



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
09/15/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 48: What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

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 1 Peter 2:1-12

Discuss

I lived a life of rebellion to Christ for a long time. I fought against Him with all my strength. I loved my sin and wanted to stay in it. God called me to change, to turn away from my sin, and I hated Him for that.

The only reason that I am a Christian is because God called me to Himself. Though I was far away from Him, He had chosen to adopt me as His beloved Son.

Though I waged war in my heart against Him, He sent His own Son to the cross. It was there on Calvary that Jesus was raised up. As nails pierced His hands and blood stained His brow, my sins were paid for completely. Though I did not yet know Him, He knew me. He chose me. He loved me. He died for me.

This is the story for every Christian. Each one of us was in rebellion to God, but we have been brought near to Him out of His love for us. He sought us out when we were distant from Him and in His love He reconciled us to Himself even though all we deserved was condemnation.

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.” (Ephesians 2:13-14)

Discussion Questions

- Is it encouraging to know that God chose to love you before you loved Him?
- Does this truth make you love God more?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

The Maldives are a series of islands in the Indian Ocean. A popular tourist destination by many, the plight of Christians is ignored by most in the West. Half a million people call The Maldives home, however it is estimated that only a few hundred Christians live there. The vast majority of the population of the country is Muslim. Publicly converting to Christianity will result in loss of citizenship, loss of employment, and likely execution. Few Christians meet together for fear of being caught. It is even known that husbands, wives, and children will hide their faith from one another for fear of being exposed by their family. According to the government there are no Christians in the country, all Christians and their activities are illegal in the nation.

About the song:

This hymn declares the sovereignty of God over all things. It is because God is in control that we are able to truly trust and depend on Him at all times and in all ways.

Pray

Thank God for loving you before you loved Him

Sing

Sovereign Ruler of the Skies
John Ryland (1777)

SOVEREIGN RULER OF THE SKIES

Verse 1:

Sovereign Ruler of the skies
Ever gracious, ever wise
All my times are in Your hand
All events at Your command

Verse 2:

His decree, Who formed the earth
Fixed my first and second birth
Now my life to Him I owe
Where He leads me I will go

Chorus:

Ever Faithful
Ever True
Keep my heart to only You
Since I cannot part from Thee
Sovereign Ruler ever be

Verse 3:

Plagues and deaths around me fly
Till He bids, I cannot die
Not a single shaft can hit
Till the God of love thinks fit

Verse 4:

Times the tempter's power to prove
Times to taste a Savior's love
All must come and last and end
As shall please my heavenly Friend

(Chorus)

Verse 5:

He that formed me in the womb
He shall guide me to the tomb
All my times shall ever be
Ordered by His wise decree

(Chorus)

Verse 6:

Thee, at all times, will I bless
Having Thee, I all possess
Since I cannot part from Thee
Sovereign Ruler ever be



TUESDAY

Read Galatians 3:23-29

Discuss

Have you ever looked around the church on a Sunday morning? If you pay attention, we are a funny looking bunch of people! People of every age are there. People of many races sit together. Some come from different countries and cultures. Some are college educated and some haven't finished high school.

All sorts of people with all different types of lives. What brings all of us together?

Simple answer: faith.

Our faith in Christ is greater than any earthly division. People of every nation, tribe, and tongue worship Christ.

Yes, there are differences. Some speak different languages. Others look different from me or dress differently. But these things don't divide us, instead they're part of the beauty of God's family. What unites us is greater than what separates us.

I can sit with my Indian friends who were raised Hindu, eating food I had never seen before, and feel more at home with them than with people from my own neighborhood. Why? Because we were saved by the same faith in the same Savior. We are one family. Only the Gospel could bridge the gap between us.

Discussion Questions

- What ways do you see unity in the church?
- Why do I have a deeper connection with a Christian from India than an atheist from New York?

Apologetics:

Some people think that Christianity is a "western religion." Meaning that it is only from and for Europe and North America. This couldn't be further from the truth!

Christianity started in the Middle East. One of the first missionaries was a man from Ethiopia who started what is one of the oldest Christian groups in the world. Today Christianity is growing fastest in nations like China, Iran, and India. The global South (South America, Africa, and parts of Asia) now have more Christians than the West and send out more missionaries. Christianity is the only true religion, and everyone everywhere needs it.

About the song:

This modern hymn is filled with the reminders of the unity of our faith. Salvation belongs to God, and He is on a mission to save people from all over the world. We praise Him knowing that the whole world will be filled with His glory.

Pray

Pray that God would give unity to His church

Sing

Let the Nations be Glad
Aaron and Matt Boswell and
Matt Papa (2010)

LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD

[Verse 1]

Let the glory of the Lord forever be a joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

[Chorus]

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad

[Verse 2]

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing oceans, suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

As your holy church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the Gospel to explain (now we pray)
Now we pray Your kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and the glory of Your name (Your name!)

[Chorus x2]



WEDNESDAY

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

Discuss

One time I was talking with a man who rarely went to church. When I asked him why he said, “I don’t find God in a building, I find Him while I’m fishing.”

A lot of people have this idea. For one reason or another they have chosen to not gather with a church on Sunday morning and instead to do their own thing.

God is everywhere, so I have no doubt that a person would marvel in wonder of God while looking at His creation. However, God has made us into one united body. If I cut a toe off from the body it will very quickly decay. And if a member is removed from the body, their spirit will very quickly decay.

We gather as a church to encourage one another and worship the Lord together. The “one another” commands to love, serve, encourage, build up, bear burdens can’t be done in isolation. You need a church family to live out the life Christ calls you to.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”
Romans 12:10

In order to love one another, we must be with one another.

