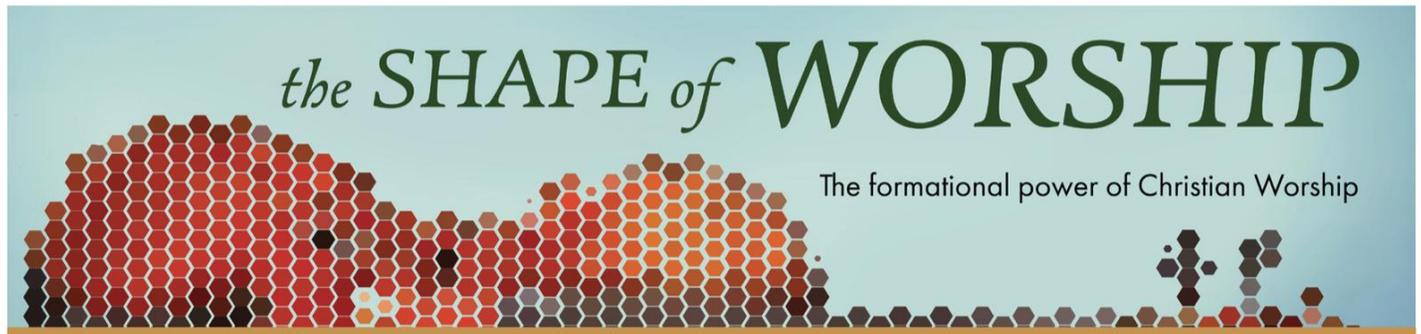




REFLECTION GUIDE

Week of August 2, 2015
The Lord's Supper



This week, Pastor Corey Widmer continues our series on worship, discussing the importance and sanctity of the Lord's Supper.

READ

Deuteronomy 16:1-3
1 Corinthians 11:23-29

REFLECT

1. Corey spoke about the Lord's Supper importance as it commemorates the Last Supper. Much of the Bible deals with humanity's inability to remember what God has done for them. How does looking back bring the Lord's Supper into perspective for you?
2. While walking through the echoes of Passover contained in this account of the Lord's Supper, Corey stated this was "the ultimate proof that Christianity is not about what you can do for God but about what God has done for you." What should we be thinking as we approach the table? How does this illustration apply to rest of our lives?
3. Are you able to feel Jesus Christ's presence at the table? Are you able to actually enter communion?
4. Corey talked about the Lord's Supper as a family meal. What does it mean to you that we take Communion together, in relationship with one another? How does this paradigm inform your approach not only to the Lord's Supper but to the men and women around you?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how you approach Christianity as a set of rules or chores.
- + Thank God for what He has done for us, for Jesus' sacrifice which can never be undone. Praise God for the coming time when Christ will bring us to the heavenly feast.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + The next time you wait for communion, instead of noting the usher's strategy at dismissing rows or focusing on the musical element, reflect over your life and loyalties for the past month. Examine yourself in preparation for true Communion with Christ.
- + Try to use Communion as a time of hope, trusting God to bring us to that final wedding banquet. Fight against the human tendency to allow sacraments to become rout and tune in to the deeper meanings of the Lord's Supper.