

“Worship by the Book — Welcome!”

Sermon Notes

What do we do and how do we do what we do when we gather on the Lord’s Day?

We gather for corporate worship *by the Book*

1. God **calls** us to worship (Ps 96; 99; 100)
2. **Benediction:** We receive God’s blessing (Num 6:22-27; 2 Cor 13:14)
3. **Pray** (1 Tim 2:1-8)
4. **Sing** (Eph 5:19; Col 3:15-16)
5. **Read** the Word (1 Tim 4:13)
6. **Preach** the Word (2 Tim 4:1-5)
7. **Confess** the faith (Heb 10:19-25)
8. **Baptism** (Mt 28:18-20)
9. **Lord’s Supper** (1 Cor 11:17-34)

➤ **When we gather for corporate worship by the Book, we welcome our brothers and sisters**

** In the family of Christ...*

10. We greet one-another (Rom 12:10; 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:20; Php 4:21; 1 Thess 5:26; Heb 13:24; 1 Pt 5:14; 3 Jn 15)

11. We give and receive ministry reports (Acts 11:1-18; 14:24-28; 20:17-38; 21:17-20; Luke 10:17-20)

Next Week: Various Texts “Worship by the Book”

MEFC Study Guide
For the week of October 14th - 20th

The questions below will help you to dig deeper and apply the sermon message. If time is limited, feel free to pick and choose, as I've given headers to help in your selection.

1. **Getting started.** What are ways that you tend to greet others? How do you greet those in your family? How do you greet strangers differently? Have you ever traveled around the world and experienced other cultural greetings — if so, what did you experience?

2. **Greet one another:** Do you know the names of everyone in our church family — members, regular attenders and the most recent visitors? Pick up a directory and take a look at it. Who is familiar? Unfamiliar? If you do not know someone, think about who you will reach out to in the next month. What is your plan to get to know them on a Sunday morning?

3. **One-anothers:** Some of the one-anothers of Scripture are captured in our membership covenant:

“With God’s gracious help, as fellow members of this local church zealous to manifest the work of the gospel in our lives, we will love one another with brotherly affection, consider others more significant than ourselves, rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, be at peace with one another, speak the truth to one another, confess our sins to one another, pray for one another, instruct one another, build one another up, seek to do good to one another, outdo one another in showing honor and offer hospitality to one another with a glad heart.”

What follows are most of the one-another passages of the New Testament. Where are these best lived out in the life of our church community — Sunday mornings, Bible studies, community groups, in families or homes, in time spent together throughout the weeks and months?

1. Love one another

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 15:12, 17 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ...These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Rom 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection.

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more.

1 Peter 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

*1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
1 John 3:11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another; just as he has commanded us.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:11-12 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”

2 John 1:5 And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.”

2. Honor one another

Romans 12:10 Outdo one another in showing honor.

3. Greet one another

Romans 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

1 Corinthians 16:20 All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

2 Corinthians 13:12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

1 Peter 5:14 Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Php 4:21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.

1 Thess 5:26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

Heb 13:24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings.

3 Jn 15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

4. Welcome one another

Romans 15:7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

5. Show hospitality to one another

1 Peter 4:9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

6. Have Fellowship With One Another

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

7. Agree With One Another

2 Corinthians 13:11 ...agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

8. Live in Harmony With One Another

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 15:5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.

9. Be at Peace With One Another

Mark 9:50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

10. Be Kind to One Another

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted...

11. Forgive One Another

Ephesians 4:32...forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 ...and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

12. Bear With One Another

Ephesians 4:2-3 With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Colossians 3:13 Bearing with one another...

13. Bear One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

14. Comfort One Another

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another...

15. Rejoice with one another

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

16. Weep with one another

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

17. Care for One Another

1 Corinthians 12:25 That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

18. Confess Sins to One Another

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another...

19. Pray for One Another

James 5:16 ...and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

20. Encourage One Another

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another...

Hebrews 10:25 Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

21. Build One Another Up

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ...and build one another up, just as you are doing.

22. Exhort One Another

Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

23. Instruct One Another

Romans 15:14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

24. Teach and Admonish One Another

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

25. Sing With One Another

Ephesians 5:19 Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.

26. Stir Up One Another to Love and Good Works

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

27. Do Good to One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

28. Serve One Another

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

29. Wash One Another's Feet

John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

30. Wait for One Another

1 Corinthians 11:33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another."

31. Be Humble Toward One Another

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'

32. Submit to One Another

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

33. Speak the Truth to One Another

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.

34. Do Not Speak Against One Another

James 4:11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

James 5:9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

35. Do Not Judge One Another

Romans 14:13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

36. Do Not Provoke One Another

Galatians 5:26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another...

37. Do Not Envy One Another

Galatians 5:26 ...envying one another.

38. Do Not Bite and Devour One Another

Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

39. Do Not Betray and Hate One Another

Matthew 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

4. **Mound Free Ministries:** Life is busy. Even in a church of our size, we have limits and don't always know what's going on in all areas of ministry and in each other's lives. What ministries are you not involved with, but aware of what God is doing? What ministries are you not involved with but would like to know more, so that you can pray for and glorify God for what he is doing?

5. **Mound Free Global Partners:** Our church partners with the following ministry families:

- David Bliss — Missions mobilizer for the EFCA North Central District
- Time & Debbie Bryce — Nations at Montana St.
- Matt (Jaci) Hutchcraft — Missions mobilization for Eastern European peoples with SEND
- John & Jo Beth Lee (Brooke, Bonnie, Bella) — church planters with EFCA Send
- Matt (Amy) Sees — leadership training with EFCA Pathways
- Brian & Debby Stout (Joy, Isaiah, Benjamin, Grace, Hope) — church planters with SEND International

What do you know about their ministry over the last year? What are ways that you can pray for them?
What reasons do you have to glorify God for his work of redeeming the nations through them?