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## Newsletter

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### Staff Outing

*Grab a friend and a blanket this weekend we are going to Madison for "Shake the Lake" There will be music, food, and FIREWORKS! It's going to be a fun time!*

### Worship

This week we are talking about worship. Worship a lot of times is something that we think of just taking place in the church but all of life can be and should be worship.

In this sense that everything we do can be done and should be done is response to God's grace, all of life is worship. Running, baking, sharing a conversation, waking up, lying down, anything you do in gratitude to God is worship. We can grow to a place where we constantly acknowledge God's presence and-in this sense-continually worship.

You've probably seen those shirts that say, "Football is life..."

And you understand that for some, football spreads over all of life, colors all of life, becomes a pervasive reality, is always on their minds...

But you also understand that, at the core, football is a very specific and well-defined experience. The game literally happens in a dedicated space: there are boundary lines drawn on a field, there's a clock that marks the start and completion of the event. There are rules, strategy, specific roles (positions), real effort, and a clearly defined purpose.

Worship is like that. Worship can, and absolutely should, spread to all of life. But "worship as life" must be rooted in "worship as event." The believers gathering for worship fuels the believers scattering for worship.

Remove the "worship as event" part and the "worship as life" part slowly dissolves into self-serving fantasy.



We should worship Christ whole-heartedly because worship is one thing we can do to bring "then and there" to "here and now"

I am regularly asked, by people who are in pain, by people who are at the end of their rope, and by people who desperately want to help, this question "What can we do?"

Sometimes the only thing you can do is worship.

Sometimes the best thing you can do is worship.

David prays in Psalm 22, "You are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people."

When we face the brokenness of the world with worship, heaven crashes into earth. When, in the midst of really difficult seasons of life, we still get up and gather with others to worship our God, we are actively beating back the darkness, fighting against the brokenness, walking into the fullness of the presence of God. We are actually living out the prayer "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" when we worship.

-Nathan Oates (Kingdom Come)

## *Christian Meme of the week*



*Want to see your meme in the Newsletter? Send them to Edith :)*

