



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
10/06/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 51: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

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 1:14; Luke 24:39; 1 John 1:1-2

Discuss

My body has a strange thing where whenever the weather begins to shift, I get nose bleeds. This has happened my entire life. Every spring and fall, I carry tissues with me knowing that I will have to be wrestling some spontaneous bloody noses.

I only tell you this because Jesus also likely had bloody noses. This isn't recorded for us in Scripture, but we know that He was very hungry, thirsty, and experience real pain. Maybe a mean neighbor kid hit him, or an accident happened while helping his carpenter father, but at some point Jesus' very real earthly body likely had a nose bleed.

Jesus lived a real life. All of the pain and difficulties you face with your physical body, He did too. His skin was itchy, likely sunburned, He stubbed His toe, He got a cold, He sneezed, He bruised.

This is important because while His life involved all of those normal things, He eventually He suffered, bled, and died on the cross.

Jesus has a real body that bled when the nails pierced Him. He has a real heart which in that agony struggled to beat until it couldn't anymore. His real breath really ceased, and He really died. And this very real body did not stay dead, but was raised to life as He conquered sin and death in the resurrection!

Discussion Questions

- Why is it so important that Jesus has a real body?
- What are normal things that happen in life (like nosebleeds) that Jesus likely experienced?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

The Gaza Strip is a small but densely populated region on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea bordering Israel and Egypt. The population is made up of 2.1 million people, most of them Muslim. In 2023, a brutal attack initiated a devastating war that continues to this day that has left thousands dead, most of the population homeless, and intense suffering. Before the war there were fewer than 1,000 Christians in all of Gaza. Because of the war, today the number has fallen even lower, with many believers being killed or forced to flee. Even the only church buildings in Gaza have been destroyed in the war. Pray for peace in this land, for protection and boldness for the few Christians who remain, and that the good news of Jesus would shine in the darkness.

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 that others would come to know Jesus Christ

Sing

He is Making All Things Right
Bryan Fowler, Sky Peterson, Ben Shive (2024)

HE IS MAKING ALL THINGS RIGHT

VERSE 1

Hail the rightful ruler
Christ who come to save
King of truth and justice
Lord of love and grace
He who bore the cross to
Bring His people peace
Broke the chains of sin and
Set the captive free

CHORUS 1

He is making all things right
He is making all things right

VERSE 2

Hail the humble Shepherd
Bending low to serve
Bread for all our hunger
Water for our thirst
He who helps his neighbor
Loves the least of these
Welcomes in the stranger
Sets the captive free

CHORUS

He is making all things right
He is making all things right
In His goodness, in His time
He is making all things right

VERSE 3

Hail the coming Savior
Hope of every heart
Healer of the nations
Bright and morning star
He will win the battle
Put the world at peace
{He'll} finally and forever
Set the captive free
He'll finally and forever
Set the captive free



TUESDAY

Read Acts 1:9–11; Hebrews 4:14

Discuss

I have often had a confusing thought when I read the story of Lazarus. We often think about Mary and Martha and their joy seeing their brother walk out of the tomb. But consider Lazarus. He was in heaven, and then suddenly brought back to his mortal body again. Not only that, but his body also ended up dying again. Eventually he ended up back in the tomb. He had a second chance at mortal life, but like us he is now still awaiting the resurrection of the dead. Lazarus' tomb got a nice dusting, but eventually he returned to it.

Unlike Lazarus, Jesus' resurrection was not temporary. His risen body could never die again. He ascended to heaven. Christ's tomb is still empty. He did not stay on this earth. His very real body ascended into heaven and that is where He remains now.

This is a BIG deal! When Christ defeated death, He destroyed it completely. Death has no hold on Christ. He has broken its chains, taken its power, removed its sting.

He rose. The grave could not keep Him. Death could not hold Him. He is alive and will be eternally.

Someday we too will be raised with Him. Our bodies will be stirred and our graves will be empty forever. Someday death will not only be defeated, it will be destroyed. Someday our resurrected bodies will dance and sing before the throne of God never getting tired.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it so important that the grave is still empty?
- How does the resurrection change how we live?

Apologetics:

Could the accounts in the Gospels simply be myths? Some people read the Bible and think that what it describes is similar to ancient Greek stories like Hercules. The stories of the Bible are supernatural, it is understandable that some people think this. However, the authors of Scripture as they were led by the Spirit wrote in a way that helps us know these are not myths. The names of specific people like Augustus, Pontius Pilot, referencing real places and events like the census at Jesus' birth. These facts and figures put the New Testament not simply in some distant past, but in a real place and time.

