

SERVING FUTURE GENERATIONS

- Bob Kauflin -
Ps. 78:1-8

I. INTRO

- A. During Transitions, what is our source of unity? The Gospel.

Eph. 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

- B. A transition is taking place right now. whether or not we're aware of it. The question is, what are we doing about it?
- C. As transitions occur from one generation to the next, we must grasp the distinction between what can change and what can't.
- D. Worshiping God is an intergenerational event.

Our understanding and practice of worshipping God today can help or hinder those who worship God tomorrow.

- E. How do we serve future generations?

II. Biblically

- A. View of God

All true worship is a response to the **self-revelation** of God in Christ and Scripture, and arises from our reflection on who He is and what He has done....The worship of God is evoked, informed, and inspired by the vision of God....The true knowledge of God will always lead us to worship... Our place is on our faces before Him in adoration." (John Stott, Authentic Christianity)

- B. Centrality of the Cross

The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. So the community of the cross is a community of celebration, a eucharistic community, ceaselessly offering to God through

Christ the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving. The Christian life is an unending festival. And the festival we keep, now that our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, is a joyful celebration of his sacrifice, together with a spiritual feasting upon it. In this celebratory feast we are all participants. But what is it that we share in? Not in the offering of Christ's sacrifice, nor even in the movement of it, but only in the benefits he achieved by it. For this costly sacrifice, and for the precious blessings it has won for us, we shall never cease, even in eternity, to honor and adore the Lamb. (John Stott, The Cross of Christ)

C. Spirit empowered and enabled

III. Intentionally

A. Modeling

B. Mentoring

1. Especially the responsibility of pastors and worship leaders.
2. Mentoring involves spiritual as well as musical training.
3. Help develop humble discernment.
4. Find ways to train them musically.

IV. Humbly

A. Humility towards those who have gone before us. *Vs. 3 things that we have heard and known, that our father have told us.*

Pluralism is not just choosing among present practices; pluralism should reach back and look ahead. The obsession with the immediately relevant precludes both, and it can be argued that losing a sense of history is a sign that there is no true vision for the future, just a repetition of the present. “ Harold Best, Music Through the Eyes of Faith

1. Those who are no longer living.
2. Those who are still living, but older.

B. Towards those who will come after us.

V. Application

A. Who am I worshipping?

B. Who am I learning from?

C. Who am I influencing?

VI. Conclusion