

**To summarize the 3 previous videos:  
There are 2 fundamental errors of "Contemporary Worship" and  
a Warning**

**First error: That unbelievers are desperately seeking for God.** The Bible makes it clear that in our natural condition, in our fallen condition, no one seeks after God. Those who seek after God are those who have already been Born Again. Seeking after God begins with regeneration. We, the Christians, are the seekers.

You don't hear much about "seeker sensitive" these days, but the seductive logic is still there: if you scratch people where they itch, they'll be more open to hearing the Gospel. If you were able to meet their needs, you will have earned their trust when you present them with the Gospel. But it doesn't work. In most of these places, they never get to talking about the Gospel. Look at how many of these big churches that were built on this methodology, and their back door is larger than their front door.

**Second error: That the purpose of corporate worship on Sunday morning is specifically to reach the lost.** Worship is to be the corporate gathering together of the people of God. You always assume that there are going to be unbelievers present

(tares among the wheat.) In 1 Corinthians 14:24-25, the apostle Paul comments on the presence of an unbeliever in a worship service. He does not call for the church to entertain the unbeliever or make him feel comfortable. Rather, in the clear and understandable articulation of the truth, the unbeliever should be convinced that he is a sinner. Faithful worship, where the primary purpose is the meeting of God with his people through his Word, may well have the secondary result that unbelievers will come to faith. But worship must not be constructed for the unbeliever. Rather, it is for God and the church. For the pastor, this means, you have to address the lost in your sermon, and be part of your invitation at the close of the service; but fundamentally it's believers who gather for prayer, adoration of God, the Lord's Supper, study of the Word; and we should be most concerned with what is it that most pleases God, NOT what is it that pleases the unbeliever. (Sunday worship is not the same as an evangelistic Revival held in the church, and Revivals have become a thing of the past at South Norfolk.)

**Case in point:** my wife pointed out to me that last Easter (2013), the cover of the Sunday morning bulletin at South Norfolk Baptist Church featured news about the local football club that the church was sponsoring; there was absolutely nothing about the fact that it was Easter, Resurrection Sunday; and what that meant for believers. Again, it was pandering to the unbeliever; the enticement of the unsaved by promoting a football program. Worship is not about pleasing the unbeliever, it is about what most pleases God.

I make no apology when I say frankly, that a warning was given by Dr. Mohler, in comments he made on the two video segments on this web page, about what will happen

to the level of South Norfolk Baptist Church membership when this "Emergent Church" "Seeker Sensitive" philosophy, with it's endorsement of "Contemporary Worship" is not corrected.