

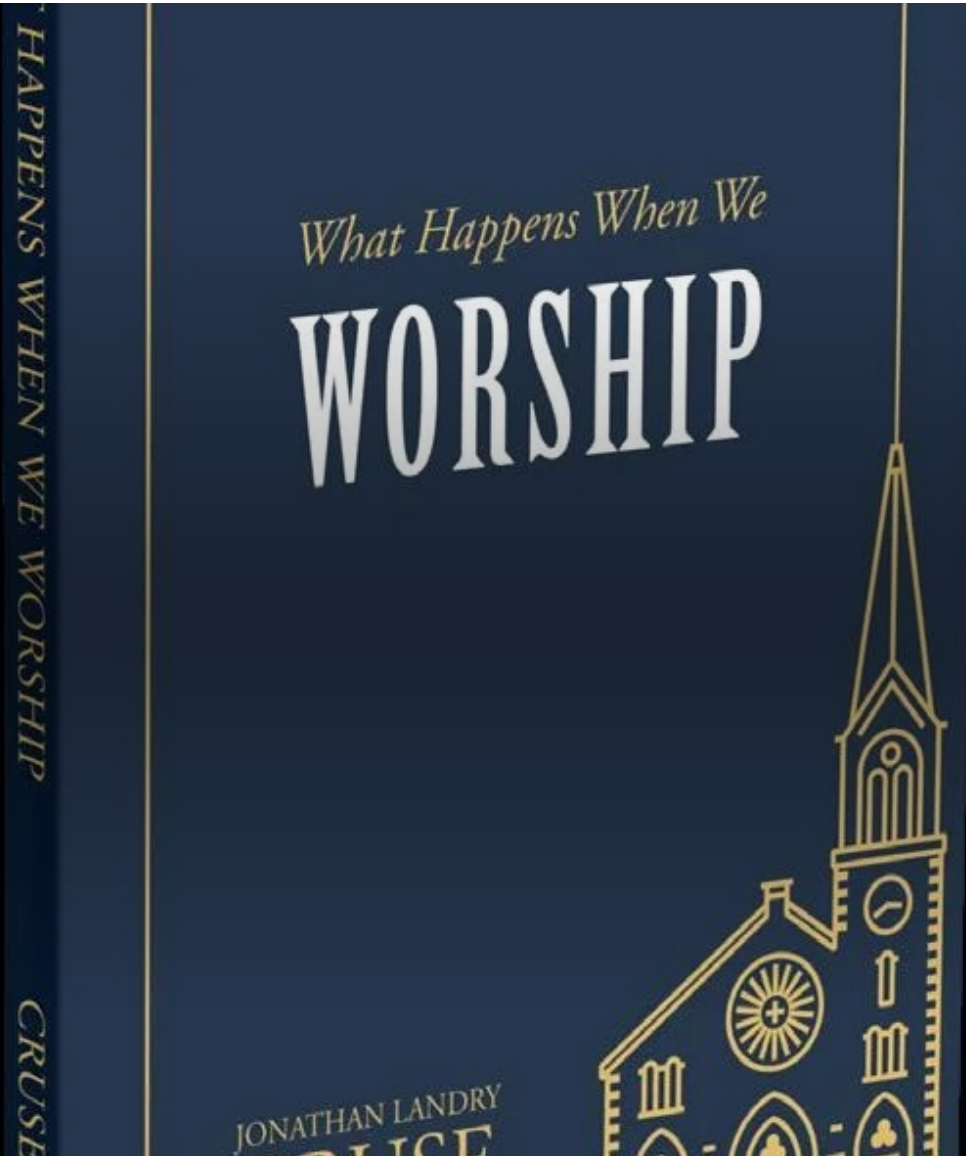


What Happens When We Worship (Ch. 8-15) by Jonathan Landry Cruse

BOOK OF THE MONTH - Westminster Presbyterian Church

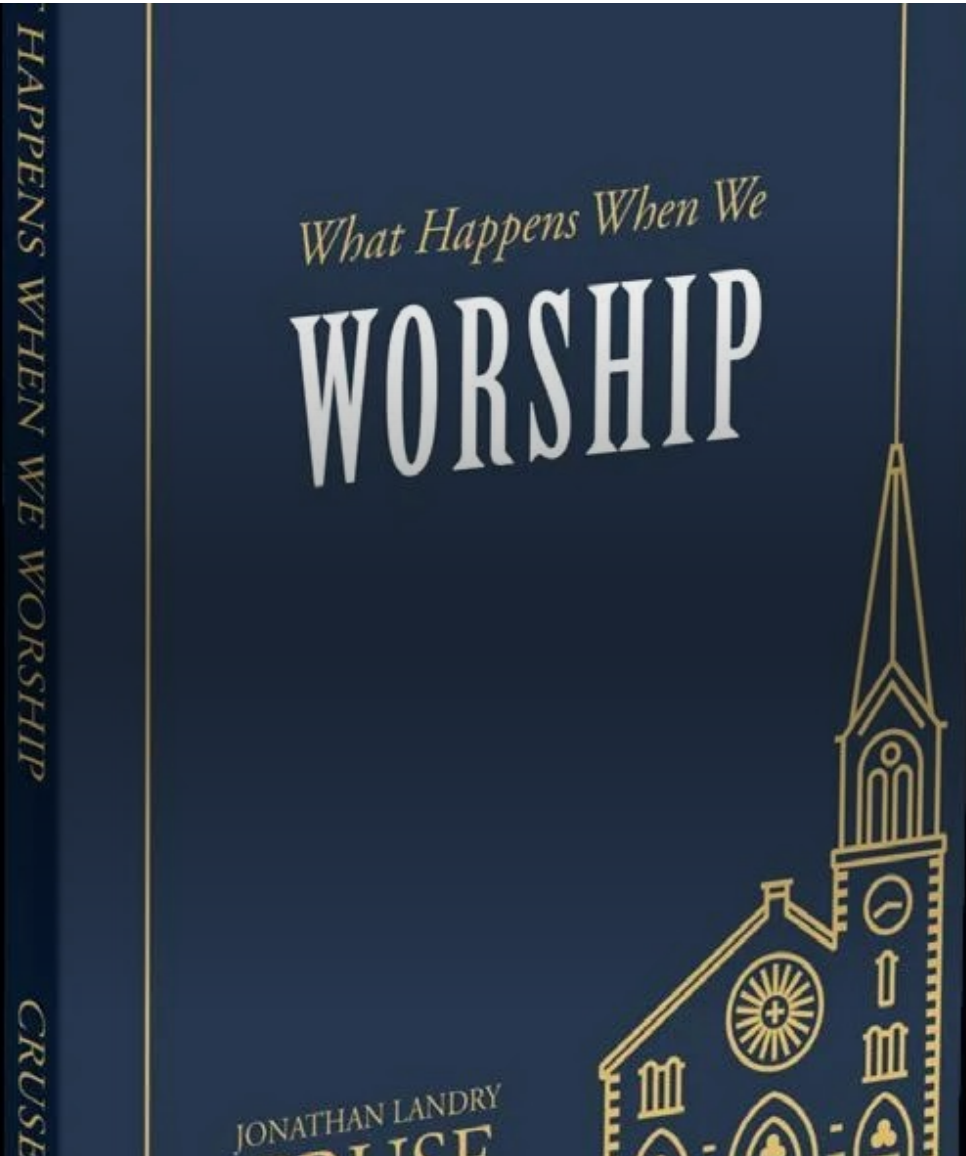
