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If a seminary graduate is of average gifts, we think he should pastor a church. If he has above-average gifts, we think he should pastor a large church. But if he has exceptional gifts, we think he should teach in seminary. I say in schools of theology that this is not the way it should be.

In my view, the worst should teach, the more gifted men should pastor churches, and the very best should be missionaries. Paul and Barnabas were the best and they were missionaries.

—James Boice

The Father Who Sends Workers To Seek Worshippers

Scripture for Meditation

3 John 5–8

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

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Hymn of Praise: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Refrain:

*He shall reign in glory, crowned with grace and might;
Bless His name and praise our sovereign King.
He shall reign forever with His chosen Bride,
And all the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King.*

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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Hymn of Victory: *Let Your Kingdom Come*

Your glorious cause, O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come.

Chorus:

Let Your kingdom come

Let Your will be done

So that everyone might know Your Name

Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth

Till Your sovereign work on earth is done

Let Your kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your gospel
Till our dying breath.

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Prayer of Blessing — Tom Bastoni

Testimony — Pastor David Schwingle

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children's classes downstairs.

Hymn of Delight: *Let the Nations Be Glad*

Let the glory of the Lord
Forever be our joy
May redemption be the theme of our song

For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

Refrain:

*Let the nations be glad
Let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad!*

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing oceans, suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life.

As Your holy church goes forth
In the Holy Spirit's pow'r
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim
Now we pray, "Your Kingdom come"
And we pray, "Your will be done"
For the honor and the glory of Your name.

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Responsive Reading: *Revelation 5:6–14*

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Challenge to the Church — Pastor Brad Baugham

Hymn of Confession: *Our Great Savior*

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me
whole.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in
Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my
vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll;
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my
soul.

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1859-1918

Prayer of Corporate Confession — Gary Mattson

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly
about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 1:16*

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Courage: *O Church, Arise*

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,

This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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Hymn of Dependence: *Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God,
Help us to receive;
Break the hard and stony ground,
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us,
Cause it to bear fruit;
Open up our ears to hear,
Lead us in Your truth.

Chorus:

*Show us Christ, show us Christ!
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word,
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
Freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul;
Come speak to us today.

Bridge:

Where else can we go, Lord?

Where else can we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Where else can we go, Lord?

Where else can we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

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Challenge to the Garcias — Pastor Doug Payne
The Branch Church (Corvallis, Oregon)

Prayers of Commissioning & Laying on of Hands:
EBC Elders

Closing Hymn: *Is He Worthy?*

Congregational Responses:

We do. . . .

It is. . . .

He is. . . .

He does. . . .

He is. . . .

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Benediction

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

Ministers

The congregation at large

Pastors

Jonathan Bastoni
Brad Baugham
Will Coen
Jared Garcia
Rhett Gieck
David Schwingle

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