Discussion Questions

- How do you practice the “one another” commands?
- Why is gathering together important?

Original Languages Word:

ἀλλήλων

Allelon (ah-LAY-loan)- one another, each other

This word is used over 100 times in the Greek New Testament. It is often used alongside a command for how Christians are to live. Love *one another*. Bear *one another's* burdens. Encourage *one another*. Christians are to look like Christ, and Christ loved others more than Himself. Our lives should be shaped by love, service and care for *one another*.

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

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 church and pray for the health of the church

Sing

There is One Gospel
Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson (2022)

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there, where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 4

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life
I STAND IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST



THURSDAY

Read Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 2:11-12

Discuss

On Tuesday we talked about the radical unity of the church. In the body of Christ, there is a deep unity that bridges every earthly barrier.

But this kind of unity is strange to the world. It doesn't make sense. How could people love one another across cultures, generations, and even across past sins?

The answer is simple: Christ.

The church is meant to stand as a witness to the world. The way we live, the way we speak, the way we love, it all testifies that something supernatural has taken place. That Christ has made us new.

But the world isn't only meant to see our changed lives. They must also hear the message that changed us.

The New Testament is filled with "go and tell" commands. Not everyone is called to move overseas, but everyone is called to proclaim the good news to the lost. That's part of what it means to be the church.

Our mission is to worship God and to lead others to worship Him as well.

"Missions exist because worship does not."
-John Piper

We go to the nations and to our neighborhoods, telling of the glory and goodness and majesty and love of God. Until the day comes when every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Discussion Questions

- How have you seen our church "going and telling?"
- How do you "go and tell?"

Important Theological Term:

"Missio Dei" is a Latin phrase that means mission of God. It is used to understand and describe the plan work and mission of God from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22. God is the ultimate sender and saver. The church is simply joining God and being used by God on His mission. The Father sent the Son. The Father and the Son sent the Spirit. And now the Father, Son, and Spirit are sending the church. The church doesn't just have a mission, we exist because of God's mission. When we go out into the world, we aren't doing something new, we are joining God in the mission He started when He laid the foundations of the earth.

About the Song:

This hymn is built on Hebrews 11. We are to run the race of faith with endurance. As we run and persevere, we are reminded that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have run the race of faith before us.

Pray

Ask God to help you tell others about Jesus.

Sing

By Faith

Keith and Kristyn Getty and
Stuart Townend (2009)

BY FAITH

Verse 1:

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 2:

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 3:

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Verse 4:

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

(Chorus)

Verse 5:

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.



FRIDAY

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Discuss

Scripture consistently speaks of this life as a war, a battle. It is a conflict between the God and His righteousness and all those who oppose Him in unrighteousness.

The Christian life is one where we are constantly waging war against temptation and sin. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12.

Don't be mistaken though. While this is a battle that requires real effort and real toil and real spiritual sweat, the outcome of this battle is already sure. Christ has already won. The end of the story is already written. So while we fight the battle now, we know that we are on the winning side.

Even as we fight in the war, Christians are also sent by God to be His ambassadors. We are commissioned by our King to go into enemy territory and show them the way to end the war, the way to have peace.

That's what the Gospel is! It is a peace treaty extended by God. Through Christ, enemies can become family. Sinners can be reconciled.

To accept the terms of peace, that is repentance and faith in Christ, is to find everlasting life.

To reject it is to remain at war with God, and to face the just consequences of rebellion.

Discussion Questions

- How do you represent the King to others?

Church History:

On September 19th, 1853, James Hudson Taylor set sail from England. He was going to China as a missionary. Others had gone before him, however despite many Christians trying to evangelize in China, there had been little success in their efforts. Hudson Taylor took a different approach. He adopted Chinese culture and customs so far as he was able without sinning. This meant he changed how he dressed, how he kept his hair, how he spoke, everything. He would found the China Inland Mission and see large numbers of Chinese people come to Christ. His faithfulness is why there is still a large Christian community in China today.

About the Song:

This hymn calls the church to action. Equipped by the Spirit, we are called to proclaim salvation to the whole world. We are not just tasked with a mission, we are on God's mission.

Pray

Thank God for making a way for us to have peace with Him

Sing

O Church Arise
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (2005)

O CHURCH, ARISE

Verse 1:

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Verse 2:

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

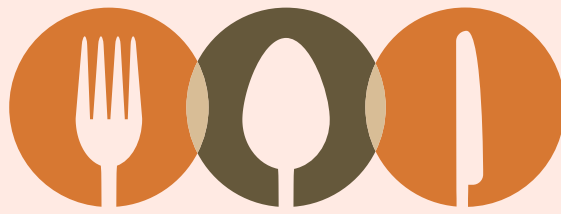
Verse 3:

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

Verse 4:

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.





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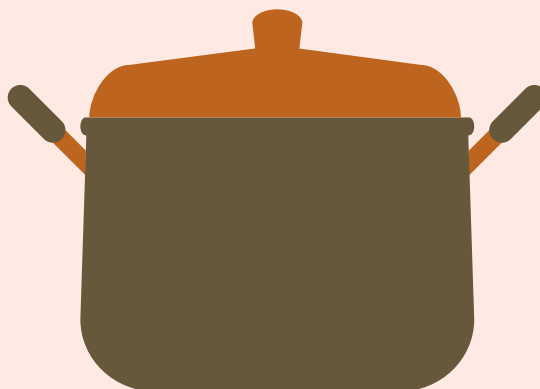
MEMBERS' MEAL & MEETING + PASTOR APPRECIATION!

SUNDAY, OCT 5TH

DINNER @ 5:00PM

MEETING @ 6:00PM

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BRING A
DESSERT!**



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

