

WORSHIP IS IMPORTANT—HERE'S WHY:

A discussion of corporate worship involves “things spiritual and eternal”

- “Things spiritual and eternal” can only finish with one of two endings:
 - Under God’s condemnation (hell)
 - Under God’s blessing (heaven)
- The reality of each ending to the closing chapter of life:
 - Under God’s condemnation is ours by nature
 - Under God’s blessing is ours only by grace

God’s grace needs to be revealed to us; it does not come to us naturally

- How/where God’s is grace revealed:
 - In Christ
 - In the Gospel
 - * It is WHAT we believe
 - * It is the POWER to believe
- The Gospel (the means of grace) comes to us in:
 - Word
 - Sacraments
 - * Baptism (Word + water)
 - * Lord’s Supper (Word + bread and wine)
- Word and Sacrament are MOST REGULARLY served IN WORSHIP

Corporate Worship is where we feed the soul:

- Through READINGS/PREACHING
- Through the SACRAMENT



EQUIP YOURSELF - *Can you think of passages that...*

... tell us how God and God's people delight to be in God's house together?

... give us examples of believers who found joy in regularly being in God's house?

... tell us of God's desire for us to GROW in grace, faith, and knowledge of him?

... explain that God gives us "gifts" in worship that we can't get otherwise?