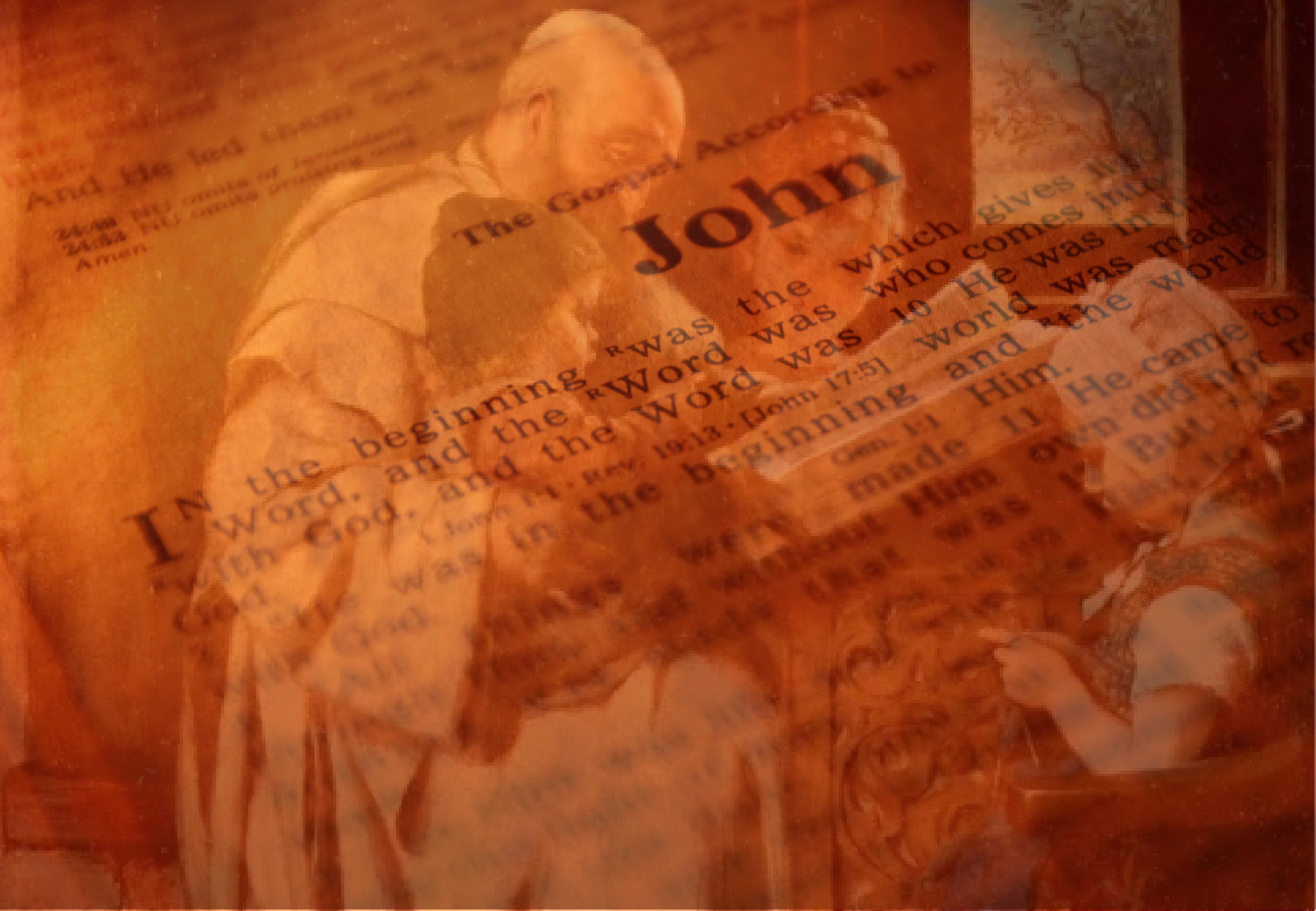




Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
07/28/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 42: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

**Read Proverbs 8:17; Deuteronomy 6:17;
Psalm 119:9-10**

Discuss

My great grandma is 101 years old. She was born in 1924. My great grandfather met her just before being deployed in WWII. He asked her to marry him before he deployed, but she said no. She wasn't going to marry someone she just met (smart lady). They wrote to each other throughout the war and after he returned he spent months pursuing her. He was diligent, he never gave up.

When we love someone or something, we pursue that with all diligence. Think of examples from your life. Have you ever been diligent to pursue something or someone you loved?

Now ask yourself, do you pursue God with that same energy and diligence?

God has revealed Himself through His Word. That is how we come to know and see Him. If we love the Lord and seek to know Him, then there should be nothing more wonderful than finding Him in His Word.

