



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.

Scripture Reflection

Read passage: Luke 16:19-31

For young children: The rich man died before he placed his trust in Jesus. We must hear the truth of God's Word, and trust Jesus before it is too late.

For older children and adults: In this story, a rich man seeks the things of this world and goes to hell while a poor man seeks the kingdom of God and goes to heaven. We must heed the warnings of Scripture while we are still living. For, after death there is no opportunity to receive God's grace. All those who hear the words of the gospel, repent, and trust in Jesus will be saved.

Question: When did you trust Jesus as your only savior?

Pray: Ask God to give the members of your household the grace to trust in Jesus.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: What is sanctification? *It is God making sinners holy in heart and conduct.*

(John 17:17; Ephesians 2:10; 4:22-24; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23).

For older children and Adults: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word? *Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.*

(*The New City Catechism: Q34*,
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #502, 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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.