



Calvary  
Baptist Church

For the week of:  
5/24/26

# Home Worship Guide

## The Gospel

Sharing the gospel is the foundational activity we are called to as believers in Christ. This week, we will discuss the different pieces of the gospel and also what we should do with it moving forward.

# 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

## Our Sin

**Read: Romans 3:23, 5:12**

We hear this word a lot: “sin.” What does it mean, though? Well, it means to “miss the mark.” It’s like in archery when you’re aiming at the bullseye on the target and you miss the mark. To sin is to have a standard of perfection that is being aimed for but missing the mark of perfection. In Romans 3:23, this mark that we aim for is called the “glory of God.” The bullseye that we are to aim for is the glory and holiness of God. But how can we, a sinful people, actually hit the target? That’s just it! We can’t hit the target! That’s why we need Jesus to hit the target of perfection for us, so that we can have his imputed righteousness freely given to us. In this way, Christ has hit the bullseye for all those who believe in Him.

Sin is embedded deep within our hearts because of Adam’s sin. Our sin is a part of us even before we’re born. We can see this from Psalm 51:5, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” From the moment of our conception, we are doomed to death because of our sin. If not for Christ, we would have no hope of escape from our sin. It is in Christ we have hope to live eternally with the Father through his death and resurrection, which we will discuss over the next two days.

Discussion Questions:  
According to Scripture, what do we do with our sin?

### **Pray**

Thank you, Lord, for providing an escape from sin through your Son, Jesus Christ.

### **Sing**

*And Can It Be*

# AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



# TUESDAY

## Christ's death

**Read: 1 Cor 1:23; Galatians 3:13**

Christians sure do talk a lot about Christ's death, also known as the crucifixion. Have you ever stopped to think, "why?" Have you ever gotten annoyed by how much your pastor talks about Jesus' death on the cross for you? It's ok to be honest about it. Allow me to tell you the importance of the crucifixion. Without the crucifixion, there would be no Christianity. Christ's death is the atoning sacrifice, once and for all, for believers in Christ. We have no hope of forgiveness without Christ's death on a cross. It was his perfect, pure blood that washed away the sins of the world. If you think you understand Christianity but ignore the cross of Christ, you've missed the foundation of the faith. You may be thinking, "What about the resurrection?" We will get to the resurrection tomorrow, but notice how there would be no resurrection without a crucifixion.

God used an absurd way of saving us to save us. The Bible even says that the cross is foolishness to the Gentile and a stumbling block to the Jews. To the Jews, the cross was a stumbling block because the Torah says that all men hanged on a tree are cursed (Deut. 21:23) which meant Jesus could not possibly have been God's chosen one. The Gentile saw the cross as foolishness because, culturally, the cross was meant for the worst of the worst criminals. How could Jesus be a terrible criminal and the chosen one of God?

### Discussion Question

Is the cross actually foolish?  
Why not?

### **Pray**

Thank you, Lord, for sending your Son to die on our behalf.

### **Sing**

*Blessed Assurance*

# BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



# WEDNESDAY

## The Resurrection

**Read: 1 Cor 15:3-8 and 12-22**

The implications of the resurrection for the believer are astounding. Christ's victory over death through His resurrection stands as the cornerstone of our ability to boast in Christ as our redeemer. It also stands as our hope to triumph over sin and death, just as Christ did. Only because Christ has triumphed over sin and death can we have hope to do the same.

Without Christ's resurrection, everything we hold dear as Christians would dissolve into nothing and our hope for a reconciled relationship with the Triune God would be gone. Without the resurrection, preaching on Sunday morning becomes hollow and our faith loses its power to address sin. Just as death entered the world through the sin of one man (Adam), eternal life became our hope through the resurrection of one man (Christ).

One of Jesus' many "I AM" statements that he makes in the Gospel of John is "I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." This is a promise from Christ that whoever believes in Him will live even after physical death. Rather than living in fear of death, through Christ's resurrection, we can live with expectant hope for life even after death.

### **Discussion Question:**

Why is the resurrection of Jesus so central to the Christian faith?

### **Pray**

Thank you, Lord, for giving me the hope of eternal life through your resurrection.

### **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:**

Oh, sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
Oh, 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



# THURSDAY

## Christ's return

### Read: 1 Thess. 4:16-17

The biblical picture of Christ's return says it is both visible and mysterious. His arrival will be unmistakable and visible to all people across the earth as he comes through the clouds with overwhelming power and glory (Matt 24:30–31; Rev 1:7). The manner of his return will mirror his ascension (Acts 1:9–11, see next page), establishing unity between his departure and his return.

Do you see how this connects to yesterday's study? Just like Christ rose bodily, there will be a bodily resurrection of all those who have faith in Christ. Those who have been raised to physical life will be raised into the air to meet Christ in the clouds. This is a picture of a conquering hero who returns from war. The Romans would go out of the city when they saw their conquering hero returning from a great victory. We get the same privilege of welcoming Jesus back when he returns. What a joy and a gift to welcome our conquering hero, Jesus Christ, back to us!

### Acts 1:9-11

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

### Discussion Questions:

How should the certainty of Christ's return affect the way we live today?

### **Pray**

Lord, help me live with the expectant hope of your imminent return.

### **Sing**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

# HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

[Verse 1]

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

[Chorus]

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

[Verse 2]

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

[Verse 3]

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last



# FRIDAY

## Evangelism

### Read: Romans 10:14-15

Let's be honest, evangelism is hard to do. Sometimes we feel as if we are not equipped to answer any additional questions that would follow a gospel presentation. This is a common fear. But I would encourage you to have the same attitude as Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:2 where he says, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." Sometimes we just need to be comfortable with not knowing the answers to other questions. As long as you know Jesus Christ and Him crucified, you know what you need to know.

Other times we feel as if we would offend someone with our presentation of the gospel. The good and bad news about that is that the gospel is offensive all on its own. The gospel shines a bright light on the sin in the lives of everyone. Sin is offensive. And because the gospel shines light on their sin, the gospel can be offensive. This fear is also common and makes sense. My encouragement to you is to tell you to allow the gospel to do what it does and not take any response to it as a personal attack.

Today is the end of our week's study on the gospel. If you know the elements that we have gone over this week, you'll be equipped for gospel ministry. I'll leave you with the final words of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

### Discussion Questions:

Why do you think Christians feel under equipped to share the gospel?

### Pray

Lord, give me the boldness to proclaim your gospel.

### 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 it's true.  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.

## **Chorus:**

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.



Oh come,  
let us  
worship  
and bow down;

let us  
kneel  
before the  
Lord,  
our Maker!

—♥—  
Psalm 95:6

# CALVARY

## 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