Spending time in the Word should not be something you add on to your day when you have the chance. It should be a first priority. You wouldn't tell your spouse, "Sorry, I didn't have time for you today. Maybe I'll listen to you next week?" No, if you love your God you should be eager to feast on His Word today.

Discussion Questions

- How diligent are you about reading the Word?
- Why should reading the Bible be a big deal for us?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Eritrea is a small nation in East Africa. It is a narrow strip of land blocking Ethiopia from the Red Sea. This nation is often called the "North Korea of Africa." Hosting one the most notorious prison systems in the world, the state mercilessly persecutes Christians. Officially the state only recognizes Islam, Catholicism, Lutheranism, and the Eritrean Orthodox Church. Conversion to protestant Christianity, especially those leaving Islam is illegal. The state regularly conducts nationwide mass arrests of Christians. Yet even here the souls are being saved through the Gospel.

About the song:

It has been said that if you want to hear God speak, read your Bible, and if you want to hear Him audibly then read it out loud. Our hymn calls on God to speak to us, to lead us, to guide us. We will find His leading and direction as our lives are filled with His Word.

Pray

Take a moment to ask God to grow your desire to seek Him in His Word this week.

Sing

Across the Lands
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty (2002)

ACROSS THE LANDS

Verse 1:

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

Chorus:

You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Verse 2:

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.



TUESDAY

Read Hebrews 4:14-16; James 4:8

Discuss

In college I hosted a few game nights. Not that many because my apartment was the size of a shoebox, but enough to want things to be just right. Any time I had people coming over I had a checklist of things to do: vacuum, mop, clean the bathroom, do the dishes, buy snacks and drinks, and maybe pick up a new game. I made sure that I was prepared for the event and had everything ready for my friends.

It feels natural to put this effort in for people we care about. Do we put the same type of preparation into reading the Word or worshipping with the church?

Our friends are important, but God is infinitely more important than any game night. If my friends deserve the effort and preparation I would put in for them, how much more does God deserve?

Before we come to church, we need to check our hearts. Are you clinging to anger or bitterness? Leave that at the door. Are you distracted by headlines? Quiet those concerns until after the Word. Let your heart and mind be focused on God alone.

The same goes for reading the Bible on your own. Prepare your heart. Set aside distractions. Turn off your phone or mute notifications. What could be more important than hearing from God right now?

Discussion Questions

- How can you better prepare to worship on Sunday?
- What are ways to get rid of distractions when reading the Bible?

Apologetics:

If people who don't worship God will go to hell, why doesn't God just force everyone to worship Him? This is a serious question and we should really think about it. It comes down to what the primary purpose of man is. Man does not exist for his own pleasure. We are created for the primary purpose of bringing glory and honor to God at all times and in all ways. So, does sending people to hell glorify God? Yes. It is not fun to think about, but God is glorified when He proves that He is just, righteous, and holy. When God punishes sin, it proves that we can trust Him and that He deserves our worship.

About the song:

Where do we go to hear the voice of God? We go to His Word. Our song today is one I grew up with. It calls upon God to send His Word and to let that Word transform our lives. His Word brings life to our broken hearts.

Pray

God, help me to hear You clearly and to set aside anything that would distract me from Your voice.

Sing

Word of God Speak
Bart Millard, Pete
Kipley (2002)

WORD OF GOD SPEAK

Verse 1:

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Chorus:

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness, Word of God speak

Verse 2:

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

(Chorus x2)

Closing:

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay



WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 10:8-12; John 17:17;

Hebrews 11:6

Discuss

In college I had to take a class called “Mythology and Folklore.” In it we learned about many different myths and legends and studied how they developed over time and through cultures. I really enjoyed this class because most of the course reading was simply reading myths from around the world. While I enjoyed reading these, I did not believe them. They were fun stories, that was all.

The Bible is not a book of fun stories and myths. Every word of the Bible is breathed out by God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That means that the Bible is completely true because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

When we read the Bible, we are reading the very words of the living God. They are the final standard of truth and they bring life to our very souls.

We believe the words of the Bible, not because we picked a random book to trust in, but because we trust the God who gave it. If the Bible is the Word of God, then our belief in what it says is directly tied to our belief in God. Believing what the Bible says even when it is hard is an act of faith in God Himself.

When the Bible says we are all sinners who need a Savior and none of us can save ourselves, we believe it. We believe it because the God who said it cannot lie.

Discussion Questions

- Do you usually think of the Bible as “stories” or as the Word of God?
- What are things in the Bible you have a hard time believing?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

Sensus Divinitas

“The sense of divinity”

This phrase is an important theological concept. It is used to explain the idea of Romans 1:18-23, especially verse 19, “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.” Every single person has some understanding that there is a God who they will be held accountable to. No one is a true atheist. One might think that they are an atheist, but all they have done is suppress the *sensus divinitas*.

