

Lutheran Worship

Study Guide

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Lutheran Worship is an online *DeafPah!* course that helps prepare church members to serve in their congregation's ministry. You may download the video lessons and this study guide for free from deafjesus.org.

The textbook for this course is *Worship Is: Celebrating as Lutherans*, by Walter M. Schoedel and David W. Christian (CPH, 1990), which may order from cph.org or amazon.com.

Start saving copies of your church's Sunday worship bulletins. You will need them to answer questions in Chapter 2.

While you watch the videos, take notes. At the end of each video lesson, reinforce what you have learned by answering the questions in this study guide.

Now please watch video lesson #1, and then answer the study guide questions and share your answers with your mentor.

CHAPTER 1 – WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

LESSON 1 – Meaning of the Word “Worship”

Read: *Worship is...*, page 1

1. The English word WORSHIP combines two ideas:

a) _____

b) _____

2. The Old Testament Hebrew word for “worship” means what? _____

3. The New Testament Greek word for “worship” means what?

a) _____

b) _____

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4. Which sentence is true?
- ____ (a) In worship, God talks to us in His Word.
- ____ (b) In worship, We talk to God in our prayer.
- ____ (c) BOTH of those sentences are true.

LESSON 2 – God Begins Our Worship

1. In worship God talks to us, how?

2. In worship God tells us what?

Note: These verses are all from the letter of 1ST John, NOT the Gospel of John.

(a) 1 John 1:9 _____

(b) 1 John 2:1-2 _____

(c) 1 John 3:1 _____

(d) 1 John 4:9-10 _____

LESSON 3 – We Touch God in Worship

Read: *Worship is...*, page 3

1. Read Psalm 95:6-7 We worship God, why? _____

2. Read John 14:6 We worship God, how? _____

3. Read Hebrews 10:25 We worship God, where? _____

4. Draw lines to match the Bible verses that explain these sentences:

We worship God in our MIND.

Psalm 130:1-2

We worship God from our HEART.

Mark 12:30

We worship God with our BODY.

1 Corinthians 6:20

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5. Read Matthew 2:1-12 The Wise Men worshipped Jesus, how? _____

6. Read Mark 12:41-44 The widow worshipped God, how? _____

LESSON 4 – A.C.T.S. of Worship

Read: *Worship is...*, page 4

Read: *Worship is...*, pages 17 - 19

1. In worship, GOD ACTS, how?

A) _____

C) _____

T) _____

S) _____

2. In worship, the BELIEVER ACTS, how?

A) _____

C) _____

T) _____

S) _____

3. Read Luke 17:11-19 The Samaritan leper worshipped Jesus, how? _____

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LESSON 5 – Worship is Confession

Note: CONFESS means TELL something that is true.

1. Read 1 John 1:8-9 We confess our sins to whom? _____
 2. Read James 5:16 We confess our sins to whom? _____
 3. Read Romans 10:9-11 We confess our faith in whom? _____
 4. Read Matthew 5:16 We confess our faith to whom? _____
 5. Read Luke 5:4-11 In verse 8, Peter worshipped Jesus, how? _____
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LESSON 6 - Worship is Conversation

1. Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 In worship, God tells us, what? _____
 2. Read Psalm 105:1-4 In worship, we tell God, what? _____

 3. Read Luke 2:8-20
 - a) In verses 13-14, the angels worshipped God, how? _____
 - b) In verses 17-18, the shepherds worshipped God, how? _____
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LESSON 7 – Worship is Celebration

1. Read 1 Corinthians 6:20 What should we do with our bodies? _____
 2. Read Luke 2:25 Simeon worshipped God, why? _____
 3. Read Matthew 4:8-10 Jesus told Satan that we must do two things:
 - a) We must _____ God only.
 - b) We must _____ God only.
 4. Read Acts 2:42-47 The first Christians worshipped God, how? _____

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CHAPTER 2 – THE LITURGY

LESSON 8 – The Seven Parts of Worship

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, page 7

NOTE: The Liturgy text for this course is from the 1982 CPH blue hymnal - Lutheran Worship. The hymnal that most LCMS hearing churches are now using is Lutheran Service Book. The liturgies are the same; only the page numbers are different.

