

# *He Who Trembles at My Word*

## Worship Series – Part 7

Scripture text – various

### Introduction

- Our worship is IN RESPONSE TO God's \_\_\_\_\_ of himself.
- God reveals himself (and his will for us) through \_\_\_\_\_.

### In Biblical History

- The biblical pattern: God's people \_\_\_\_\_, and God \_\_\_\_\_.
- From Moses until Christ (1400 years), the people of God went through numerous periods during which Scripture was \_\_\_\_\_.
- By the time of Christ, God's people were meeting in synagogues. There would be a Scripture reading, followed by a \_\_\_\_\_ based on the reading.
- The early church \_\_\_\_\_ this practice.
- Main takeaway: The health & well-being of God's people have always depended on their \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God.

### Present Day Trends

- Recent study: \_\_\_\_\_% of Evangelical Christians don't want more in-depth Bible teaching.
- 3 specific trends:
  - 1) Reducing, if not eliminating altogether, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture in worship;
  - 2) Replacing serious, careful exposition of Scripture with \_\_\_\_\_ talks; and
  - 3) Substituting songs steeped in the language & theology of Scripture with \_\_\_\_\_.
- You can't just blame the preacher; this is often what the congregation \_\_\_\_\_ (see II Timothy 4:3-4).
- FBC must be resolute in only calling a pastor who will give \_\_\_\_\_ to the preaching & teaching of God's Word. All other strengths & abilities are secondary.

## The Stakes

- Soon after Josiah died, God's people returned to their \_\_\_\_\_ ways.
- So, God warned them through \_\_\_\_\_ (see Jeremiah 6:16-19).
- 2 lessons:
  1. God will \_\_\_\_\_ a church that doesn't listen to his Word; and
  2. The people who *do* listen will find \_\_\_\_\_ for their souls.