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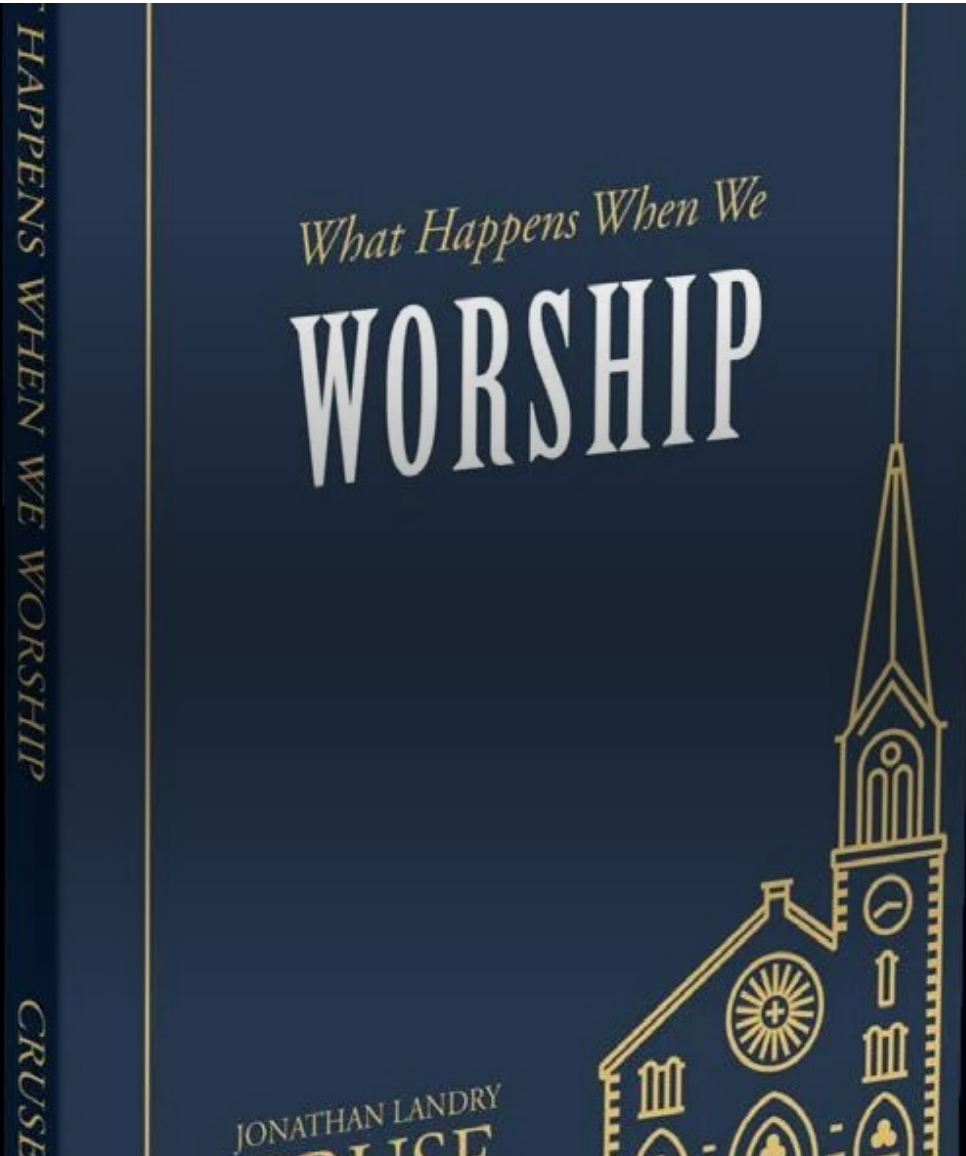
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- *"True worship occurs only when [a person, in his or her heart] actually meets with God and finds itself praising him for his love, wisdom, beauty, truth, holiness, compassion, mercy, grace, power, and all his other attributes." – James M. Boice*

