded to God in worship recently (responding with grateful hearts to our God and world)?

God sends people like you and me on missions. As much as God wants to send seraphim on a mission, how much more does he want to send His sons and daughters on a Gospel mission? He gives us assignments that come directly from Him. Are you aware of and have you responded to Him recently on such a mission? Can you speak about a recent example?

If desired and/or time permits

Going deeper: Is God showing you new assignments as a result of your worship? How is your worship resulting in a change in assignments you are already on?

Prayer:

Spend some time praying about God having all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength. Pray that we would be captured and captivated in our worship of Him.

Pray that the Lord will deepen your understanding of and experience of worship in 2022.

Friday: Read the Sermon text for the upcoming Sunday’s sermon and look at the title of the Sermon (found on the APC website and Friday email). After reading the Bible passage, is there a section, a verse, or even a word or two that are standing out? How is God speaking to you? What do you think He wants to say to you about this passage? Spend some time in prayer asking God to prepare your heart for worship and pray that your heart will be transformed by the Holy Spirit through the hearing of the sermon.