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TODAY

Sun.	Oct. 25	9:00am	Prayer Group (Cedar Room - South Foyer)
Sun.	Oct. 25	9:00am	Spanish Bible Study (Acacia Room - South Foyer)
Sun.	Oct. 25	10:45am	Foundations Class (Acacia Room -South Foyer)
Sun.	Oct. 25	12:15pm	18/24 Young Adults (The Loft - North Foyer)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues.	Oct. 27	10:00am	Adult Bible Studies
Wed.	Oct. 28	6:30pm	Wednesday Night Ministries
Thurs.	Oct. 29	8:45am	MomLIFE
Sun.	Nov. 1	10:45am	ForeRunners Connection (Sycamore Room-North)
Sun.	Nov. 8	12:30pm	Student Ministry 2nd Sunday Event
Sun.	Nov. 8	6:00pm	18/24 Friendsgiving (North Cafe)
Wed.	Nov. 11	6:30pm	Student Ministry Feast Night (Worship Center)
Thur.	Nov. 12	11:00am	ForeRunners Thanksgiving Lunch (FK 1)
Sun.	Nov. 15	10:45am	Milestones Workshop-Salvation (Cypress Room)

For complete event details and registration, visit our website: fellowshipwaco.org/events or scan the QR code at right.

Need Assistance?

Visit the South Foyer Welcome Desk. Our team will be glad to help!

Need Coffee?

Visit our Café in the North Foyer. Our team is ready to serve you!

Need Prayer?

Prayer Team is available at the back of the Worship Center after each service.

Good Morning Fellowship!

Quick question for this morning: Have you spent this week preparing your heart and mind for the corporate gathering? Is there a weekly routine you practice preparing yourself to come into the house of the Lord for worship? This morning, we will take a deeper dive into Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 to gain a fuller understanding of how we can be best prepared to worship our Holy God together!

George Ohmstede, Associate Pastor

The Sunday Gathering: Preparing for Corporate Worship

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25

As we prepare the heart for corporate worship, we are instructed to...

_____ your _____ with _____ **v. 1**

"Sunday morning is a Saturday night decision…"

"Fruitful and acceptable worship begins before it begins" - Alexander Maclaren

_____ to _____ **v. 1-2**

The "sacrifice of fools" is played out when we leave the corporate worship gathering as an unchanged performer who refused to listen, yet made sure we were heard.

_____ _____ **Hebrews 10:24-25**

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As we prepare for the corporate gathering on Sunday, it is important we encourage others to prepare as well.

Action Points to Apply:

Monday

Review the sermon notes from Sunday with a time of prayer.

Tuesday

Invite your family into the preparation by asking them what they learned from Sunday with a time of prayer.

Wednesday

Read the book of the Bible or a chapter of the book of the Bible used for the sermon series.

Thursday

Begin to pray specifically for the corporate worship gathering coming up on Sunday.

Friday

Look over the Connection email, read the sermon passage, review the sermon notes, get an idea of where the sermon is going, ask for the Lord to prepare your heart and open your mind to listen and learn, use your prayer time to yearn for an attitude of worship.

Saturday

Begin early in the day preparing your heart and attitude; allow yourself to become excited for the opportunity to gather corporately; practice setting a time Saturday evening where you read the sermon passage and pray for an attitude of worship.

Be practical. Set your clothes out, iron them if needed. Do this for every family member; remind them again Sunday morning is coming and the need for rest is important; get up early enough so you can arrive at the church 15 minutes early. Why come 15 minutes early: fellowship, getting kids checked in, getting coffee, sitting in the sanctuary before worship for a time to still the heart.

Take Next Steps

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My personal application of this passage:

Questions for individual study and LIFE Groups:

1) Why did Solomon see the need to bring attention to and address preparing one's heart for worship? Do you see this same need in today's culture? How can the church assure we do not fall into this same religious checklist, but instead enter the worship center with prepared hearts and minds?

2) Take five minutes to make a list of weekly distractions that take away your preparation for Sunday worship. Think through the list and make an intentional plan to eliminate at least one distraction this week as you prepare for Sunday.

3) In verse 2 why does Solomon emphasize God is in Heaven and you are on earth? Why is this an important truth to realize and live by as you prepare for the corporate gathering?

4) In what way can you encourage another believer this week to prepare their heart for the Sunday worship gathering? Be intentional about the person and be specific in the way you can encourage them.

5) In the sermon, we were given a practical suggestion to help us prepare for Sunday throughout the week. Is this something you need to add to your weekly routine? If yes, pray through how you can incorporate it this week. If you already have a routine, please share with others how you prepare to guard your steps with reverence, gather to listen, and give encouragement to others.