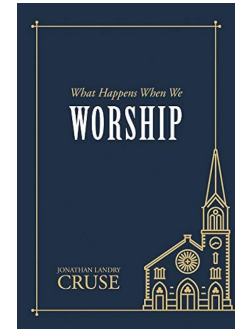


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- *Worship is the divinely-designed human response to God and his glory as revealed in creation and redemption. Worship occurs when redeemed sinners, fueled by the Spirit and in accord with God's Word, acknowledge, praise, adore, thank, and give themselves to God in self-forgetful devotion in the unbreakable bond of covenant fellowship in Christ.*



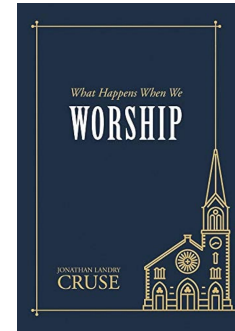
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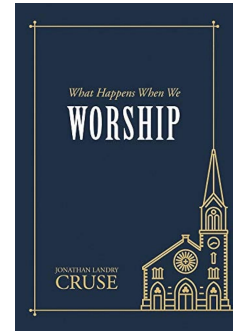


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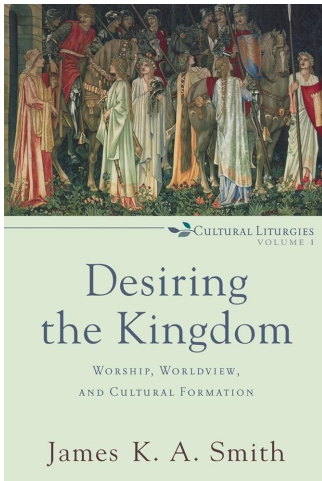
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1. We were created to worship.
2. God is seeking worshippers.
3. We will be worshipping God forever.
4. Worship is at the heart of the church's mission.

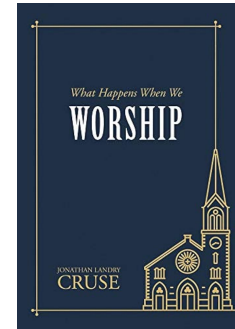


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James K.A. Smith: *"Christian liturgy functions as counter-formation."*
(*Desiring the Kingdom*, 88)

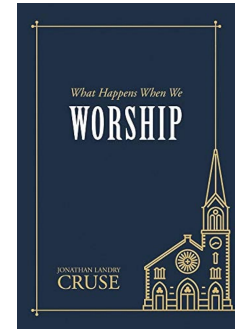


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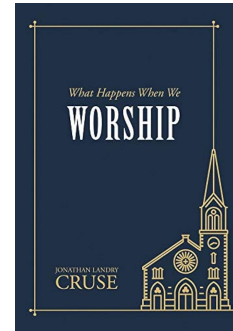
A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to his church the benefits of his mediation, are all his ordinances; especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for their salvation.



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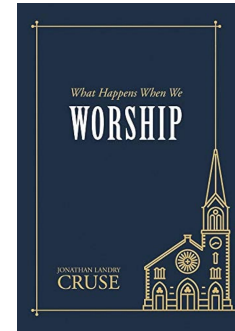
He CALLS us into His presence.
He CLEANSSES us by Christ's blood.
He CONSECRATES us with his Word.
He COMMUNES with us in love.
He COMMISSIONS us as His witnesses.



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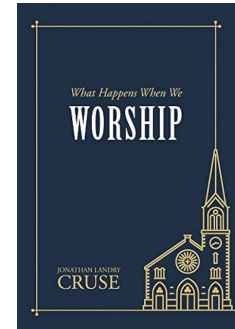
*"Put simply, **the regulative principle of worship** states that the corporate worship of God is to be founded upon specific directions of Scripture."* – Derek Thomas



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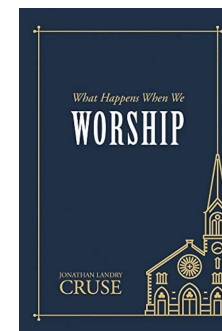
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- We Commune with the Saints (ch. 7)

1 Pet 2:4-5 - "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."



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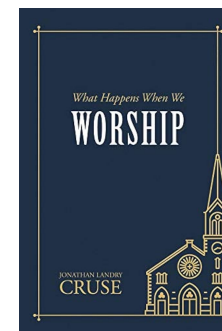
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The DIALOGICAL Principle

"The parts of worship are of two kinds: those which are performed on behalf of God, and those which are performed by the congregation."

"In the former the worshipers are receptive, in the latter they are active. It is reasonable that these two elements be made to alternate as far as possible." (OPC Directory for Worship, 3.1)



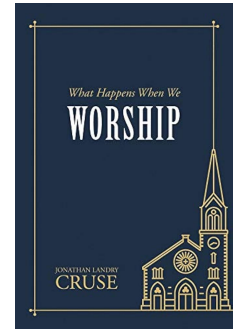
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Ex 34:6, 8 - "The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness ...' **And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.**"

Gen 8:15, 18 - "Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ 'Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you' ... **Then Noah built an altar to the Lord** and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar."



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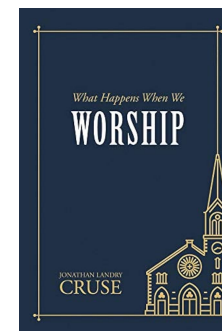
God comes to us.

