



At Home Devotion Guide

We encourage everyone to use this guide in your home this week and to adapt it to your specific household situation. This guide can be used in one sitting or can be broken up and used throughout the week.

Sermon Reflection

Read passage from sermon: Nehemiah 10:1-39

For young children: A covenant is an agreement between two parties. God's people, because of God's mercy have a covenant relationship with Him and with each other.

For older children and adults: In this passage, the people of Israel renew the covenant that God had made with their forefathers long ago. This covenant is rooted in God's mercy to his people. Because of the mercy of God in Christ, all Christians are a people of the New Covenant. Because of this, we unite in covenant with one-another in the local church.

Pray: Ask God to, by the power of the Holy Spirit, allow you to be faithful to Him and to His church.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? *He gave them souls that could never die.* (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Isaiah 42:5; Zechariah 12:1)

For older children and Adults: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor? *Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.*

(The New City Catechism: Q19, http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #3, *Worthy of Worship*

Suggested Further Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10; Hebrews 10:19-25

How to Use This Guide

At Bethany we recognize that worship is not just something that happens on Sunday morning. Though corporate worship is important, it is also important that we are striving to worship God in our homes on a regular basis. According to Donald Whitney, "God deserves to be worshiped daily in our homes by our families." This guide will help you to lead worship in your home.

Scripture- Begin by reading the passage from the sermon. Based on the ages of those involved, briefly discuss the meaning of the passage and how it applies to your lives.

Catechism- This is a great way to learn what the whole Bible teaches about a particular topic. Read the question, then read the answer. If possible, try to put the answer in your own words.

Prayer- Pray that God would help you obey and understand the truth that you just discussed.

Sing- If someone is able to lead in song, then take some time to sing to the Lord. The guide will provide a suggested hymn from *The Baptist Hymnal, 2008*.

Feel free to adapt this guide to your particular household situation. This is not meant to be a heavy burden. It is an aid in helping members of your household to grow in Christ.

Families with young children- Don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Start with short amounts of time, then get longer as the children get older.

Families with older children- Also, don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Avoid 'preaching' to your family. Instead, let the word of God speak for itself.

Couples without children- This guide is for you as well! Household devotions will help you go deeper in your study of God's word and grow together in Christ.

Singles who live alone- Utilize this guide as part of your regular devotion time.

Begin today! This discipline will help you and other members of your household grow in their walk with Christ. It will also aid you in passing on the faith to the next generation.