



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
09/22/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 49: Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

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 John 20-21 (yes both chapters, don't complain about the long passages)

Discuss

What is the single most important doctrine for Christianity? What is the most important thing that we believe?

There could be many things. The Trinity, the divinity of Christ, the crucifixion. All of these and more are absolutely essential for our faith, but the Christian faith stands or falls on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Jesus was not truly raised from the dead, then our sins have not been paid for. We need a Savior who has been risen to life in order for us to walk in newness of life.

But how do we truly know that Jesus was raised from the dead? This is an important question with a lot of answers. First, people saw Him! The women saw Him at the tomb, then He appeared to the disciples, then He walked with two men on the road to Emmaus, then He appeared to a group of over 500 witnesses. Jesus wasn't shy after being raised.

But couldn't He have been a spirit? A lot of people have thought this, but Scripture proves He had a real body. Think about the chapters you read at the beginning, what were some things Jesus did? He had Thomas touch His hands and His side. He had a body that could be touched! Not only that but He ate real food. He could eat and digest real fish. Jesus really was raised.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it so important that Jesus was really raised from the dead?
- What would change if Jesus was only spiritually raised? (read 1 Corinthians 15)

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Nepal is a small mountain nation between China and India. The nation is over 80% Hindu with large Buddhist, Atheist, and Muslim minorities. In 2015 the nation adopted a new constitution that was intended to guarantee religious freedom, however the parliament also banned religious conversions. This means that conversion to Christianity from any other religion may result in fines, beatings, and imprisonment. False accusations against Christians are also common leading to them becoming social outcasts. Only a few days ago mass protests rocked the country. The parliament was burned down and the prime minister toppled. Pray for the safety and peace of the Christians and that the new government will be friendly to the Christians.

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

Pray for Christians around the world to have boldness sharing the Gospel

Sing

See What a Morning
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
(2003)

SEE WHAT A MORNING (RESURRECTION HYMN)

Verse 1:

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 2:

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 3:

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit
Who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned
With power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!



TUESDAY

Read Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 1:3

Discuss

Imagine you walk into a palace. It is full of beauty and glory. And as you walk in you see in front of you a large throne. On the throne is the king. He has all the authority in the kingdom. He is obviously the man in charge.

But there are others at the throne as well. The man on his right and his left. In a traditional court like this, the man on the right has the second most power in the kingdom. He is sent out by the king to fulfill his will throughout the land.

Scripture tells us that Christ has been seated at the right hand of the Father.

He was sent out by the Father to come to earth. He came to do the Father's will as He lived the perfect life, died the perfect death, and rose from the dead. It was the Father's will for Christ to die for us.

It was the Father who brought Christ back to heaven in the ascension. And He returned Christ to His right hand.

It is here that Christ sits now. Being given all authority in heaven and on earth by the Father. Here He reigns over the universe with the Father.

The One who saved us reigns over us. The One who has loved us sits at the right hand of the Father forever.

Discussion Questions

- Because Jesus reigns, is anything outside His control?
- Is it comforting that Jesus is at the Father's right hand?

Apologetics:

Did Jesus really ascend into heaven? This is a tricky thing to think about because our brains struggle to understand 'how' this can be true. Here are some facts to remember though. Acts 1:9-11 tells us that there were eyewitnesses, real people saw Him go into heaven. And they said He went up in His real body. That passage also tells us that Jesus was taken up into a cloud. He didn't just vanish into a mist, but went back into the glory of the Father. If Jesus didn't ascend into heaven, then that means He wouldn't have finished His work. But He did finish it completely. As He said Himself, "It is finished."

About the song:

This old hymn leads us to rejoice in the coming return of Jesus. This is the hope of the Christian that leads us forward. Christ will return to make all things new and all the redeemed will worship Him in unity forevermore.

Pray

Thank God for the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Sing

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Isaac Watts (1719)

JESUS SHALL WHERE'RE THE SUN

Verse 1:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Verse 2:

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

Verse 3:

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Verse 4:

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Verse 5:

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.



