Suggested Worship Order

May 24, 2020

(The activities and order are up to you!)

Open with a simple prayer of thanksgiving for daily divine mercies, acknowledging God's mighty faithfulness, asking for His forgiveness and for His blessing as you gather.

Read a passage of Scripture. Consider Psalm 71.

Sing a familiar hymn or song. Today you are invited to listen to or sing along with the musicians.

Watch or listen to the preaching. Here is an outline:

"Ministering at the Mountain Base"

Luke 9:37-45

- I. The Saving Presence of Jesus: Hope and Help Deployed, vv. 37-40.
 - A. A Scene of Desperate Human Need.
 - B. A Scene of Disappointed Human Failure.
- II. The Severe Pronouncement of Jesus: Unbelief and Perversity of Man Decried, v. 41.
- III. The Sympathetic Power of Jesus: Mercy and Majesty of God Displayed, v. 41b-43a.
 - A. A Marvelous Mercy.
 - B. A Magnificent Majesty.
- IV. The Sobering Prediction of Jesus: Hallelujahs and Handing-Over Determined, vv. 43b-45.
 - A. A Hard Truth.
 - B. A Hidden Majesty.

Sing a song when the sermon is over. A suggestion: *The Glory of the Cross,* Songbook #60.

Spend time in discussion or reflection on what you heard.

[Possible Discussion Questions]

- How would you summarize the main lesson of this passage?
- What is man's greatest need? What does the world say is our greatest need?
- Why are we who are saved, left to remain here? What are we here for?
- What is the spiritual condition of men without Christ?

- How are "unbelief" and "twisted" living related to one another? How is this manifested in these days?
- How was the "majesty of God" displayed in Jesus' healing of the demonized youth?
- What did Jesus want His own disciples to have "stuck in their minds"?
- Why didn't the disciples understand what Jesus said? What was their real problem?
- In what ways are we "unbelieving" either about who God is or how He works? In what areas do we find ourselves choosing our understanding or our will over His?
- How can we say that Jesus' death (the Cross) is really the "hidden glory" or "majesty" of God?
- What in this account made the greatest impression on you?
- What, if anything, are you challenged to do on account of this passage? Are you following Him?

Close with prayer, thanking God for His Word, asking Him to help you to understand, hold on to, and faithfully apply what you have heard.