

**Worship Matters Video Intensive with Bob Kauflin**  
**Session 7: Effects of Leading: Gospel Community**  
**(From Chapters 14-15 of *Worship Matters*)<sup>1</sup>**  
**Outline & Discussion Questions**

**I. Motivating the Wrong Way**

**A. We can demand they respond**

**B. We can try to manipulate them into responding**

**C. We can project guilt to make them respond**

**II. Motivating the Right Way**

**A. Through our example**

*“Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces are never ashamed.”*  
- Psalm 34:5<sup>2</sup>

**B. Through our exhortations**

### C. Through our encouragement

*“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”*  
- Romans 8:29-30

### III. Building a Worshiping Community

*“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 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.”* - 1 Peter 2:4–5

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* - 1 Peter 2:9

### IV. Proclaiming the Gospel

- *The Gospel for Real Life* by Jerry Bridges
- *Living the Cross Centered Life* by C.J. Mahaney
- *The Gospel Primer* by Milton Vincent.
- *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott

### V. How the Gospel Helps Us

## A. People struggling with condemnation and guilt

*“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*  
- Romans 8:1

## B. Insecurity in God’s love now and in the future

*“I am sure (I am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, (that pretty much covers it) will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* - Romans 8:37-39

## C. Broken relationships and bitterness

*“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”* - Colossians 3:12–13

## D. Indwelling sin

*“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”* - Galatians 5:24

## E. Fear of death

*“When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’”* - 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

## **VI. Telling of His Salvation**

*“Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.” - Psalm 96:2*

**A. Clear**

**B. Consistent**

**C. Compelling**

**Session 7 Discussion Questions:**

1. In the recent past, what would a successful meeting look like in your mind?
2. Describe your experience with leading people while trying to worship God. What should the relationship between the two look like?
3. What false things are our hearts proclaiming as we come into church?
4. What are ways you can proclaim the gospel to yourself prior to Sunday service?
5. How can you proclaim the gospel more clearly and personally to your church as you lead them in singing?
6. **GROUP EXERCISE:** Provide a Scripture verse, a song, and a 1-2 sentence exhortation that connects the gospel to each of the following human struggles:
  - a. Struggling with condemnation/guilt
  - b. Insecurity in God's love now and in the future
  - c. Broken relationships and bitterness
  - d. Indwelling sin
  - e. Fear of death

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