



## At Home Devotion Guide

We encourage everyone to use this guide in your home this week and to adapt it to your specific household situation. This guide can be used in one sitting or can be broken up and used throughout the week.

### Sermon Reflection

**Read passages from sermon:** Philippians 1:19-26

**For young children:** Christians belong to Jesus. If they die they go to be with him in heaven. If they live they are called to serve him with joy.

**For older children and adults:** Paul's identity was rooted in Christ. He knew that if he died his soul would go to the presence of the Lord in heaven. And if he lived he was called to serve Christ in the joy and power of the Holy Spirit. As Christians we must, like Paul, see that in death and life our hope and joy are in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Questions:** How can we still have hope when a Christian dies? How can we serve others in Jesus' name this week?

**Pray:** Ask God for a deeper understanding of your identity in Christ.

### Weekly Catechism Questions

**For Children:** What is a change of heart called? *New birth or regeneration.*  
(John 3:1-8; Ephesians 2:4-8; Colossians 2:13-14; Titus 3:3-7).

**For older children and Adults:** Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word? *Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.*

(The New City Catechism: Q34,  
[http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New\\_City\\_Catechism.pdf](http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf))

**Suggested Hymn:** #506, *In Christ Alone*

## How to Use This Guide

At Bethany we recognize that worship is not just something that happens on Sunday morning. Though corporate worship is important, it is also important that we are striving to worship God in our homes on a regular basis. According to Donald Whitney, "God deserves to be worshiped daily in our homes by our families." This guide will help you to lead worship in your home.

**Scripture-** Begin by reading the passage from the sermon. Based on the ages of those involved, briefly discuss the meaning of the passage and how it applies to your lives.

**Catechism-** This is a great way to learn what the whole Bible teaches about a particular topic. Read the question, then read the answer. If possible, try to put the answer in your own words.

**Prayer-** Pray that God would help you obey and understand the truth that you just discussed.

**Sing-** If someone is able to lead in song, then take some time to sing to the Lord. The guide will provide a suggested hymn from *The Baptist Hymnal, 2008.*

Feel free to adapt this guide to your particular household situation. This is not meant to be a heavy burden. It is an aid in helping members of your household to grow in Christ.

**Families with young children-** Don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Start with short amounts of time, then get longer as the children get older.

**Families with older children-** Also, don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Avoid 'preaching' to your family. Instead, let the word of God speak for itself.

**Couples without children-** This guide is for you as well! Household devotions will help you go deeper in your study of God's word and grow together in Christ.

**Singles who live alone-** Utilize this guide as part of your regular devotion time.

Begin today! This discipline will help you and other members of your household grow in their walk with Christ. It will also aid you in passing on the faith to the next generation.