1. What is LITURGY? _____
2. Most parts of the liturgy originally (first) came from where? _____
3. What are the seven parts of worship?
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 - (4) _____
 - (5) _____
 - (6) _____
 - (7) _____
4. What are things that we can do to get ready for worship?

LESSON 9 – The Service of Preparation

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, page 8

1. What are the three sections of the worship service?
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
 - (c) _____

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2. What is the INVOCATION that begins a worship service? _____

3. Read John 20:23.
 - a) During the worship service, the pastor says, “I _____ your sins.”
 - b) Here the pastor is speaking for whom? _____
4. What does the word ABSOLUTION mean? (If you don’t know, you may look in a dictionary.)

LESSON 10 – The Service of the Word (Part 1)

Read: *Worship is...*, page 9

1. Why is Bible reading always an important part of our worship services? _____

2. The INTROIT usually comes from what part of the Bible? _____
3. a) The Latin word KYRIE means what? _____
b) What is the KYRIE prayer (in English)? _____

LESSON 11 – The Service of the Word (Part 2)

Read: *Worship is...*, pages 10-11

Look at bulletins from your church’s Sunday worship to answer these questions:

1. How many Bible lessons (Scripture readings) does your church normally have during worship? (1, 2, or 3?) _____
2. Write a check or “X” in front of the Bible lessons that you find in your worship bulletin:

_____ The First Lesson	_____ Old Testament Lesson
_____ The Second Lesson	_____ New Testament Lesson
_____ Epistle Lesson	_____ Gospel Lesson

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3. Who reads those Bible lessons in your church? (Pastor only? Lay Reader and Pastor?)

4. Which Creed do you say/sign during your church's worship:

_____ The Apostles' Creed

_____ The Nicene Creed

5. Who leads the Creed in your church? (Pastor? Lay Reader?) _____

6. Some churches use the Athanasian Creed on one special Sunday. Which Sunday?

LESSON 12 – Service of the Sacrament (Part 1)

Read: *Worship is...*, pages 11-12

1. What is the name of the Sacrament that members of the church receive during worship?

2. What are other names for this Sacrament?

3. Explain how (or why) our gifts and offerings are an act of worship to God.

4. We find Jesus' words of institution for the Lord's Supper in which books of the Bible?

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

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5. In the Lord's Supper we receive bread and wine. We also receive what?

LESSON 13 – Service of the Sacrament (Part 2)

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, page 13

1. Jesus said to His Disciples, "Peace be with you." When?

2. "Agnus Dei" means what? _____

3. "Agnus Dei" means who? _____

4. Jesus is like a lamb that was sacrificed in Old Testament worship. Explain.

5. When we go to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper, the pastor tells us what (*before* he gives us the Lord's Supper)?

6. The word "benediction" means what? _____

CHAPTER 3 – SYMBOLS OF WORSHIP

Lesson 14 – Why Symbols? / Symbols of the Holy Trinity

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, pages 25-26

1. Jesus often used picture words to describe Himself. Name some of those picture words for Jesus:

(a) John 6:35 _____

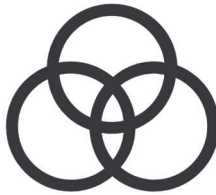
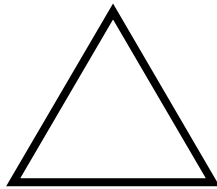
(b) John 8:12 _____

(c) John 10:9 _____

(d) John 10:11 _____

(e) John 15:5 _____

2. These are various symbols for God. Why?



Lesson 15 – Symbols for God the Father & God the Son

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, pages 26-28



1. This is a symbol for (check one)

___ God the Father

___ God the Son

___ God Holy Spirit

Why? _____

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2. **IHS** is a symbol for (check one)

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God Holy Spirit

Why? _____



3. This is a symbol for (check one)

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God Holy Spirit

Why? _____



4. This is a symbol for (check one)

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God Holy Spirit

Why? _____

Lesson 16 – Other Symbols of God

Read: *Worship is...*, pages 28-29



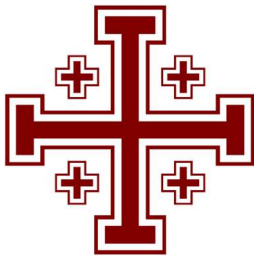
1. This cross is (check one)

- a French Cross
- a Celtic Cross
- a Crucifix

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2. This is an **empty** cross. What special meaning does that have for Christians?