WEDNESDAY

Read Hebrews 7:23-25; Romans 8:32-34

Discuss

Do you feel guilty when you sin? I hope that you do. Our hearts should break over our sin. We should be grieved by it and turn from it. 1 John 1:9 tells us, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

This is a beautiful and wonderful truth. But have you ever thought about ‘how’ our sins are forgiven now? Weren’t they already paid for at Calvary?

Our sins were completely paid for at Calvary. But the Bible tells us that Jesus continues His work, not to offer another sacrifice, but to stand in Heaven as the one who continually applies that sacrifice to us.

When we sin, God’s justice is stirred. The Father sees, the Spirit is grieved, and His righteousness calls for judgment. But then Christ steps forward. Standing at the right hand of the Father, His glorified body still bears the scars of His love in the marks of the nails, the wound in His side.

With His wounds Christ intercedes for us. He says, “This sin too, I have paid for.” The wrath we deserved was already poured out on Him. His scars speak louder than our sins. The justice of God is satisfied, and the mercy of God flows freely to us through His blood.

Christ stands eternally testifying that justice is satisfied in Him. How good it is to have One who can stand before the Father for us.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it so important to have an intercessor?
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Original Languages Word:

פָּגַע

Paga (pāga’)- to plead, intercede, or come between

This is not an exceedingly common Hebrew word, but has great importance. The Scriptures speak of the Messiah being One who would make intercession (paga) for the transgressors. This is what Christ did and continues to do. He intercedes (paga) on our behalf continually forever. He pleads for us not because God needs to be convinced, but because He is our High Priest.

“yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12c)

About the Song:

This wonderful hymn calls on us to consider the beauty of Christ and His work. How matchless and wonderful are His ways. His perfect blood makes us pure in Him.

Pray

Thank God for the intercession of Christ for you.

Sing

My Jesus Fair
Christ Anderson (2008)

MY JESUS FAIR

Verse 1:

My Jesus, fair, was pierced by thorns
By thorns grown from the fall.
Thus He who gave the curse was torn
To end that curse for all

Chorus:

O love divine, O matchless grace
That God should die for men!
With joyful grief I lift my praise
Abhorring all my sin
Adoring only Him

Verse 2:

My Jesus, meek, was scorned by men
By men in blasphemy.
"Father, forgive their senseless sin!"
He prayed, for them, for me

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

My Jesus, kind, was torn by nails,
By nails of cruel men
And to His cross, as grace prevailed,
God pinned my wretched sin.

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

My Jesus, pure, was crushed by God
By God, in judgment just.
The Father grieved, yet turned His rod
On Christ, made sin for us

(Chorus)

Verse 5:

My Jesus, strong, shall come to reign
To reign in majesty
The Lamb arose, and death is slain.
Lord, come in victory!

(Chorus)



THURSDAY

Read Matthew 25:31-46

Discuss

Jesus has ascended into heaven. There He is continually interceding for us. There He has been for 2000 years as our Great High Priest.

2000 years is a long time. Sometimes it can feel as if He is never going to return. But our Lord will not delay forever. He has promised that He will return, but not like He did at first.

The Gospel is the terms of peace. In ancient times a conquering general would approach a city to be conquered. Before tearing down its walls and destroying the people, he would often read a peace treaty to the city. If the people accepted the terms of peace, they would not be destroyed. The Gospel is the terms of peace with our King. He is giving the world the opportunity to accept them.

But that opportunity will not remain forever. Eventually the conquering general will say that the time is up and that the offer of peace is over. Eventually he will tear down the walls. His forces will flood the streets. And all remaining inhabitants who did not come to him for peace will be destroyed.

Christ will return to judge the world. For now the offer of peace remains, but when He returns that offer will be gone and there will be judgement. He will separate those who are His from those who are not.

Discussion Questions

- Have you accepted the terms of peace with Christ?
- Is the return of Christ comforting or scary?

Important Theological Term:

General Judgement is a theological phrase that refers to the judgement of believers and non-believers. It is when everyone stands before God and our lives are played on the big screen. All of those thoughts you keep in your head that are sinful? They are revealed and made known. This should humble us, and make us afraid. Do we want to feel shame on that day or hear the words, "well done my good and faithful servant." The beauty is that for Christians, after our sins have been displayed Christ will step in and declare that all of these have been paid for and no debt is owed. The non-believer will not receive such a blessing.

