



**Calvary
Baptist Church**

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Being a Jesus disciple

Home Worship Guide

We've been discussing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus on Sunday mornings for the past few weeks. This week, we'll take another look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

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

When being a disciple is hard

John 6:60-69

There are many reasons people become interested in Jesus. Some are drawn by kindness, a Christian family, friends, or a church. Scripture shows us that the reason a true disciple continues to follow Jesus is deeper than all of that.

In John 6, many people who had followed Jesus began turning away. His teaching was too hard for them. They wanted the benefits of Jesus, but they did not want Jesus Himself. So Jesus looked at those closest to Him and asked, “Do you want to go away as well?” Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

That is the heart of a disciple. A disciple views Jesus not as a fade, but as life. Following Jesus does not mean we understand everything at once. It does not mean obedience is always easy. It does not mean we never struggle, doubt, or feel weak. But it does mean we keep coming back to this truth. Jesus has the words of eternal life. He is worth following.

What are some reasons people might stop following Jesus when His teaching becomes hard?

What is the difference between wanting the benefits of Jesus and wanting Jesus Himself?

Have you ever faced a teaching of Jesus that was difficult to accept or obey? How did you respond?

How can we help one another remain faithful when following Jesus becomes difficult?

Pray

Ask God to help our unbelief.
Pray that your family and friends would follow Him with deep trust and joy!

Sing

I Love to Tell
The Story

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new new song
'Twill be the old old story that I have loved so long

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love



TUESDAY

Disciples are doers, more than hearers

Read: John 8:31-32

Jesus said, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.” That means disciples are not people who merely hear the Bible. They are people who remain in it, believe it, and obey it.

This passage is a great reminder that God’s clearest authority and revelation is found in the Bible. The Bible teaches our story, but more importantly it teaches us God’s story. In it we learn who we are, what sin is, what salvation is, and how we are to live. A disciple learns to bring every part of life under the Word of God.

This Bible is not something we visit, it is something we live in. Disciples abide in Jesus’ Word. We listen to it and allow it to correct us, comfort us, expose and shape us. It is life. It is sweeter than honey.

James tells us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. A disciple asks, “What must I believe, confess, change, obey, or trust because God has spoken?”

What is the difference between hearing God’s Word and actually obeying God’s Word?

What is one command from Jesus that our family needs to take more seriously this week?

What does it mean to abide in God’s Word?

What are some obstacles that keep people from regularly reading and obeying the Bible?

Can you think of a time when Scripture corrected, comforted, or challenged you? What happened?

Pray

Ask God to give you a hunger for His Word.

Sing

A Thousand Tongues

A THOUSAND TONGUES

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's
praise
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His
grace

Chorus:

And if I had a thousand tongues, Still, I could never sing
enough

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of
Thy name

Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's
ears
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free, His blood can make the foulest
clean
His blood availed for me,

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ, Ye blind, behold your
Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy,

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WEDNESDAY

Love Jesus First

Read: Luke 14:25-33

A disciple sees Jesus as life's greatest priority and greatest calling. This passage sounds strong, because it is. Jesus is not saying we should stop loving our family. The Bible commands us to love our father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters, and neighbors. But Jesus is saying that our love for Him must be first. No relationship, possession, dream, comfort, or desire can sit on the throne that belongs to Christ.

As those who follow Jesus, we are to see ourselves as a servant. Not an owner. Nothing we have, from our money to our breathe is really ours. Everything belongs to Him and for Him. This is hard because we like to be in control. We want Jesus to save us, comfort us, and bless us, but we often resist when He claims authority over every part of life. But discipleship means Jesus gets all of us. Not because He is cruel, but because He is worthy. He gave Himself for us, and now we belong to Him.

What does it mean that Jesus must be loved more than anything or anyone else?

What is one area of your life where it is hard to live like a servant instead of an owner?

How can we love our family deeply while still making Jesus our highest priority?

