

September 8, 2024

Call to Worship

Romans 3:21-26

Pastoral Prayer

*Chad "Kicker" Kositzky
Student Pastor*

Songs of Worship

*Run and Run
(Christ Is All My
Righteousness)*

O Church Arise

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:1-9

Songs of Worship

*The King in
All His Beauty*

*It Is Well
with My Soul*

Message

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

Song of Response

O Church Arise

“What the Lord laments and opposes, Satan applauds and fosters. Few things demoralize, discourage, and weaken a church as much as bickering, backbiting and fighting among its members... Because of quarrelling, the Father is dishonored, the Son is disgraced, His people are demoralized and discredited, and the world is turned off and confirmed in unbelief. Fractured fellowship robs Christians of joy and effectiveness, robs God of glory, and robs the world of the true testimony of the gospel. A high price for an ego trip!”

~ John MacArthur

“Many of us [in the church] are like porcupines trying to huddle together on a bitter cold night to keep each other warm, but we continually poke and hurt each other the closer we get.”

~ Howard Hendricks

“Light entertainment, easy familiarity and jocularity are not compatible with a realization of the seriousness of the condition of the souls of all men by nature, the fact that they are lost and in danger of eternal perdition, and their consequent need of salvation. Not only that, such methods cannot bring out the Truth; and our business is to preach the Truth. These methods may affect people psychologically and in other respects, and they may lead to ‘decisions’; but our object is not merely to get decisions, it is to bring people to a knowledge of the Truth.”

~ Martyn-Lloyd Jones

“No verse of Scripture yields its meaning to lazy people.”

~ Arthur W. Pink

**Portrait of a Faithful
Christ-Follower: Approved Worker
II Timothy 2:14-18, 23**

Big Truth of this Series: The apostle Paul encourages and warns Timothy and all believers to follow, entrust, and be always ready to proclaim God’s Word with confidence and joy as days of difficulty lie ahead.

Big Truth of Today’s Message: We must continually be reminded of and do our best to handle with great accuracy God’s Word, avoiding meaningless and destructive “word warring” and pursuing being God-approved workers in the Word.

The wrong way to handle God’s Word:

v. 14 - Don’t quarrel about words. It does no good and ruins hearers.

v. 16-18 - Avoid irreverent chatter. It spreads like cancer and leads people to ungodliness.

v. 23 - Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies. They breed quarrels.

The right way to hand God’s Word:

v. 15 - As an approved worker in the Word:

1. Be diligent.

2. Be accountable.

3. Be faithful.

4. Be competent.