3. This is a **Jerusalem** cross. The four little crosses mean what?



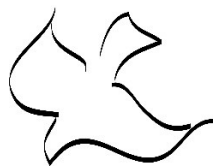
4. Bread is a symbol for Jesus. Why?



5. The butterfly is a symbol for Jesus. Why?



6. The lamb is a symbol for Jesus. Why?



7. The dove is a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Why?

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7. The flame of fire is a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Why?

Lesson 17 – Evangelists & Apostles

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, pages 30-32



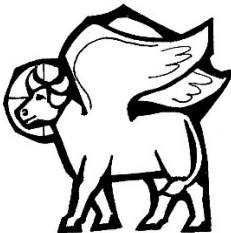
1. The winged lion is a symbol for (check one)

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John



2. The eagle is a symbol for (check one)

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John



3. The winged ox (bull cow) is a symbol for (check one)

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John



4. The winged man is a symbol for (check one)

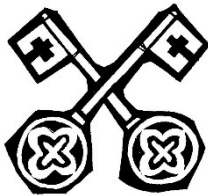
- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

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5. These four word pictures that we use to symbolize the four Gospel writers come from which two books of the Bible?

- (a) _____
(b) _____



6. Keys are a symbol for St. Peter. why?



7. Money bags are another symbol for St. Matthew. Why?



8. Loaves of bread are in the symbol for St. Philip. Why?

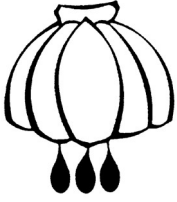
Lesson 18 – Symbols for the Means of Grace and the Church

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, pages 32-33

1. The Bible suggests several word-pictures as symbols for God’s Word.

- (a) Psalm 119:105 _____
(b) Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17 _____
(c) Jeremiah 36:1-2 _____
(d) Isaiah 58:1 _____

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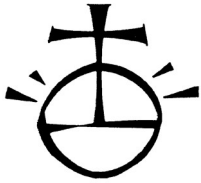
2. This picture is a symbol for which sacrament?



3. This picture is a symbol for which sacrament?



4. This picture is a symbol for the Church. Why? (Hint: See John 15:5)



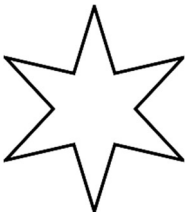
5. This picture is a symbol for the Church. Why?



6. A ship is a symbol for the Church. Why?

Lesson 19 – Other Symbols

☐ Read: *Worship is...*, pages 33-34



1. The six points of this star symbolize what?

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2. Two candles on the altar symbolize what?



3. A seven-candle candelabra symbolizes what?



4. What does this fish symbolize?



7. What does IXΘΥΣ (ICHTHUS) mean?



8. What does this crown symbolize?



9. Martin Luther explained the meaning of his seal:

- (a) Cross in the heart _____
- (b) White rose _____
- (c) Blue background _____
- (d) Gold circle _____

CHAPTER 4 – THE CHURCH YEAR

Lesson 20 – The Church is Community

Read: *Worship is...*, pages 51-52

1. Explain the connection between our personal worship to God and our church family.

2. This lessons said, “Each Sunday is like a little Easter.” Explain what that means.

3. Read Romans 12:1-8 What do these verses teach us about our responsibilities in church life?

Lesson 21 – The Festival Half of the Church Year

Read *Worship is...*, page 52

Look in your church’s hymn book, the front section which has information about the church year.