About the Song:

This hymn has some scary parts to it! Wesley wanted us to see the mix of grace and wrath that will come with Christ. We need to understand both in order to see the fullness of His glory.

Pray

Thank God for providing peace to you.

Sing

*Lo He Comes with Clouds
Descending*
Charles Wesley (1758)

LO HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Verse 1:

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

God appears on Earth to reign.

Verse 2:

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to a tree,
Deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Verse 3:

The dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture,
With what rapture,
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars.

Verse 4:

Yea! Amen! let all adore thee
High on thine eternal throne!
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly!
O come quickly!
O come quickly!
Everlasting God come down.



FRIDAY

Read Romans 8:22; Ephesians 1:7-10; Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 21:1-9

Discuss

Yesterday we talked about the return of Christ. That may have been a little bit scary. And it should be! It should cause us to consider how we are living today because we know that we will stand before the throne of God someday.

But Jesus isn't coming only to judge the world. No, He is coming to make all things new!

In Genesis 3 when man fell into sin, it was the entire world that was cursed. From Genesis 3 until Revelation 20, all of humanity is living in a world broken by sin. Tornadoes, thorns, sunburns all remind us that the physical world is broken by the fall.

God will not be content to allow some of His creation to be broken forever. When He finally makes all things right and new, He won't stop at our souls, He will also renew the world with it!

There will be a day when the world works perfectly. A day when there are no floods. A day when there is no sickness. A day when there are no forest fires. A day when there are no more thorns in our gardens.

Jesus is going to bring us back to Eden, and Eden will fill the whole world! Every tear will be wiped away, every sorrow swiftly forgotten, all pain a distant memory.

This world is broken. It makes us sad seeing it this way and living in it. But don't worry, Jesus is going to make it good again.

Discussion Questions

- What do you look forward to in the new creation?

Church History:

Augustine of Hippo is one of the most significant figures in church history. He lived from 354-430 AD. At this time Rome was a very important Christian city and a key political and cultural area. When Rome was attacked in 410 AD, many thought that this was the end of the world. At the time Augustine was the bishop of hippo, a city in North Africa. Here he wrote one of the most famous books in history called "The City of God." In it he reminded Christians that earthly kingdoms will fall but that the Kingdom of Christ will never fail. The City of God will last forever, and when Christ returns, He will bring the new creation where His people will live with Him forever.

About the Song:

This joyful hymn points us inward and upward. It reminds us that heaven and the new creation are better than here. So while we experience trials now, our hope is set for tomorrow and unfading.

Pray

Praise God for the hope of eternity!

Sing

There is a Higher Throne
Keith and Krystin Getty (2006)

THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

[Verse 1]

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
Will one day come
Before the Son we'll stand
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—
Salvation comes

[Refrain]

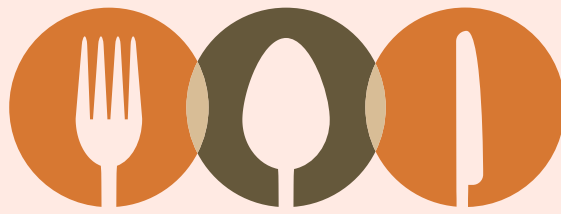
Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, pow'r
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore

[Verse 2]

And there we'll find our home
Our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with Him

[Refrain x2]





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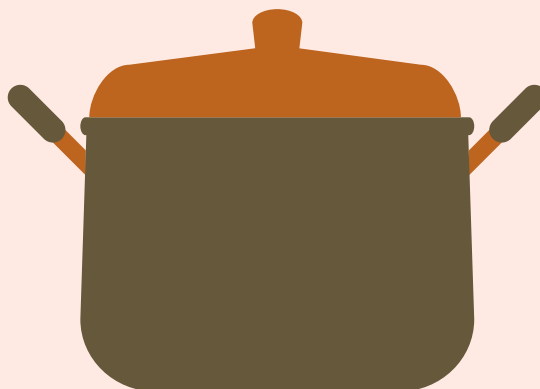
MEMBERS' MEAL & MEETING + PASTOR APPRECIATION!

SUNDAY, OCT 5TH

DINNER @ 5:00PM

MEETING @ 6:00PM

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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

