



For FROM HIM and THROUGH HIM and TO HIM are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom. 11:36)

On October 27, at the invitation of Pastor Samuel (a pastor in the Cambodia Lutheran Church) and the team from Lutheran Hour Ministries, J.P. traveled to Srey Noi in Siem Reap Province. J.P. was asked to teach on worship, and upon arrival he was astounded that more than 60 people had shown up from a variety of different churches (mostly not Lutheran), from pastors and church leaders to church members, from as far away as 50km!

Based on observations J.P. had made since being in Cambodia, he entitled his seminar, "Worship as a Two-Way Street: The Dialogical Nature of Christian Worship." The presentation emphasized that while we tend to think of worship as a one-way street that goes from us to God, it is in fact a two-way street. Indeed, what God does to and for and in and through us is primary in worship. We then discussed different parts of the worship service, discerning whether they were humans speaking or God speaking. Some were easy; e.g. an offering is clearly something we give to God, and the absolution is clearly something God proclaims to us. Some parts were less clear; e.g. initially participants thought songs of praise were very clearly from us to God, but when we looked at lyrics of both ancient hymns and contemporary songs, we saw that often we are singing about what God has done for us. In the second session, J.P. emphasized that not only is worship a dialogue, it is a dialogue that starts with God. We do not worship God in order that He might do what we want him to do. Rather, worship starts with God—His creative act, His gifts to us in Christ, His care and provision. We then respond to his gifts with obedience, thanksgiving, and praise. The former model seeks to manipulate God's will. The latter model seeks to know and submit to God's will.

After lunch, the LHM team, led by Pastor Naro, taught a well-received game based on the Small Catechism. Lutheran Heritage Foundation provided each participant with a copy of the Catechism. The day finished with a drama led by the LHM team but performed by local youth recruited on the spot.

What a wonderful day of fellowship and study! What a joy to join together and celebrate what God is doing in this particular corner of the world!

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IN OTHER NEWS, we hosted a Halloween party for neighborhood kids. Given Khmer Buddhist and animistic beliefs about the power of spirits, Halloween provides a good opportunity for witness to the power of Jesus over all evil. Members of our youth group helped organize and lead!

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PRAYERS: for the believers in and around Srey Noi; for Pastor Samuel and his ministry; for the LHM team; for continued outreach in our neighborhood; for Aimee's mother, who continues to battle with cancer. **PRAISES:** for the girls' school returning to full-time, on-campus learning; for J.P.'s dad's continued health.