What are some things that commonly compete with Jesus for first place in a person's life?

If someone observed your life for a month, what would they conclude is your highest priority?

What areas of life are easiest for you to surrender to Christ? Which are hardest?

How can we tell when something good has become an idol in our hearts?

Pray

Ask God to help you love Jesus above everything else

Sing

We believe

WE BELIEVE

Chorus:

We believe in one true God
Father, Spirit, Son
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all
His kingdom come

We believe in God the Father
Almighty, Lord of life, Creator of the Heavens
The Earth, the sea, the sky, And we believe in Jesus
The only Son of God, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Who lived as one of us

We believe that Jesus suffered
Was beaten, crucified, He died and He was buried
Entombed in darkest night, The third day rose victorious,
Ascended into Heaven, Will one day come to judge us,
The living and the dead

We believe in God the Spirit
One Church, empowered by Him
Communion of God's people
Forgiveness of our sin, Our bodies resurrected
To everlasting life, To worship, love and wonder
Before the throne of Christ
(Chorus) x2



THURSDAY

Love for one another

Read: John 13:34-35

Imagine you're in a forest filled with trees. How do you identify that which has food to eat? By the fruit it produces. Likewise, our passage today reminds us that one fruit of following Jesus is the love we have for the eternal family He's given us.

Love for other Christians is one clear mark of our new life. This is more than being friendly. It is a sacrificial love, just like the love we see modeled in Christ. He laid down His life for us, so we lay down ourselves for one another.

This kind of love is not always easy. Family involves people with all sorts of personalities, needs, weaknesses and opinions. Relationships are messy! People will disappoint us. But the call of Christ is not a call to love easy people, but messy people like you. We open our lives. We bear burdens. We encourage the weak. We forgive as Christ forgave us. We do not treat the church like a place we attend, but like a family we belong to.

How does loving one another show that we are Jesus' disciples?

What is one practical way our family can love or serve someone in our church this week?

Why is fruit a good illustration for identifying a true disciple of Jesus?

Why is it often easier to love people from a distance than to love them closely?

Why is it important to remember our own weaknesses when dealing with other relationships?

How does remembering God's grace toward us help us extend grace to others?

Pray

Ask God to deepen your love for His people. Take a moment and pray for some of them by name!

Sing

How Firm a Foundation

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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?

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

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

"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.

"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."



FRIDAY

Disciples make disciples

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

You should know this passage! We end every week with it. What a glorious calling. Jesus did not only call His disciples to come to Him, He sends us out in His name to others. His command hasn't ceased, it continues today. His church is to go into all nations, teaching others to know Him and follow Him. A disciple of Jesus is not only someone being changed by Jesus. A disciple is someone Jesus uses to help others follow Him too.

This does not mean every Christian has the same role. Some will preach. Some will teach children. Some will open their homes. Some will disciple a younger believer. Some will share the gospel with a neighbor, coworker, classmate, or friend. Some will pray faithfully and serve quietly. But every disciple is called into the mission of Jesus.

Jesus said in John 15 that the Father is glorified when we bear much fruit and so prove to be His disciples. Our lives are not meant to be spent making a name for ourselves. We want others to know Him, trust Him, obey Him, and follow Him.

This calling may feel intimidating. You may feel ill-equipped, but brother or sister, know this...Jesus goes with you.

What does it mean to make disciples?

Who is one person you can pray for, encourage, or talk to about Jesus this week?

When you hear the command to make disciples, what emotions come to mind? Excitement, fear, inadequacy, something else?

What are some common reasons Christians hesitate to share their faith or disciple others?

Who has helped you grow in your faith, and what impact did that person have on your life?

How can our church move from simply gathering people to actively making disciples?

Pray

Ask God to use you and your family to make disciples. Pause and pray for one person you know that needs to know Jesus.

Sing

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all
is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend
me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been
paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the
grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I
am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me
home
And day by day I know He will renew
me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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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