→ *We recognize our need for Him.*

He atones for our sins and sanctifies us in the truth.

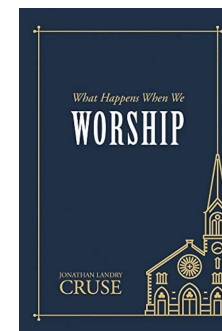
→ *We praise Him for his grace.*

He sends us out with His blessing!



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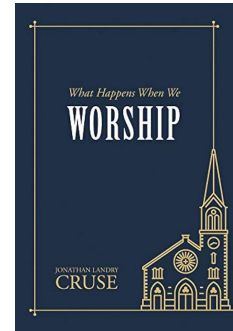


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John 4:23 – *“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”*

“The call to worship is not just a way to begin the service; it’s not even a way to reorient our minds to thinking of God, though it should do that. It is preeminently God through the minister calling His people into a covenantal relationship, a covenantal conversation.” (87)



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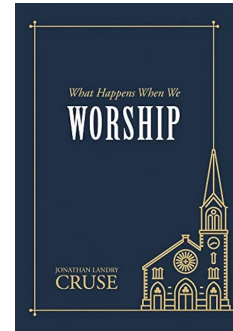
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Ps 100:4 – “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.”

Ps 29:2 – “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”

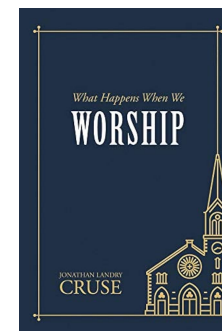
Ps 98:1 – “Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things.”

Matt 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”



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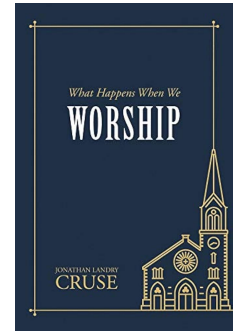
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Ps 51:15 – “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”

Zech 13:9 – “They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”

*“All of this is so that God might keep covenant with us. Though we are faithless covenant breakers, **He mercifully draws us in to be renewed and restored through worship.**” (90)*



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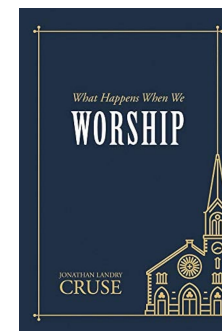
SONGS of PRAISE

Ps 100:4 – “Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”

Eph 5:19 – “... addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.”

RESPONSIVE READINGS of Scripture

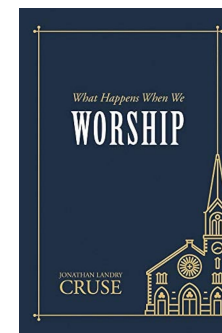
*“The biblical basis for this practice is that the Scriptures themselves tell us that the congregation should use appropriate words in its ministry to one another (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We usually think of our congregational singing in this regard, but **the Scriptures command us to ‘speak’ to one another as well as to sing to one another and to the Lord.**” – Rev. Bill Shishko*



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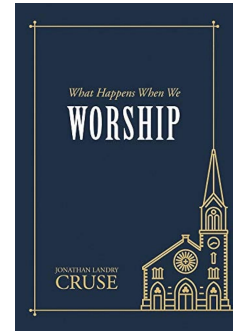
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"God commands that we meditate on His law and confess to Him our sins where we have fallen short (Rom 3:23). This should by no means be something we are ashamed to include in our liturgies. Rather, this is one of the high points of the service. Why?

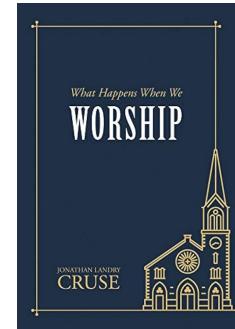
***Because once we confess our sins, we have the joy of hearing God's declaration of pardon ...** We hear the law, we confess our failure, but then we hear the gospel."* (94-95)



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SERMON – “Jesus Gets Up to Preach”

*“So what is happening in the sermon? Let me suggest this answer: by the power of the Holy Spirit, **Jesus speaks through His ordained servant, saving sinners by the spoken word to the glory of God.**” (108)*

