



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

Forgiveness

We all need forgiveness for our sins. Once we experience the everlasting forgiveness from Jesus, we are also expected to extend that forgiveness to others. This week, we will discover our own need for forgiveness and our calling to forgive others.

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

Keep forgiving

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter suggested that they forgive a brother up to 7 times, I'm sure he thought he was being generous with that many times of forgiveness. But just as Jesus does in His sermon on the mount, Jesus raises the bar to 77 times. Compared to a measly 7 times, 77 is an incredible jump. Does Jesus mean to keep track of how many times we have forgiven someone until we meet 77 times? Not at all. Jesus simply means that we should forgive without keeping track. Our compassion should be likened to the compassionate master in the parable. 10,000 talents in today's money would be an unfathomable amount to pay back; an amount that would be impossible to pay back. Yet the master forgives the debt, just as God has forgiven the unpayable sin debt we owe Him due to the sin in our own lives. It would be but a few chapters after this one in Matthew that Jesus goes to the cross to pay the price for those sins on our behalf. If Jesus can forgive you, shouldn't you forgive others?

Why do you think Jesus responded with "77 times" instead of simply saying "keep forgiving"?

What does the enormous debt of 10,000 talents represent in the parable?

What does this parable teach us about God's forgiveness toward us?

Why is remembering the size of our own forgiven debt important when someone sins against us?

Is there someone you find difficult to forgive? What makes forgiveness so challenging?

Pray

Pray for God to open your eyes to who you may need to forgive and keep forgiving.

Sing

Come Behold the
Wondrous Mystery

COME BEHOLD THE WONDEROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when He comes



TUESDAY

God's forgiveness

Read: 1 John 1:9

They say the first step to fixing a problem is to admit you have a problem. This concept is not unlike what John is saying in our verse today. The problem is sin. The solution is God's forgiveness. But how do we get there? How do we get from our sin to God's forgiveness? We must first confess. We confess that we each have a problem, and that problem is the sin in our lives. If we can confess our sins, God will not fail in offering His forgiveness to us. His forgiveness offered to us is not only a picture of God's faithfulness, but it is also a picture of his justice. He is just in his decision to forgive those who confess their sins. God cleanses the repentant heart of all unrighteousness. Take the first step today, if you have not taken that step. Confess your sins to God. This will bring you into the family of God.

What's harder for you: admitting that you've sinned or believing that God has completely forgiven you? Why?

What does it mean to confess our sins?

Why do people often try to hide or excuse their sin instead of confessing it?

Have you ever experienced the peace that comes after confessing sin to God? What was that like?

What would you say to someone who believes their sin is too great for God to forgive?

Pray

Confess any unconfessed sin to the Lord today.

Sing

Only a Holy God

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God
What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!



WEDNESDAY

Forgiving Others

Read: Matthew 6:12 & 14-15

Every one of us has been wronged by someone else. Some of you may have even experienced some horrific ways of being treated. Scripture does not give us any examples of sins that can be committed against us in which we can harmlessly harbor bitterness. Forgiving others who sin against us is always God's expectation. Jesus even mentions it in His model prayer. He mentions forgiveness in verse 12, right after He asks God to provide Him with food. It feels as if our need to forgive others should be as prominent as our need for food. Jesus then doubles down on forgiveness in verses 14 and 15 when he says that if you do not forgive those who wrong you, you will not experience God's gracious forgiveness. This is a heavy reality. A heart that is willfully unforgiving is a heart unfit to receive forgiveness or to be made righteous and pure.

Why do you think Jesus emphasizes forgiveness again in verses 14–15 after the Lord's Prayer?

What does biblical forgiveness look like? How is it different from pretending nothing happened?

What are some signs that bitterness may be taking root in someone's heart?

What makes forgiveness so difficult?

What does the gospel teach us about extending grace to people who don't deserve it?

Pray

Give any bitterness you have toward someone else to the Lord.

Sing

10,000 Reasons

10,000 REASONS

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore



THURSDAY

Forgiving Yourself

Read: Romans 8:1

Do you ever find it easier to forgive others more than yourself? I do. Sometimes it feels like everyone else “deserves” to be forgiven, while I deserve some kind of punishment of shame that only I can dish out. Maybe you have felt this way before. The funny thing is that no one actually deserves forgiveness. If someone deserved forgiveness, they would never be in a position to need it in the first place. When I feel like this, I have to remember Romans 8:1. The biblical point of view is that there exists no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. This declaration breaks down the self-imposed punishment of shame and guilt that we put on ourselves. If God has forgiven you and is, therefore, on your side... who, then, can hold you to account for the sins that you have committed? What makes forgiving yourself so complicated is usually perfectionism hiding behind earned righteousness. Let us not fall into the pit of believing that we can earn God’s grace. Remember, grace is a gift.

What are some emotions that people often carry even after they've confessed their sins?

Why do you think some people find it easier to forgive others than to forgive themselves?

When you fail, what is your typical response—running toward God or withdrawing from Him? Why?

Why would it dishonor Christ's sacrifice if we believed His forgiveness wasn't enough?

If Jesus has already paid the full penalty for your sin, what are you trying to accomplish by continuing to punish yourself?

Pray

Give your shame and guilt to Jesus today.

Sing

*Christ Our Hope
in Life and Death*

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore



FRIDAY

Love Others as You Love Yourself

Read: Luke 10:27

The concept of Luke 10:27 is a simple one to understand but difficult to live out in our lives. What does it mean to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind? It ultimately means to love God with everything about yourself; your “everything-ness.” When you think about it, this is harder than it may seem on the surface. But it is our calling. A big part of becoming more like Christ is doing what the rest of this verse tells us to do: love your neighbor as yourself. Christ, in His life and death, put others before Himself. He loved others with His everything-ness.

Part of loving your neighbor as yourself means to offer forgiveness. You want to be forgiven. You want others to see past your mistakes and flaws, and see Christ in you. You want others to love you in a way that forgives you, especially for your worst moments. To love your neighbor as yourself means to offer them the same level of forgiveness that you seek for yourself.

How is forgiveness connected to loving our neighbor?

How does this apply to loving our enemies?

How does forgiving someone demonstrate genuine love?

What happens to our heart when we don't forgive others?

Pray

Pray that God would soften your heart and equip you to love others well.

Sing

Holy Holy Holy

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

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Psalm 95:6

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am



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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

