



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 46: What is the Lord's Supper?

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

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 Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Discuss

Baptism is done with water. Real water. Physical water. In the same way the ordinance of communion is also wrapped up in physical elements. The bread and the cup.

When we discussed baptism, what did we say about the water? Was it in some way magical or mystical? Did you have to stay under that water longer if you had sinned really bad so that it could scrub your sins away?

No, the water was just water. It is the same water that could fill your bathtub.

The bread and cup in communion are the same way. They are not magical in themselves. They are just bread and some sort of grape juice or wine.

Some people believe that the elements of communion actually change into the physical body and blood of Jesus! They believe that when we eat the bread and drink the cup that we are actually eating His real body and drinking His real blood.

That view is not true. The bread stays bread and the cup stays the cup. If you put it under a microscope that is all it will be. But just because these are physical symbols doesn't make them meaningless! God commanded we use them for a reason. We will talk more about that tomorrow.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think that God chose such simple elements for communion?
- Why you think communion is so important?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Benin is a small nation in Africa bordering Nigeria. This is the birthplace of Voodoo as a religion and Voodoo Day is a national holiday. Nearly every village and many homes have a designated place for animal sacrifice. Christianity is viewed as a foreign religion that steals the nation's youth. 40% of the nation follows ethnic religions, 30% follow Islam, and the remaining 30% are Christian. Christian building are routinely destroyed with Christians being beaten and sometimes killed. Evangelists are actively prevented from entering the country. Pray the voodooists find new life in Christ.

About the song:

This hymn paints the most beautiful picture of the sacrifice of Christ that is remembered in communion. The lyrics lead us to remember the purpose of communion, our need for a sacrifice, and to rejoice in the coming day when we are united with the King in glory.

Pray

Pray for the Christians who are in hostile countries.

Sing

Behold the Lamb
Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty (2007)

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Verse 1:

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

Verse 2:

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

Verse 3:

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

Verse 4:

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.



TUESDAY

Read Exodus 12; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Discuss

A couple of weeks ago I got to visit my nephew. I hadn't seen him in months and he has grown so much. When I think about the trip, I remember holding him and 'flying' him around the room like an airplane. These memories cause me to smile and long for my next trip, but nothing more.

This type of remembering is normal, but when the Bible calls us to remember, that memory is always tied to active obedience.

When God led the people out of Israel, He commanded them to observe Passover. Passover was a time when they would remember all that He had done for them, so that they would be led to renew their covenant with Him and love for Him. The memory of what God had done led them into obedience.

Communion is meant to be a better Passover. God has not only freed us from slavery to Egypt, but from the much worse slavery to sin! In communion we remember the work of Christ, what it took for Him to save us, and the reality of what we have been saved from.

As we remember the work of Christ in communion, we aren't meant to just smile and be happy. We are meant to be led into greater obedience! "How can we who died to sin still live in it?" (Romans 6:2) Remembering what Christ has done for us motivates us to live for Him.

Discussion Questions

- Does remembering Christ lead you to obedience?
- What specific sin do you need to turn from as you remember the cross this week?

Apologetics:

Why would God command communion and baptism if we are saved by faith alone? Isn't that adding works to our faith? This is a good question that many people have. Man is made both soul and body. Inner and outer man. Salvation in the inner man is reflected in the actions and behaviors of the outer man. Baptism and communion don't save our souls, but when we are obedient to God we reflect what He has done within us. Our physical life should reflect our inner life. This is why we have physical times and actions to remember Christ and not only doing it in our heads.

About the song:

This hymn is not very popular today, however we should take time to meditate on its words. The lyrics lead us to remember our God and all He has done. Consider our devotional today, what should this remembrance lead us to do?

Pray

Confess areas of disobedience in your life.

