

**“A Fruitful Church Worships Christ:
Seeking a Sense of God to Sustain Us for Life”**

Various Texts

Where We’ve Been. . .

- A fruitful church will be committed to sharing all of Christ, with all people, for all of life.
- A fruitful church will prioritize worshiping Christ over working for Christ.

Why Did You Gather for Worship Today?

- You should aim to **see** God.
 - True worship always involves **understanding** with your mind.

- You should aim to **savor** God.
 - True worship always involves **feeling** in your heart.

Why Preaching Is Essential to Worship. . .

- We see God through the faithful **explanation** of Scripture.

- We savor God through the jubilant **proclamation** of Scripture.

Benefiting from Preaching in Worship. . .

- You must grasp the **purpose** of preaching: to glorify God.
 - Preaching glorifies God by **declaring** the reign of God.

 - Preaching glorifies God by creating **glad** submission to the reign of God.

- You must grasp the **power** of preaching.
 - The **cross** of Christ.
 - The death of Jesus allows God to be **righteous** while forgiving those who refuse to delight in God.

 - The death of Jesus addresses the **pride** of humans who refuse to delight in God.

 - The **work** of the Holy Spirit.