

Sermon Series: Revelation and Response

Week 1 – “Encountering the God Worthy of Our Worship”

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:

The APC Mission Statement

“Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.”

Mission statements are about action. Action that is happening to us and action we are taking in response. What are the four verbs that stand out in the first sentence?

Wednesday:

Dialogical Worship

Worship is a dialogue between God and his people. God always initiates worship... As He calls us to worship Him and God's people respond. When God speaks, his people respond. When God's people speak, God listens.

The things we do in worship are deliberate and intentional – God reveals...we respond. We speak...God responds. Pull out the bulletin (<https://alexandriapres.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/APC-Bulletin-January-9.pdf>) – what are the major aspects (headings in the bulletin) that are incorporated into our worship at APC? Do you see a pattern?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

How does/would your understanding and experience of worship grow as you embrace this idea of dialogical worship (it really is the voice of God when the words are read and preached)?

Thursday:

Isaiah 6 – Sermon points

Sight and insight are not two separate and distinct things.

What Isaiah saw of God, as He truly is, dramatically affected what he saw of himself. His sight of God gave him insight about himself. When we see God as He truly is, we will worship Him as we ought to (Book of Common Worship).

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What did Isaiah see about God? Differently or in a new/deeper way than he knew before? What does it mean that the whole earth is full of His glory?

What did Isaiah see about himself? Differently or in a new/deeper way?

As we grow in our understanding of God’s glory, we should expect God’s Spirit to show us and convict us when we are striving for our own glory. What could it look like if God’s glory were more central in your life? (If you wish, refer back to the full APC mission statement to aid your discussion).

Spend some time in prayer and include these items:

Sight – Join in asking for God to reveal more of His holiness, more of His glory. Ask for Him to expand your view of God (do you see a big cross, a big God?). Ask for more insight that comes along with sight.

Insight – Include confessing your own sin. Pray Psalm 139:23-24, asking God to reveal your sin so that we might confess and repent.

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.