

Guide for Worshipping at Home: Suggestions for Your House Church on Sunday, May 3, 2020

As always, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14) in your worship this week, but here are some general suggestions for how you can spend time this Sunday.

Announcements: Check your email for an online bulletin so that you are aware of any special news for the church family. Please remember that your giving to the church is still very important even when we are not meeting all together. You can give [online](#) or send your checks through the mail. If you want to send your offering through the mail, please send it to the church (1300 Berry Avenue).

1. **Adoration:** Prayer and Worship (Feel free to worship as you feel led. If you prefer to sing along with a video, you might want to consider the following suggestions):

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

Opener: G – [Let It Rise](#)

G – [Your Grace Is Enough](#)

G – [Good, Good Father](#)

G – [Jesus Messiah](#)

G – [You Are My All in All](#)

Closer: G – [Overcome](#)

2. **Assessment and Accountability:** If you are with your family, take time to share testimonies. If you live alone, take time to praise God for all He has done in your life.

3. **Admonition:** Edification by Studying the Word (Watch message [online](#) at www.fmcnewton.org.)

a. Explanation: The pastor(s) will share the Scripture.

What does God want you to know and do?

b. Illustration: Are there examples, stories, and parables that you can think of that go along with these passages?

Is there a way to illustrate this in everyday life?

c. Observation and Interpretation: Discuss or reflect on the Scripture.

Why is it important and where else is this principle found in Scripture?

d. Application:

When you read this passage of Scripture, in what way(s) did God teach me, convict me, correct me, and train me in righteousness? (2 Timothy 3:16)

4. **Assignment:** Challenge with Ministry Assignment

Who is Holy Spirit putting on my heart to minister to or share what God is saying to me?

5. **Action:** Prayer and Go on Mission

Possible Questions for Discussion or Personal Reflection:

The word *Gospel* simply means “good news”. As you reflect on today’s message, think about how God revealed His good news of salvation throughout history and ultimately through Jesus Christ!

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” (Genesis 3:15 NIV). This is an important verse in the Bible! Theologians refer to it as the “protoevangelium”, a Greek word meaning that it is the “first” mention of the “good news” of God’s plan of salvation in the Bible. What was Adam and Eve’s punishment? Yet, what does this verse say about God, that even while punishing Adam and Eve for their sin, He was revealing His ultimate plan to save them and their descendants (us)?

What is a covenant? What covenant did God make with Abraham? What role did Abraham have in God’s plan of salvation?

What covenant did God make with Moses? What was the punishment for breaking this covenant? See also Romans 6:23. What was the purpose of the Old Testament sacrificial system? Why was it not fully adequate?

What covenant did God make with David? Read 2 Samuel 7:13. What is Ryan’s point about “Messiah” being the “throne name” of Israel?

One of the great themes of the Old Testament and the New Testament is that we are “redeemed by the blood of the Lamb”. This is called “atonement”: an innocent, substitutionary sacrifice is made for sin that makes restores the guilty person and makes us “at one” with God. In the Old Testament it was through the sacrifice of a lamb. In the New Testament it was through the sacrifice of The Lamb, Jesus. Practice sharing in your own words why Jesus had to die.

What is God’s promise to us through Jesus’ death and resurrection?

What promise did Jesus make that is still to be fulfilled?

Ryan suggests that the Gospel always refers to “the coming of God”. How do you understand this better though today’s message?

How can you use this knowledge of God’s plan of salvation, the Gospel (in the Old Testament and the New Testament) to help you in sharing the good news with those around you?

When you reflect on today’s message, in what way(s) is God teaching you, convicting you, correcting you, and training you in righteousness? (2 Timothy 3:16)