



Week 4 | Salt: Corporate Worship

Teaching Text

Colossians 3:15-17 *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And 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.”*

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

Sermon Recap

This week, we explored how corporate worship serves as a strategic priority in our call to be **"salt"** at CBC. Worship is uniquely human, requiring our entire physical bodies—lungs, knees, and voices—to engage with God; it is not something disembodied spirits can do. Too often, we treat worship as merely intellectual ("brains on sticks"), a way to refuel our own needs ("refueling self"), or something to be made "seeker-friendly" by removing its mystery.

True worship offers us two radical shifts:

- **An Alternative Vision:** In a world of competing narratives, worship **re-calibrates our lives to "True North,"** It reminds us of the story of the Kingdom of God, which is often the opposite of the stories we hear in the news cycle.
- **An Alternative Power:** Worship allows us to move beyond the theological truth that God is everywhere (**omnipresence**) into the experiential reality of His **manifest presence**. When we combine the "form" of our lives with the "fire" of God's presence, we reach our maximum influence as salt in the world.

Discussion Questions

Connect

1. James K.A. Smith notes that worship requires a body—lungs to sing, knees to kneel, and eyes to weep. Which of your physical senses do you find most engaged or most "alive" during corporate worship?

Character Ask someone to read **Colossians 3:15-17** and **Hebrews 10:19-25** aloud. Then, ask the following questions:

1. What words or images in these passages describe the **communal and participatory** nature of worship?
2. What do these verses reveal about God's desire for how we enter His presence?

Consider

1. We identified three common mistakes in worship: treating it as a purely intellectual exercise, using it as a self-centered "refueling" station, or making it "seeker-friendly" to avoid mystery. Which of these mistakes do you find yourself slipping into most often?
2. Worship is described as a "**compass**" that re-orient us away from consumerism and power and toward the Kingdom of God. How has a recent time of worship changed the "story" you were telling yourself about your life or your circumstances?
3. There is a difference between **Omnipresence** (God is everywhere) and **Manifest Presence** (God makes Himself known). Have you ever experienced a "revival reality" where God's presence felt intensified or transformative?
4. The teaching suggests that "**Form + Fire = Maximum Influence**". How can a deeper commitment to corporate worship this season help you become more "salty" in your workplace or neighborhood?

Cover

"Coming here Sunday... is an act of defiance."

Spend time praying for a **heightened, communal awareness of God** in your group. Ask the Holy Spirit to "rend the heavens" and make His presence manifest among you,

just as in the revivals of old. Pray that your worship would not be a performance, but an embodied act of gratitude that shifts your vision back to the True North of Christ.