**Sunday, September 18, 2011**

**Welcome** - Greg Snow

**Call to Worship** – Psalm 95 (*Source: The Open Sourcebook* )

**Worship Leader**

Come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come to him with thanksgiving.
Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

**Congregation**
For the Lord is a great God,
a great King above all gods.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

*Our God reveals himself to us as the perfect King, Jesus, who leads us now in worshiping God the Father.
Let’s join our King in worship by lifting ou*r *voices!*

**Songs of Praise** *–* And Can It Be; Before the Throne of God Above

**What Is That To You…You Follow Me!**

After his resurrection from the dead, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. He answered yes three times. Then Jesus told Peter how he would die—apparently by crucifixion. Peter wondered about how it would go with John. So he asked Jesus, "What about this man?" Jesus brushed off the question and said, "What is that to you? You follow me!" Here's the whole interchange from John 21:18-22.

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"*

Jesus' blunt words—"None of your business, follow me"—are sweet to my ears. They are liberating from the depressing bondage of fatal comparing. That's the way we sinners are wired. Compare. Compare. Compare. We crave to know how we stack up in comparison to others. There is some kind of high if we can just find someone less effective than we are.

So I was refreshed by Jesus’' blunt word to me (and you): "What is that to you? You follow me!" Peter had just heard a very hard word. You will die—painfully. His first thought was comparison. What about John? If I have to suffer, will he have to suffer? If my ministry ends like that, will his end like that? If I don't get to live a long life of fruitful ministry, will he get to?

Jesus will not judge me according to my superiority or inferiority over anybody. Jesus has a work for *me* to do (and a different one for you). It is not what he has given anyone else to do. There is a grace to do it. Will I trust him for that grace and do what he has given me to do? That is the question. O the liberty that comes when Jesus gets tough!

I hope you find encouragement and freedom today when you hear Jesus say to all your fretting comparisons: "What is that to you? You follow me!"

**Songs of Worship** – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus; The Potters Hand

**Offering**

**Song of Praise –** There Is A Fountain

**Revelation 4:6-11**

*And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,* ***"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
    who was and is and is to come!"***

Repeat that phrase with me.

*And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

*"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

 **Song of Worship** – Holy, Holy, Holy

**Message** - "*The Danger of False Teaching*"; Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 2:14-19

1. False teaching ruins the hearers (v 14)
2. False teaching shames the teacher (v 15)
	1. Rightly handing – Greek work eludes to “telling it straight”
	2. We interpret scripture according to our lifestyle
3. False teaching leads to more and more ungodliness (v16)
	1. Avoid irreverent babble
	2. Irreverent babbling spreads like gangrene (look up a picture of gangrene!)
4. False teaching leads people to swerve from the truth (v18)
5. False teaching upsets the faith of some (v 18)
6. “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart form iniquity.” (v 19)

Closing: Numbers 16 - Korah’s Rebellion

**Time of Prayer**