Worship On The Lord's Day

Dear Students,

As you move more deeply into the term, I want to encourage you to worship on the Lord’s Day. You may be tempted to think that, okay, we have chapel during the week, and classes in Bible and theology, therefore, we don’t need to worship on Sunday. But worship is such an important part of theological education. I remember J.I. Packer telling students that “good theology always leads to doxology.” You and I both need this outlet of worship. As we worship on the Lord’s day, and at other times, we just might find that our spirits are refreshed and refueled for another week of work.

If you are from another part of the country, this is also a great opportunity to visit other churches for a while before quickly settling in on one. This has been part of my joy in moving from out of state. We have been visiting (and sometimes preaching at) many different churches in the Orlando area. We’ve been at First Presbyterian In Orlando, St. Paul’s, St. Andrews, Westminster Pres in Fort Myers, First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Plant City, Northland, and this past week we were blessed by worshipping at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Oviedo. It is encouraging to see how God is working in many different ways in many different churches.

Some of you know that I write weekly for my blog called The Chief End of Man. This week I was reflecting on how we evaluate our worship services. It is called DID WE SUCCEED IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY? You can find it at www.DonSweeting.wordpress.com

When you are leading worship, week after week, it is easy to fall into the habit of just doing the same thing over and over again without evaluating what we are doing. I wrestle with the question of how we define success in a worship service.

Every Blessing,

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