(Red hymn book) *Lutheran Service Book*, page x

(Blue hymn book) *Lutheran Worship*, pages 8-9

(Green hymn book) *Lutheran Book of Worship*, page 9

1. The first half of the church focuses on what? _____

2. The focus of the Advent season is what?

(a) _____

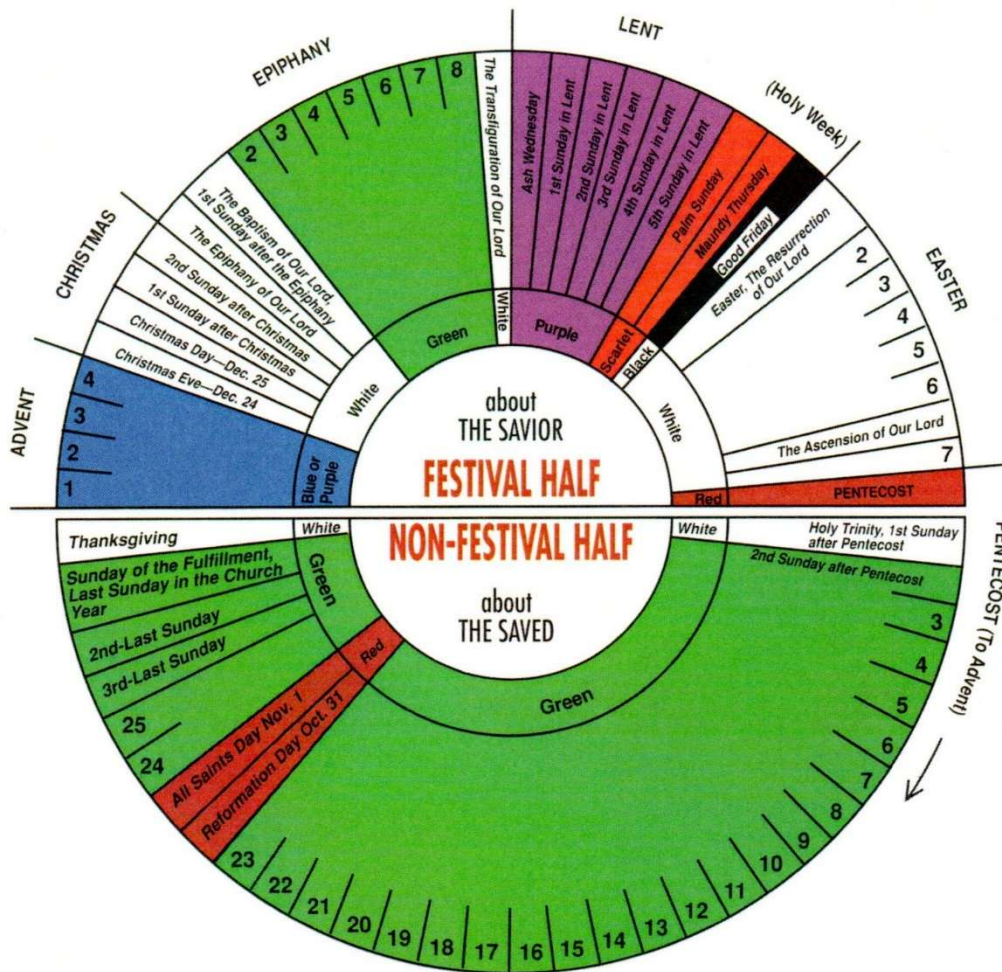
(b) _____

3. The Advent season has how many Sundays? _____

4. What important holiday happens at the end of the Advent season? _____

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5. The Day of Epiphany celebrates what event in Jesus' life? _____

6. Find the Gospel Lesson for the First Sunday after Epiphany. That story is about what?

7. What day begins season of Lent? _____
8. What day ends the season of Lent? _____
9. Easter celebrates what event in Jesus' life? _____
10. What happened in Jesus' life 40 days after Easter? _____

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Lesson 22 – The Church Half of the Church Year (The Pentecost Season)

1. What day begins the second half of the church year? _____
2. Explain the difference between the Festival Half of the Church Year and the second half.