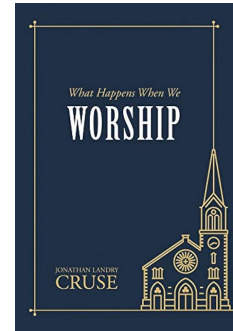


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Rom 10:14 – “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him [of] whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

Eph 2:13-14, 17-18 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace ... ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

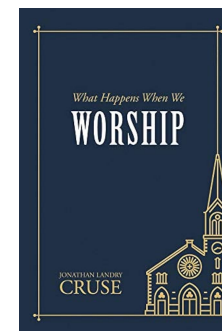


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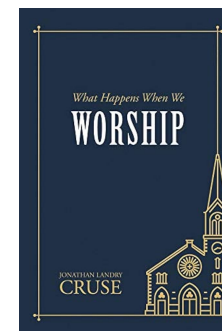
1 Thess 2:13 – “And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”

“The Reformers rightly believed that as they faithfully proclaimed God’s word week in and week out, it was God speaking, not them. That’s why preaching was so important back then and why it needs to be so important today. In preaching, the congregation hears God’s very relevant word to them.” (118)



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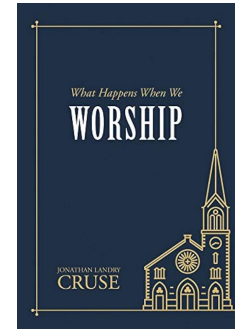


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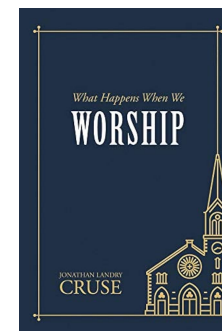
*“[A] meal is one of the most powerful ways to experience and exercise communion with someone. We know this innately. After all, why do first dates often take place at restaurants? Why do we host and attend dinner parties? Why is it a sign of affection and service to cook someone a meal? ... **There is nothing more fundamentally or powerfully communal than a meal.**” (123)*

*“Through the Lord’s Supper, **God’s Spirit strengthens our faith, hope, and love in the finished work of Jesus Christ as believers really and truly feast on Him.**” (124).*



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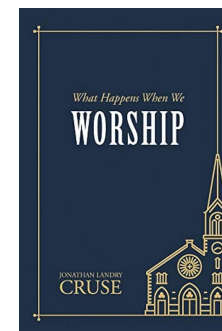


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Num 6:27 - *"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."*

"In the benediction, God blesses His people by confirming that His name is on them for good in Christ, and thereby strengthens them to serve Him in the week ahead." (142)



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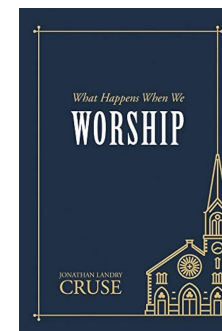
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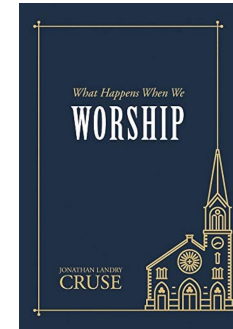
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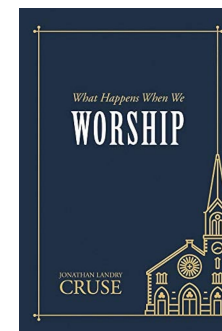


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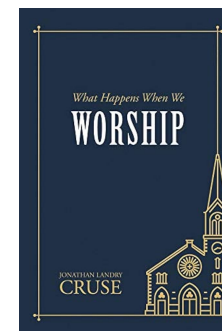
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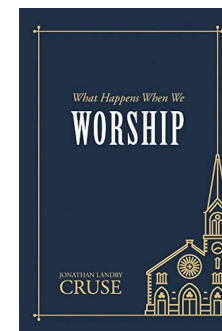
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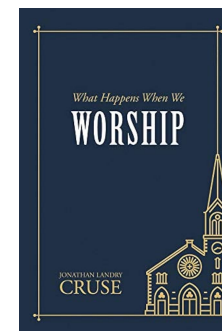
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5. Learn to linger.