About the song:

This song is one of comfort. It is based on Psalm 46. It calls us to remember that God is the source of our security. He is more steady and secure than even the foundations of the mountains.

Pray

Thank God for the hope of resurrection in Christ

Sing

Be Still, Be Still My Soul
Ryan Foglesong, Grace Nixon,
and Nathan Stiff (2022)

BE STILL, BE STILL MY SOUL

VERSE 1

Should mountains melt into the roaring oceans
The earth give way or heaven's lights grow cold
O mighty God, You are my strong defender
Be still, be still, my soul

VERSE 2

When all I see are enemies before me
When unbelief and doubt have taken hold
O Lord of hosts, You promise to defeat them
Be still, be still, my soul

CHORUS

For You are God, I need not fear
You're sovereign over all
For You are good and always near
I'll rest in You alone
Be still, my soul

VERSE 3

Though all around the wicked seem to prosper
They mock Your name and rise against Your throne
O righteous Judge, their deeds You will remember
Be still, be still, my soul

CHORUS x2

VERSE 4

Though wars erupt, You will not leave us orphans
Though nations rage, You guard us as Your own
O, Prince of Peace, we will not be abandoned
Be still, be still, my soul
Be still, be still, my soul



WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1

Discuss

Wouldn't it be nice to be like Adam and Eve, walking with the Lord in the cool of the morning/ Wouldn't it be nice if Christ was physically sitting beside you on the bed as you prayed to Him through tears? Wouldn't it be nice if He could wrap us in a physical embrace every time we were hurting by the effects of this broken world?

Why did Christ go into heaven and leave us here? Why didn't He just stay with us?

There are a lot of reasons for this, but one big reason is that He has a far more important job at the right hand of the Father than to give us a much a needed hug.

Christ stand interceding for us every day and night.

You and I still sin. We should be sinning less everyday, but we do still sin. And these sins, like all the others before them demand the justice of God.

The Father sees these sins and stands to enact justice, but Christ steps forward and shows His hands and feet and says, "That sin too I have paid for with my blood."

Christ may not sit beside us physically, but He is still caring for our souls as He intercedes for us before the Father. Tenderly and full of love, His heart is bent to care for us even now.

Discussion Questions

- Is Christ's work now comforting for you?
- What would you talk to Christ about if you were walking with Him in the garden?

Original Languages Word:

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Kohen (co-hane)- priest

The priests were an essential part of the Old Testament sacrificial system. Priests stood before the altar constantly offering sacrifices to God. Now, Christ is our great High Priest standing before the Father presenting Himself as the final sacrifice for sins.

"And the former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
(Hebrews 7:23-25)

About the Song:

I doubt you have ever heard this hymn. It is old, but maybe we need to remember it as it lifts our hearts in reverent joy to the God who is so mighty.

Pray

Pray for God to help you love Him more than your sin

Sing

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

John Greenleaf Whittier (1872)

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

Verse 1:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

Verse 2:

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

Verse 3:

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Verse 4:

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

Verse 5:

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!



THURSDAY

Read John 14:1-7

Discuss

In middle school my family went with my school on a trip to New York. We took a very late flight from Oregon to NYC and immediately started with tours. By the time we got done with the first day, we were so tired. We got to our hotel and were sitting in the lobby when we were told that our reservations were no longer available because some of the rooms had bedbugs! It took us a long time to find rooms that night and we were left even more exhausted the next day.

This story reminds me of the promise of Christ. He promised to “prepare a place” for us.

Heaven already has our reservation. God already knows who is coming. He knows how many rooms need prepared. He has our names recorded in His book of life. He will not forget about us or make a mistake.

When we get to heaven our rooms will be ready, everything prepared. We take nothing with us, so there will be nothing to unpack. We will step into paradise with nothing to divide our attention from praising our God and Savior.

If you are in Christ, your place in heaven is secure in Christ.

Discussion Questions

- What do you think it means to have a place in heaven?
- Why does Christ need to prepare a place for us?

Important Theological Term:

The beatific vision is one of the primary points of hope for the Christian. This is the future moment when the promises of Christ will be completed so that we will see God. It is the time when we are totally cleansed from the lingering presence of sin, made perfectly righteous and clean, to stand before the throne of God without guilt or shame or fear, and to be totally overwhelmed by the glory and beauty of the living God fully revealed to us. We will not fear death from seeing Him, for it is the wages of sin that is death and sin will be no more. Perfect splendor, total glory, and overwhelming joy and gladness.

