

Message Based Discussion

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Reading: Psalm 50:7-23

What did you like about this message?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this message teach you about people?

What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Solomon writes, "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God." I wonder how often we look at coming to Sunday worship in this manner? How many of you approach your daily worship in this manner? Solomon's cry is for us to take God more seriously. How do you, in your life, words, and deeds demonstrate that you are taking God seriously?

The Call to Missional Living

There's nothing that bothers me more than to hear the Lord's name used as a swear word. What's even worse, though, is to hear a professing believer do as much. Who is God to you? In what manner do you revere and fear Him as Creator Almighty? Are you satisfied with saying that you never use the Lord's name as a swear word? Wouldn't it be more satisfying for the world to see you lift His name up in honor and glory?

Pray

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Superficial *adj.* shallow; not profound or thorough; external or outward; insubstantial or insignificant

1. Superficial worship (vs. 1-3)

- Sacrifices (v. 1)

- Prayer (v. 2-3)

2. Superficial Commitment (vs. 4-7)

- When you vow (v. 4)
- If you vow (v. 5-6a)
- Results of unpaid vows (v. 6b-7)

3. Living beyond the sun

- Dependable Worship
- Complete Commitment