



## 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 passage from sermon:** Acts 6:1-7

**For young children:** Jesus calls all His disciples to serve His church by using the gifts that He has given them.

**For older children and adults:** This passage tells the story of a problem that arose in the early church. The apostles needed to commit their time to preaching the Word of God and to prayer. Therefore, several men were raised up to resolve this difficulty. In the same way, God calls all His people to serve by using their spiritual gifts. If the church is not flourishing, it's because the church is not utilizing the gifts Jesus has given her.

**Question:** What are the needs in your church that you can help meet?

**Pray:** Ask God to keep your church from conflict and to meet the needs of its members.

### Weekly Catechism Questions

**For Children:** In how many persons does the one God exist?  
*God exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

(Matthew 3:16-17; John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9-10, 16-17; 16:13-15; Acts 5:3-4; 1 John 5:20; 2 John 9).

**For older children and Adults:** How many persons are there in God? *There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.*

(The New City Catechism: Q3,  
[http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New\\_City\\_Catechism.pdf](http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf))

**Suggested Hymn:** #386, *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

## 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.