3. Find the first Sunday after Pentecost in your hymn book (*or in the Church Year chart.*) That Sunday focuses on what?

CHAPTER 5 – WHERE WE WORSHIP: HISTORY

Chapter numbers that appear in the video captions refer to the book *Where We Worship*, by Walter C. Huffman and S. Anita Shauffer (published jointly by the, ALC, LCA, and LCMS in 1987). This book is no longer in print. However, the video and study guide have all the important information you need to do these lessons.

Lesson 23 - A Holy Place for a Holy People

1. The design (plan) of our worship space shows how we feel about God. Explain that, and give examples.

2. As a group of Christians plan their worship space, what things should most important? Why?

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Lesson 24 – Worship Places in the Bible

1. After the people of Israel escaped from Egypt, God gave them a plan for their first worship place. (Exodus 25 – 27; 36 – 38). What kind of place was it?

2. Explain how King David and his son Solomon tried to honor God in the way they designed the first Jewish temple in Jerusalem. (1 Chronicles 22; 28; 29; 2 Chronicles 3 – 4)

3. That temple was destroyed. The people of God learned an important lesson about places to worship God. What did they learn?

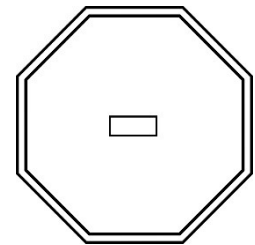
If you have study Bible with maps and pictures, find a drawing of the Old Testament Tabernacle and Jerusalem Temple. You may also find them on the Internet.

Lesson 25 – The First Christian Churches

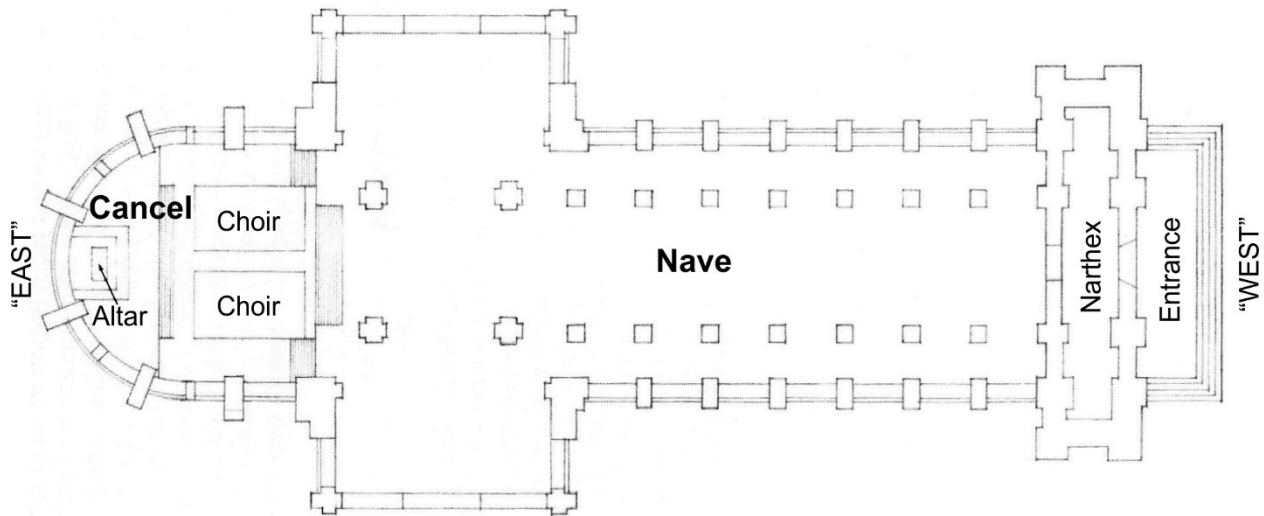
1. During the first 300 years, Christians met for worship in their homes. Often they met for worship in secret places. Why?

2. In the year AD 313, something important happened that changed the ways and places that Christians met for worship. What happened?