About the Song:

“How firm a Foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!” How true that is! The firm foundation of our faith is the reality of Jesus Christ as He has been revealed in the Scriptures.

Pray

Thank God for giving us a trustworthy Word.

Sing

How Firm a Foundation
George Keith (1787)

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Verse 1:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 2:

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Verse 3:

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Verse 4:

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Verse 5:

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."



THURSDAY

Read Psalm 119:11; Deuteronomy 11:18

Discuss

Can I tell you about one of my biggest regrets from college?

I studied Biblical Counseling, and most of my classes required us to memorize a passage of Scripture every week. Over the course of my degree, I was supposed to memorize hundreds of verses. And I did memorize them well enough to pass the test. But I didn't really try. I memorized them just enough to get through the exam... and then forgot most of them right away.

I regret that deeply. I wish I had taken it seriously. I neglected the discipline of memorization, and I missed out on storing God's Word in my heart during a season when I could have been filled with it.

God's Word isn't something to cling to for just a moment. It's something we hold on to for a lifetime.

There will be moments when you don't have a Bible nearby, times when you're confused, hurting, angry, or tempted. In those moments, how precious it is to call to mind the truths you've stored within your heart. Those hidden Scriptures become your shield and your strength.

And even in ordinary moments, when the quiet time ends and the day goes on, take God's Word with you. Let it linger in your mind. Let it shape your thoughts. Let it fill your heart and guide your life.

Discussion Questions

- Do you memorize Scripture?
- If you haven't memorized Scripture before, try memorizing today's verses this week!

Important Theological Term:

Remission means the cancellation or removal of a debt or penalty. It comes from the Latin word *remissio*, meaning "to send back." When Jesus says His blood is "poured out for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28), He's declaring that His death pays our debt in full. Remission is more than a fresh start—it's the total erasing of sin's penalty. When we confess our sin, God doesn't just lessen the charge; He removes it completely through Christ. That's the kind of forgiveness we are praying for in the Lord's Prayer.

About the Song:

This lovely hymn reminds us of the wonderful gift of grace given to us in Jesus. Generation have sung this hymn remembering the grace of God that covered their sins.

Pray

Confess your sins and thank God for the grace of Jesus.

Sing

*Grace That is Greater Than
Our Sin*
Julia Johnston (1910)

GRACE THAT IS GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Verse 1:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured-
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Verse 2:

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater- yes, grace untold-
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

[Refrain]



FRIDAY

Read James 1:19-25; Ezekiel 36:25-27

Discuss

Have you ever sat in church, listened to the sermon, and thought, “Wow, it felt like that message was written just for me today...” only to walk out the doors and go back to life as usual?

We’ve all done that at some point. We hear something convicting, something that calls us to action—but we’re too comfortable, too busy, or too stubborn to actually change.

This is not how it is supposed to be! When we read and hear the Word, it should, no it **MUST** change our lives!

Scripture is like a flashlight shining into the corners of our hearts. It exposes sins we didn’t know were there like bitterness, pride, selfishness, anger. We might not like what we see... but the Word doesn’t leave us there. It helps us clean out what’s been hidden.

Think about it this way: if you found a dead mouse under your bed, what would you do? You’d toss it out immediately. No one would discover something that disgusting and say, “Oh well, maybe later.” You wouldn’t rest until it was gone.

When Scripture reveals sin in our lives, we might recoil in disgust. But what a mercy of God it is to show us what we couldn’t see before, so we can deal with it and walk in freedom.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever ignored what the Bible told you to do?
- How can you be more obedient today?

Church History:

On August 1st, 984 ad, Bishop Ethelwold died in the UK. He lived through the brutal Danish invasions and was moved to repair the spiritual damage that had been done. A rich man, he sold his possessions to promote the building of churches, convents, and monasteries. Moved by compassion, he even sold the possessions of the church in order to buy food for the poor. His compassion for the hurting truly modelled Christ and serves as an example for us as well.

About the Song:

What is demanded of Christ? Our whole life with no exceptions and nothing held back. The blood of Christ has bought us, not in part, but completely and totally. The wondrous cross of Christ totally consumes and transforms our lives as we adore Him.

Pray

Thank God for showing us how to change and giving us the power to change

Sing

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Isaac Watts (1707)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

Verse 1:

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2:

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

Verse 3:

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.



Hello there, AWANA is starting soon!

REGISTER NOW



AWANA exists to help children (2yrs old-8th grade) know and experience Jesus! This happens through verse memorization, games, songs, and activities. AWANA meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm beginning September 3rd!

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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

