

The Name of Jesus

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- Philippians 2:6-11

Grasping the Weight of His Name

My vision as worship coordinator is to see large group CCF:

- 1) develop the understanding of what true worship is, and
- 2) with that understanding live lives of worship.

This vision is a cumulation of my experiences in fellowships and of my walk with God. Philippians 2:6-11, which I split into two parts, shows what this looks like:

- Verses 6-8 talk about our reason for worshipping. Jesus, in all His glory and power as God, humbled himself and became a lowly man to sacrifice Himself for us. Jesus’s sacrifice is the reason that we can worship Him.
- Verses 9-11 talk about what true worship looks like. Because of Jesus’ sacrifice, God has exalted Jesus to the HIGHEST place, and He has bestowed upon Him the “Name above every name”. God has set apart for Jesus a special name, one that is glorious, powerful, exalted and above all other names. This is the sense of worship that I want to capture, that Jesus is truly worthy of the name that He is given.

Often I think CCF’s view of worship is limited to musical worship. I wish that CCF would start grasping the weight of the Name of Jesus in their lives, and that they will respond with true worship.

Understanding Worship: A Personal Connection

Worship is always personal; each person experiences God differently, and each person responds to God in worship differently. One way that large group will understand the Gospel better and respond to it in worship is by making large group more personal in its encounters with God and each other.

Practicals

- Encourage large group firstly to relate to God personally through worship
 - o Creating an atmosphere where people can slow down, lay distractions aside and experience God
 - o Making relevant connections between the weekly program and our lives through sharing
- Encourage vulnerability between people to bring LG in unity and corporate worship
 - o Encouraging a culture of full openness and transparency in LG through empowering people to share their joys and struggles with one another
 - o Fostering a culture of prayer through creating opportunities for people to pray for and with each other, so that they will be comfortable enough to do so outside of scheduled prayer time

Living Worshipfully: A Confident Humility

A life of worship is one that is lived with a sense of constant humility and surrender. Our lives are about glorifying God, not about our own selfish gain. Following Jesus' example, we should lay our lives down for others. A life of worship is also one that has an unwavering confidence in the redeeming power of Jesus.

Practicals

- Encouraging a culture of humility through challenging LG to value others above ourselves
 - o Creating opportunities for LG to care for one another and for the community
 - o Focusing on the need for grace in our lives
- Encourage a culture of confidence in Christ through reminding LG of the power of the Gospel
 - o Sharing about how God is working in our lives/the world (e.g. Testify)
 - o Equipping LG with Scripture (e.g. verses highlighted monthly)