Sing

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Ignace Franz (1700's)

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Verse 1:

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Verse 2:

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Verse 3:

Lo! the apostolic train
Join thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

Verse 4:

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Verse 5:

Thou art King of glory, Christ!
Son of God, yet born of Mary;
For us sinners sacrificed,
And to death a tributary;
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened Heav'n to faith.

Verse 6:

From thy high celestial home,
Judge of all, again returning,
We believe that thou shalt come
On the dreadful doomsday morning,
When thy voice shall shake the earth,
And the startled dead come forth.

Verse 7:

Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin today;
Never let us be confounded!
Lo! I put my trust in thee;
Never, Lord, abandon me.



WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 10:16–17, 11:27–29

Discuss

Communion is an interesting word. Why do we say ‘communion’ and not just ‘the Lord’s Supper’? Both refer to the same thing.

Communion brings the idea of being in community or relationship with something or someone. When I commune with a friend, it means I have fellowship with them.

Communion then is the time and practice that most tangibly brings us into community and relationship with God and the church.

How do we have communion with God through this practice? Yesterday we talked about remembering Christ and His work. As we remember what Christ did, we are drawn to prayer. We praise God for His mercy and grace and forgiveness. We confess the sin that lingers in our hearts that held Christ to the cross. We thank God for the work that was done and the salvation that was given. We ask God again for the forgiveness of our sins. As we are drawn into these deep prayers, we have a sweet and tangible communion with God.

Communion also brings us into relationship with one another. We take communion as a whole church together. As we reflect on the mercy given to us, we remember that the same mercy has been given to the whole church. We are neither more righteous or sinful than those around us, but equally debtors to mercy.

Discussion Questions

- How are we united to each other in communion?
- Does communion strengthen your relationship with God?

Original Languages Word:

κοινωνία

Koinonia (coy-no-knee-uh)

fellowship, sharing, participation

In 1 Corinthians 10:16 our Bibles have the word participation. This is the Greek word ‘koinonia.’ This word holds the idea of being bound and united to someone or something. When we take communion, we are reminded that we belong to the same body, many parts united together in Christ to the church.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)

About the Song:

What deep love of Jesus would lead Him to sacrifice Himself for us while we were still sinners? This song leads us to meditate on this marvelous reality and to rejoice because of it.

Pray

Thank God for the gift of being able to speak to Him directly.

Sing

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

S. Trevor Francis (1875)

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

Verse 1:

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free—
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of His love—
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.

Verse 2:

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Praise His mercy, praise His goodness;
Praise His love forevermore.
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from His throne.

Verse 3:

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Love of ev'ry love the best—
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
Lifts me up eternally.



THURSDAY

Read Hebrews 10:19-25; John 6:35

Discuss

Thanksgiving is a day of feasting! Every November we gather together with friends and family to spend time intentionally being grateful for what God has given, especially the good food that He has given! At the end of the meal we sit back, sink into our chairs or the couch, and relax as we enjoy the feeling of being fully satisfied.

However, if we try to nourish our souls through a Thanksgiving dinner, we will find ourselves deeply disappointed. A good meal can't satisfy what our souls need.

We can search all the world for something to satisfy our souls. People look to relationships, work, school, and other things for satisfaction, but always return empty.

Communion does something different. Communion looks outside of ourselves and outside of this world for satisfaction. Rather than depending on our own works or abilities or the finite pleasures of this world, communion brings us back to the cross.

As we come to the Lord's table, we are reminded that He is the feast our souls need. In communion we feast again on the bread of life. We are spiritually fed by the Gospel as we recall and rejoiced in it. We are reminded of the full satisfaction that we have been given in our Lord who saved us.

Christ is true delight. In Him alone there is true satisfaction. What a blessing that in communion we are given the opportunity to renew our focus on Him and fix our eyes on His majesty and mercy and overwhelming beauty.

Discussion Questions

- Why do we need a new heart?
- What does a new heart look like in us?

