

Christian Worship, PT 330

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Course Information

I. Course Description

This course is designed to motivate and equip pastors and worship leaders to develop worship ministries in local churches that are biblically based, bring glory to God, are full of both reverence and joy, are a delight and pleasure to God and His people, and are vital parts of an overall approach to ministry and church growth. In this course we will take a biblical, historical, and contemporary look at the Regulative Principle of Worship. The course is presented in a format that combines lecture and discussion utilizing the participation of the students as well as the professor. Students will leave the class with a theological and biblical foundation for corporate worship in a local congregation, as well as practical helps in planning and leading worship services that are excellent in quality, culturally relevant, and full of both awe and celebration.

II. Course Objectives

- To understand from Scripture the foundational principles of the true worship of God.
- To learn how God's people have worshiped him as his revelation of himself unfolded in scripture.
- To evaluate and learn from how God's people have worshiped him through the history of the church.
- To discover how we may lead worship in ways that help God's people to worship Him with a worship that is pleasing to him today.
- To learn how we may be able to personally worship the Lord more fittingly ourselves.

III. Texts

These books can be purchased from most Christian booksellers, or you can order them online from the Covenant Seminary bookstore by visiting www.covenantseminary.edu or by calling the bookstore at 314-434-0110 (toll-free 877-213-3353).

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Frame, John. *Worship in Spirit and Truth*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 1996.

Kidd, Reggie. *With One Voice: Discovering Christ's Song in Our Worship*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2005.

Roff, Lawrence. *Let Us Sing: Worshiping God With Our Music*. Philadelphia, PA: Great Commission Publications, 1991.

IV. Class Calendar

Lecture 1: The Kind of Worshipers the Father Seeks

Lecture 2: Relationships Among Worship Leaders: Unity & Praise

Lecture 3: Biblical Overview of Worship (I): Pre-Moses

Lecture 4: Biblical Overview of Worship (II): Moses

Lecture 5: Biblical Overview of Worship (III): David and Solomon

Lecture 6: Biblical Overview of Worship (IV): Judah, Psalms, & Prophets

Lecture 7: Biblical Overview of Worship (V): New Testament

Lecture 8: Historical Overview of Worship (I): Pre-Reformation

Lecture 9: Historical Overview of Worship (II): Reformation

- Lecture 10: Historical Overview of Worship (III): English Puritans, Scottish & American Presbyterians
- Lecture 11: The Regulative Principle of Worship
- Lecture 12: Gospel-Centered Worship
- Lecture 13: Worship Leadership & Participation (I)
- Lecture 14: Worship Leadership & Participation (II)
- Lecture 15: Planning a Worship Service
- Lecture 16: NO LECTURE: Only a Completed Worship Service in Study Guide
- Lecture 17: Worship & Music (I)
- Lecture 18: Worship & Music (II)
- Lecture 19: Contemporary Issues: Dance, Drama, Power Point, & Body Posture, plus Unified or Diverse Liturgies?
- Lecture 20: The Sacraments, Weddings and Funerals, & Finding Resources