



Central Valley Presbyterian

Worship Preparation Guide

In order to best prepare your family for our corporate worship, we provide the music, scripture, sermon topic, and preparation questions for you each week.

For Sunday, August 1st, 2010

Music: Holy is the Lord of Hosts
And Can it Be
I Will Glory in My Redeemer
Before the Throne of God
The Church's One Foundation
Psalm 92 (Rejoice the Lord is King)
It is Well
Doxology

Sermon: Our passage this coming Lord's Day will be Luke 7:36-47. We'll be examining how an understanding of God's grace allows us to overlook many offenses that are committed against us. Here are some questions to assist you as you prepare for the sermon:

- 1) What does it cost us to receive God's grace? What did it cost God?
- 2) How did Simon the Pharisee respond when Jesus was gracious towards the "sinful woman" who came to the dinner?
- 3) Do you agree with this statement: "Gratitude for God's grace is the foundation for love for others"? Why or why not?
- 4) What does the phrase "This is not my home" mean? How important is it that we live with an eternal perspective? How does that change our relationships?
- 5) Examine chapter 11 of Hebrews. Verse 13 says that these did not receive the promises and yet still lived in faith. How did they do that? How can we apply that to our own lives?
- 6) Should we be surprised when people offend us? Why or why not? How should we react?
- 7) When should we seek reconciliation and when should we overlook the offense?

If you would like to have some questions based on the last sermon to help you lead family worship this week, here are some conversation starters:

- 1) In what ways can we say that the qualifications for elders in Titus 1 apply to all men?
- 2) Why do you think Paul goes to the home as a primary test for blamelessness?
- 3) What does it mean to be a "one-woman man"?
- 4) What is a steward? How does understanding our role as a steward help us to not be "self-willed"?
- 5) How do we learn to control our anger? How do we develop self-control?

- 6) What are some Scriptural examples of men who lacked the characteristics of Titus 1? What happened to them or their families?
- 7) Why is it not enough to just say to "look to Jesus" as our model of godliness? What more should we do?

Announcements:

- This Sunday: Guardians at 2pm in the library – Men please bring questions pertaining to personal character or work/family life. We'll be having a round table discussion of matters including talk about how to transition our older children to adulthood.
- Sunday, August 8th: "Adoption" Blessing for Wendy Walker – 2pm in the sanctuary
- Friday, August 20th – Saturday, August 21st – Institute for Creation Seminar sponsored by CVP in Ripon
- Saturday, August 28th: Homeschool Encouragement Day – See the church message board for details
- Monday, September 6th-Friday, September 10th: CVP Family Camp – See Ted Jones for details. Sign up with Scott VanArtsdalen soon; the cabins are going fast. Speaker – R.C. Sproul Jr. Music – Nathan Clark George.