



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 passages from sermon: Philippians 2:12-13;
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

For young children: Christians are called to do good works, but they can only do those good works by relying on the power that God gives them.

For older children and adults: The Bible calls Christians to do many good works. But one cannot do the works that God requires simply by relying on his or her own power. In order to rely on God's power, Christians must first believe God's promises from his word. Then they must live in light of these promises.

Question: What are some of God's promises for those who seek him? (For help look at Psalm 1:1-3)

Pray: Ask God to give you the strength to live holy lives and to help you remember his precious promises.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: Who can change a sinner's heart? *Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinner's heart.*

(John 3:1-8; Romans 8:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 3:5-6).

For older children and Adults: Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else? *No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.*

(The New City Catechism: Q33,
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #96, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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.