About the Song:

This is an older hymn that isn't sung in our church very often. The lyrics lead us to look forward to the day when we are brought home to God. We are reminded of how perfect that will be.

Pray

Thank God for having your name already written down.

Sing

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I
Stand*
Samuel Stennett (1787)

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

Verse 1:

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Verse 2:

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound
I am bound
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound
I am bound
I am bound for promised land.

Verse 3:

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

(Repeat chorus)

Verse 4:

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

(Repeat chorus)



FRIDAY

Read John 14:15-21, 16:7

Discuss

There are a lot of misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit. Some false teachers say that the Spirit is like the Genie in Aladdin. Others say that He is like the force in Star Wars. Some people think that the Spirit works like Karma as the invisible hand of justice.

All of these views are wrong. The Holy Spirit is truly and fully God. He is a person just like the Father and the Son. He is not a force, or karma, or a Genie giving us everything we ask for.

The Spirit is the Helper. He is every present with us and help us in our weaknesses. He helps us to resist temptation and to walk in paths of righteousness.

The Spirit is the Comforter. He is the One who wraps us in His love as our hearts are grieved. He carries our hearts when they become too heavy. He brings our prayers to the Father even when we don't have the words to pray.

The Spirit is the One who gives us wisdom and understanding. He is God and He dwells within us giving us discernment to see the good and perfect will of God. He also gives us the ability for us to read the Word and understand it.

When Christ ascended, He didn't leave us alone. He sent the Spirit. The Spirit indwells the heart of every believer. He equips us, He fills us with the presence of God.

Because Christ ascended, the Spirit has descended. He is with us now and will never leave us. Through Him we live holy lives until the day we see Christ face to face.

Discussion Questions

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- How does the Spirit help us?

Church History:

On October 9th, 1635, Roger Williams is sentenced to banishment from Massachusetts. At this time each colony had its own specific denomination that was the religion of the whole colony. Williams was an outspoken Baptist and it was for preaching these views that Williams was arrested, beaten, and banished. He left Massachusetts and founded Rhode Island. This was not a new Baptist colony. Rather, Rhode Island became a haven of freedom of religion. Many Baptists fled to the colony from other areas of the new world and many others were protected from unjust oppression. This would become the model for the US.

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

Thank God for the work and help of the Spirit in your life

Sing

It is Not Death to Die
H. A. Cesar Malan (1832)

IT IS NOT DEATH TO DIE

VERSE 1

It is not death to die
To leave this weary road
And join the saints who dwell on high
Who've found their home with God
It is not death to close
The eyes long dimmed by tears
And wake in joy before Your throne
Delivered from our fears

CHORUS

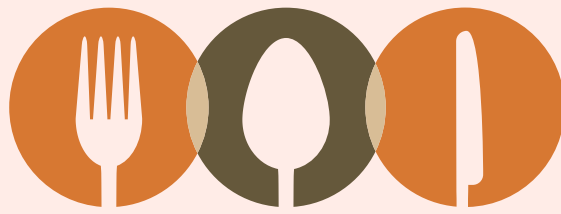
O Jesus, conquering the grave
Your precious blood has power to save
Those who trust in You
Will in Your mercy find
That it is not death to die

VERSE 2

It is not death to fling
Aside this earthly dust
And rise with strong and noble wing
To live among the just
It is not death to hear
The key unlock the door
That sets us free from mortal years
To praise You evermore

CHORUS





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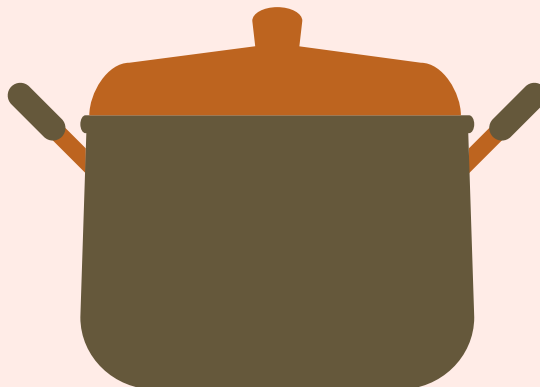
MEMBERS' MEAL & MEETING + PASTOR APPRECIATION!

SUNDAY, OCT 5TH

DINNER @ 5:00PM

MEETING @ 6:00PM

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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