3. A *martyria* was a 8-sided building where Christians buried and honored their pastors and missionaries who died for their faith (the *martyrs*). Later they copied the design of the *martyria* for a room near their church buildings that they used for what special purpose?



Lesson 26 – Middle Ages & Reformation



1. During the Middle Ages, how did the design of church buildings change?

2. Churches built during the Middle Ages had two main parts. What are these parts?

(a) _____

(b) _____

3. Look in a dictionary to find the old meaning of the word "nave." _____

4. Churches built during the Middle Ages had a big problem that affected the way people worshipped. What was that problem?

5. The Reformation changed the way people worshipped. This led to changes in the church buildings. Explain.

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Lesson 27– Modern Designs

Read *Worship is...*, pages 54-58

1. Describe some of the changes in church designs built during the Enlightenment period.

2. Describe some of the changes in church designs built now in modern times.

3. What are the reasons for these changes?

CHAPTER 6 - WHERE WE WORSHIP: PURPOSE
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Lesson 28 – Worship Life

The focus of our worship includes God’s Word, especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Sacraments. Explain how our worship space helps us in that focus:

1. God’s Word _____

2. The Gospel of Jesus Christ _____

3. Baptism _____

4. The Lord’s Supper _____

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Lesson 29 – The Place of Baptism

1. Old Lutheran church buildings have a small baptismal font in front on the side. New church buildings often have a large baptismal font in the back of the church.

Explain the reason for these change. _____

2. Describe other changes in the design of the baptismal font (mentioned in the video).

3. Where is the baptismal font in your church? _____

4. Is the baptismal font in your church always kept filled with water? ...or is it normally empty or covered except when there is a baptism?

Lesson 30 – The Place of the Word

1. Jewish Synagogues show respect for God's Word, how?

2. When in history did the pulpit become an important feature in our worship space?

Lesson 31 – The Place of the Meal

1. The stone altars of the early church were where?

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2. During the Middle Ages, church altars were built against the wall. That is a problem. Why?

3. We often call the Lord's Supper "*Holy Communion*." What is the connection between the words "communion" and "community"?

4. During the Lord's Supper we have communion with whom?

(a) _____

(b) _____

Lesson 32 – A Comfortable Place

1. What concerns do Deaf people have in a comfortable, helpful worship place?

2. A large, attractive narthex (room between the building entrance and worship room) is helpful for worship. Why?

Lesson 33 – A Flexible and Unified Place

1. Is the worship space of your church flexible? Or is everything set in one place?

2. What are some benefits of movable furnishings in our worship space? (If your church has movable furnishings, describe changes in their arrangement that you have seen.)

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Lesson 34 – A Beautiful Place

1. Describe some thing that make your church’s worship space a beautiful place that honor God and help people worship Him.

2. If you could make some improvements to improve your church’s worship space, what are those changes?

3. Sometimes Christians have a problem when the visit churches that have a very fancy worship space. Why?

CHAPTER 7 – THE GOSPEL SIGN

Lesson 35 – The Incarnation

1. *The Incarnation of Christ* means what?

2. Our worship place show’s Christ’s incarnation, how?

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Lesson 36 – Redemption & Sanctification

1. Our church worship place help us experience the Gospel of salvation, how?

2. Our church worship place help us experience God's power for a holy life, how?

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FINAL EXAM

Please copy these questions to your email program or text editor. Then write full complete answers.

1. Worship liturgy is often people's idea of our only responsibility and right before God.
 - a. What are the important Christian rights and responsibilities included in our liturgy and worship?
 - b. What are some other Christian rights and responsibilities not included in our Sunday morning worship? Example: we can pray at home.
2. From three churches in your area (any denomination):
 - a. Explain what kind of architecture you believe they have.
 - b. How does the architecture show God's beauty and love for your community?
 - c. How does the architecture not show God's beauty and love for your community?
3. From three churches in your area (any denomination):
 - a. Explain what kind of furnishings they use, i.e., baptismal font, altar and pulpit.
 - b. How do the furnishings show God's beauty and love for members worshiping in their churches?
 - c. How does it not show God's beauty and love for members worshiping in their churches?