Important Theological Term:

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word eucharistia, which means "thanksgiving." Early Christians used this word to describe the Lord's Supper because it is a joyful response of thanks for Christ's sacrifice. While some traditions use Eucharist to describe the sacrament in ways we may not agree with, the word itself reminds us that communion is meant to overflow with gratitude for the Gospel.

About the Song:

This hymn begins by stating that the church is bound by love. The hymn goes on to build on the idea of suffering and rejoicing together, and the hymn ends with the hope that this unity will not be permanently broken by death or parting. "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:26-27).

Pray

Thank God for giving
nourishment to your soul

Sing

I Will Glory in My Redeemer
Steve and Vikki Cook (2001)

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

VERSE 1

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

VERSE 2

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

VERSE 3

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold



FRIDAY

Read Matthew 26:29; Revelation 19:1-10, 21:1-8

Discuss

Do you ever get distracted? I certainly do! I finally start to focus and then “*buzz buzzzz*” my phone goes off in my pocket. Suddenly the attention I fought so hard to focus is lost as a stream of notifications pours in.

We are this way with a lot of things. Tragically this seems especially true when it comes to our focus on Christ. We easily have our attention and focus ripped away as we become distracted by the things of this world.

The reality is that this world is distracting. The things that happen around us are important. We wake up and immediately see a headline about a new war. Then rush to get through our morning routine before grabbing some burnt toast on the way out the door. Work and school overwhelm us so that when we make it home at the end of the day we have hardly enough energy to make dinner before falling asleep. All without cracking our Bible open, stressed by the cares of this world.

Someday all of these concerns will come to an end. Someday there will be no more wars, no more stress. Someday all sickness will be gone and all fighting ceased. Someday there will be nothing to captivate our attention but Christ and His glory.

Until that day comes, communion gives us a glimpse of what eternity will be like, when all our attention will be fixed on Jesus, and our hearts fully satisfied in Him

Discussion Questions

- How does communion point us to eternity?
- How can we be more satisfied in Christ now?

Church History:

On September 6, 1620, the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England. The ship was filled mostly by Protestants known as Puritans. They were fleeing religious persecution in England. There the state Church of England had restricted their ability to meet together, preach the Word, and even hold to their beliefs. The Puritans tried to live in Holland but worried about their children being swept up in the more secular culture. These brave men and women set out to the New World in order to practice their faith in peace. Many would die and all would suffer for this, however their toil laid the foundations that would become America.

About the Song:

This little known hymn boldly proclaims the truth of salvation. In it we draw near to rejoice the work of God in saving us. We are reminded that it is a good thing that only God saves is.

Pray

Praise God for the hope of eternity.

Sing

Salvation's Song
Andrew Small and Stuart Townend (2008)

SALVATION'S SONG

Verse 1:

Loved before the dawn of time,
Chosen by my Maker,
Hidden in my Saviour,
I am His and He is mine,
Cherished for eternity.

Verse 2:

When I'm stained with guilt and sin,
He is there to lift me,
Heal me and forgive me;
Gives me strength to stand again,
Stronger than I was before.

Verse 3:

So with every breath that I am given
I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation
Giving praise to Christ alone.

Verse 4:

All the claims of Satan's curse
Lifted through His offering,
Satisfied through suffering;
All the blessings He deserves
Poured on my unworthy soul.

Verse 5:

Singing glory, honour, wisdom, power
To the Lamb upon the throne;
Hallelujah, I will lift Him high.
Hallelujah I will sing

Verse 6:

Stars will fade and mountains fall;
Christ will shine forever,
Love's unfading splendour.
Earth and heaven will bow in awe,
Joining in salvation's song.



Hello there, AWANA is starting soon!

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!



REGISTER NOW



CBC Children's Choir

We are excited to announce the first CBC Children's Choir for children 2nd-6th grade!

Practices will be held every Wednesday starting September 17th, from 5:30-6:15pm (just before AWANA).

Register at: calvaryleavenworth.com/choir



"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

