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## A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families

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### October 9, 2022: *The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up*

- In every worship service, we sing songs to God that help us better understand the sermon. This week, we sang “*Make a Way*.” [Listen to the song](#) or [read the lyrics](#). This sung prayer asks God the Son to deliver us. **Which verse most stirs you to pray today? Why?**
- This week, we heard from [Linda Beverly](#) who shared how Jesus met her, just as He met with Nicodemus. Linda told us how Jesus led her from the bondage of self-righteousness to the freedom of Christ-righteousness. **How has self-righteousness walled you off to God and others in your own life? What does it mean to trust Jesus as your righteousness before God? Before others?**
- Sunday, the congregation sang a *Children’s Blessing* over the young worshippers of WEPC. [Listen to the blessing](#) or [read the lyrics](#). **What blessing are we seeking in this song? What does it mean for death’s power to be undone?**
- In every worship service, we read an Old Testament passage that is a companion to the New Testament sermon text. This week we read [Numbers 21:4-9](#) (referenced by Jesus in [John 3:14](#)).
  - **What is happening to the people of Israel? (4)**
  - **What are the people complaining about? (5)**
  - **How does the Lord respond? (6)**
  - The people come to Moses, admitting that their complaints against the Lord and him were sin. They ask Moses to pray for the Lord to take away the serpents from them. **How does the Lord respond? (7- 8)**
  - The Lord instructs Moses to make a fiery serpent and put it on a pole, thus giving the children of Israel a way to live, despite the deadly bites of the fiery serpents. **What do the children of Israel who were bitten have to do in order to live? (9)**
  - **How does the bronze serpent on the pole point us to Jesus Christ?**

- This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [John 3:11-15](#). **What does Jesus mean when He says that the Son of Man must be “lifted up”? (14). What is the connection between the Jesus being lifted up and the gift of eternal life? (15)**
- **Pray that hearts at WEPC will be made new.** Look to Jesus, and live. Ask Him for faith to believe that He delivers His people. Do you need to become a Christian? To be renewed as a follower of Jesus? To change, believe, or to repent? Hint: The answer is “Yes”, and you can ask Jesus to meet with you right now!

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