

Lesson 8
Reformed Worship: Glorifying and Enjoying God Together

I. The Nature & Purposes of Corporate Worship

A. Corporate worship is the central event of the Christian life

1. Our duty and delight

2. The weekly, visible manifestation of God’s covenant

a. God promises to meet with His people in mercy and love

b. God promises to bless His people with His gracious presence

1) Worship is primarily *covenantal*, not evangelistic

2) Worship is the main means of growing in grace

B. Corporate worship is the primary way we glorify and enjoy God

1. Praise, thanksgiving, and adoration (joyful, exuberant, NOT boring!)

2. Communion with all three Persons of the Trinity

II. The Character of Reformed Worship

A. God-centered (reverent, focused on God and His Word)

B. God-engaged (dialogical principle of worship: two-way communication)

C. God-ordered (regulative principle of worship; elements, forms, circumstances)

Discussion Questions

1. How does appreciating what worship is help us become better (more thankful, more joyful) worshipers?

2. Is it important for us to understand and reflect upon why we worship the way we do? What are some questions you have about the way we worship at RPC?