



## Worship- Lesson 3

### Consecrated, Commune & Commissioned Questions for Reflection and Discussion

#### **6 C's of Worship:**

Called, Celebrate, Cleansed, Consecrated, Commune, Commissioned

#### **Consecrated by His Word:**

I Timothy 4:13 *"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

1. How does it make you feel that God wants to form and shape you through His Word to be set apart as sacred and holy?
2. What is your posture when you sit down to hear a sermon? Are you a high school or college student coming to class-*this will probably be boring but something I need to do?* Or do you come as an evaluator- *maybe with a stopwatch or critical eye to catch the speaker?* Maybe you are afraid- *what will feel convicting or will I be exposed?* Spend a moment talking or thinking about how we may approach this element of worship.
3. What would it look like to come in on Sundays expecting to be formed and shaped by the reading and preaching of God's Word through the Spirit (and believing that amidst different preaching personalities and our broken selves the Lord is committed to setting us apart as holy through it)? What are practical ways we can encourage one another in this?

#### **Commune with God as a family at the table of the Lord:**

Matthew 26:26-28 *"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'" And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

I Corinthians 11:28 *"Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup."*

4. After we are set apart through His word, and wrestle and struggle with whatever comes with that, God calls us to “commune” with Him and each other, to share a “meal” together. Do you find this strange, difficult, encouraging- or maybe all of the above?
  
5. Why might the Lord use something as simple as bread and wine to remind us of His death and the forgiveness that it brings?
  
6. Where can you practice receiving and enjoying the Gospel during communion- not only for yourself but also for those around you? Could you observe and even pray for those who walk by you or beside you during communion? How can this practice help you grow beyond just seeing the Gospel for yourself?

**Commissioned out in the love of God to be servants in our world:**

Hebrews 13:20-21 *“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us<sup>[a]</sup> that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

7. All of the elements of worship have led to this moment. Worship is a sanctification and a sending. Does this feel weighty, freeing, or both?
  
8. Like when a group huddle in a football team breaks and goes to their positions, each one is important and valuable to the game. Can you sense how valuable you are as you are sent out to serve in your sphere in His world? What is encouraging or hard about this reality?



Read Hebrews 13 again. Every week we are called, cleansed, consecrated, and commissioned. We celebrate and commune with the Lord and each other. We are desired and wanted. We are always forgiven. We are never alone. We are treasured and valuable and needed in our world.