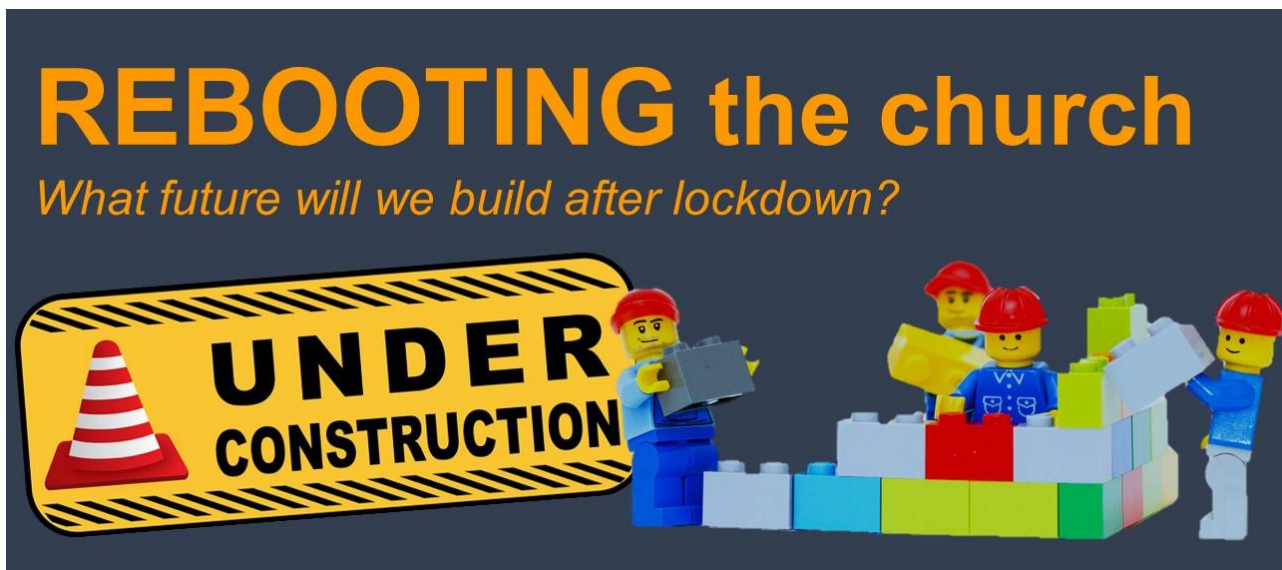


Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 11th July 2021



Week 2 – A WORSHIPPING CHURCH

Psalm 96, Romans 12: 1-2 & 9-21

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/1JVec8s0hI4>
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Psalm 96 New International Version - UK

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns.' The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Romans 12:1-2 New International Version - UK

A living sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:9-21 New International Version - UK

Love in action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:
 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
 if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
 In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good

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Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. How would you describe what worship is to someone new to the church?
3. Looking at the Romans passages:

v1-2

- a) What is true the worship (GNB), or the spiritual act of worship (NIV) that you should offer?
- b) What does this mean in practical terms?
- c) Why is being transformed important? What helps us to be open to being transformed?

v9-20

- a) Which of these qualities do you feel are important for you as an individual and for Clarence Park Baptist Church?
 - b) Many of these qualities will be expressed beyond the community of faith – is this still worship? Why?
4. Looking to the week ahead, what might you struggle with (so others pray for you) that will hinder your everyday life being lived as worship?

Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.