

Vital Values of Cedar Point

Week 2 – Worshipping God

First, let's talk about the church— Jesus said, **Matthew 16:18** ¹⁸ **And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

Acts 2:⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Values – We all have values – talk about espoused values and real values.

The vital values of Cedar Point are: Knowing, Worshipping and Telling.

2nd vital value is:

Worshipping God

Building Biblical community through sharing life together, caring for each other's needs, worshipping God individually and corporately.

(Acts 2:42-46)

We live this out in our daily lives through our life purposes.

1. Worship...Living for God' s Pleasure

You were planned to bring enjoyment and pleasure to God.

(Revelation 4:11; Psalm 149:4)

Revelation 4:11¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being."

Psalm 149: ¹ Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints. ² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King. ³ Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with tambourine and harp. ⁴ For the LORD takes delight in his
people;
he crowns the humble with salvation.

Tom Eli – healing of his Hip – E-mail from Rheinhard Bonke – crutches thrown down

Part of Worship is Faith – faith to believe in miracles, in God’ s favor– we need to worship before it happens.

Acts 16:²²The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. ²³After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

Part of Worship is living life together so as to bring glory to God.

**2. Relationship...Sharing Life Together
You were formed to be a part of God’ s family...His church.
(1 John 3:1; Romans 8:15-16)**

1 John 3:¹How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Romans 8:¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Colossians 3:¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 4:²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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