Household Worship Guide Nov 15 – Nov 21, '26

This household worship guide is designed to complement our Lord's Day sermons. Its purpose is to help focus your heart, mind, and life on the preached Word throughout the week, seamlessly connecting your household worship with our church's gathered worship.

We aim to enhance your thoughtful hearing of God's Word and encourage its deep meditation, so that it might truly take root in your lives. Therefore, during the early part of the week, this guide will help you reflect on the truths proclaimed on the Lord's Day just past. This reflection helps to solidify the Word's spiritual impact. Then, as the week progresses, we will turn our attention to the upcoming Lord's Day, preparing our hearts and minds. In this rhythm, we celebrate each Lord's Day as the pinnacle of our week.

Corporate worship is vital. It prepares us for the week ahead and offers a precious foretaste of our heavenly fellowship. Yet, our worship extends beyond the church gathering. This guide also encourages regular worship of God, both as families and as individuals, throughout the week.

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Prepare your heart for worship: Take a few moments of quiet before the service. Pray that the Lord would open your ears to hear His Word, soften your heart to receive it, and strengthen your will to obey it.

AM Sermon	Matthew 19:1-12 - *Is Marriage Worth It?*
PM Sermon	Malachi 2:10-16 - *God Was at Your Wedding*
Read the sermon text(s), then discuss one or more of these questions	1. What is the main idea of the sermon(s)? 2. In one sentence how did the sermon(s) impact you? 3. Which of the following did you find in the sermon(s)? A sin to confess — An example to follow An error to avoid — A command to obey A promise to claim — A prayer to pray A blessing to enjoy — A warning to heed A fault to abandon — A principle to live Something new (to you) about God, Christ, or yourself?

- Is there something that 'shines' from the text—whatever impacts most, or draws attention?
- Is there something you don't understand, or a question the text raises in your mind?
- Is there a personal application to your life?
- Is there something you plan to share with someone else–and who will you share it with?
- How do ideas in the text interrelate? Or with other passages in this book–or in the whole Bible?
- How do you see Jesus Christ in the text?

Praise	Psalm 128:1-4 (blessings upon the covenant household)
Pray	1. Pray that you would hide the word read and preached in your hearts, and bring forth its fruit in your lives. 2. Pray for a member of our church, for your family, and for a non-Christian friend/family member.

Sermon Txt
Matt. 19:1-6

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Mon Nov 16

Reading	Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18-25 - God ordained the marriage covenant to mirror his triune communion and multiply earthly image-bearers.
Keys	• Creation establishes the enduring pattern for human flourishing and marital union. • Christ points hardened hearts back to the original perfection of Eden. • What God binds together remains a sacred and inseparable one-flesh bond.
Questions	1. In what specific ways do our worldly expectations distort biblical marriage? 2. What hidden resentments are rotting the foundations of our covenant promises? 3. Where must we actively cultivate greater tenderness toward our earthly spouse?
Notes	Matthew directs our gaze back to the garden of Eden, binding the majesty of original creation to the present reality of matrimony. Christ reminds rebellious sinners that Yahweh designed the marital union to mirror his own unfailing covenant love. Cultural assumptions subtly convince us to view marriage as a temporary contract of convenience rather than a holy vow. Selfish grievances slowly poison our communion if left unchecked by the grace of God. Yet knowing the Savior patiently bears our unfaithfulness, believers must purposefully nurture profound spiritual intimacy at home. Cast down the idol of personal convenience and flee to the unsearchable riches of the Redeemer. Since our heavenly Bridegroom never forsakes his church, relentlessly put selfishness to death and serve one another with profound joy.
Praise	Psalm 45:6-9 (the majesty of the King)
Pray	1. Eternal Father, root our homes deeply in your sovereign grace. Cleanse our marriages from worldly rot. 2. Make our hearts swell with gratitude for the glorious truths preached yesterday regarding the beauty of covenant fidelity. 3. Grant deep spiritual unity to [Name], and awaken [Name] to the gospel.

Sermon Txt
Matt. 19:7-12

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Tue Nov 17

Reading	Ezra 9:1-10:44 - Purging foreign wives exposes the deadly cost of compromised covenant holiness.
Keys	• Sinful compromise demands radical and painful amputation for spiritual survival. • Human rebellion necessitates strict boundaries to restrain our depraved inclinations. • True disciples gladly embrace costly singleness or faithfulness for the kingdom.
Questions	1. Which of our daily habits invite defiling influences into our households? 2. When are we most tempted to justify fleshly exceptions to divine laws? 3. To what degree does remaining faithful feel like an unbearable burden?
Notes	Jesus confronts the Pharisees regarding their casual approach to divorce, contrasting human hardness of heart with the severe purity demanded in Ezra. The Lord's Day emphasis on covenant integrity exposes the terrible cost of treating sacred vows with flippancy. Unregulated media consumption and profane entertainment frequently introduce spiritual decay directly into our living rooms. Our deceitful flesh eagerly weaponizes difficult circumstances to demand sinful concessions from God. Though the path of obedience often feels agonizingly steep, the Holy Spirit provides immense supernatural strength to uphold our holy commitments. Mortify the silent creeping rot of spiritual compromise and rest entirely upon the perfect righteousness of the Mediator. Because the Shepherd tenderly gathers the bruised reeds, boldly embrace the costly demands of discipleship without grumbling.
Praise	Psalm 119:33-40 (give me understanding of your law)
Pray	1. Holy Spirit, purge all unholy affections from our wayward souls. Strengthen our resolve to pursue absolute purity. 2. Empower us to apply yesterday's warnings against spiritual adultery, remaining steadfastly faithful to our vows. 3. Bestow endurance upon [Name], and pierce the darkened conscience of [Name].

Sermon Txt
Mal. 2:10-16

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Wed Nov 18

Reading	Psalm 127:3-5 - God blesses covenant homes with children as a glorious heritage to extend his kingdom across generations.
Keys	• Yahweh actively witnesses and enforces the vows made in our youth. • Treachery against a spouse is profound treason against the Almighty. • Godly offspring are the intended fruit of a spiritually unified marriage.
Questions	1. What specific hypocrisies cause our outward piety to ring entirely hollow? 2. How frequently do harsh words betray a fundamentally bitter spirit? 3. Where is the fear of Yahweh lacking in our domestic routines?
Notes	Malachi thunders against the men of Judah for their marital treachery, linking their broken homes to a corrupted worship. This evening text perfectly supplements our morning study by revealing that God requires genuine covenant loyalty for the sake of future generations. Public displays of religion mean nothing when private cruelty reigns behind closed doors. A biting tongue quickly exposes the deep spiritual sickness festering within our unmortified flesh. We serve a compassionate Savior who wept over Jerusalem, enabling us to repent deeply when our homes lack the reverent awe of heaven. Tear down the ugly scaffolding of self-righteousness and lay hold of the blood of the eternal covenant. Since the Lord Jesus intimately understands our profound weakness, furiously eradicate all malice from your daily family interactions.
Praise	Psalm 101:1-4 (walking blamelessly in my house)
Pray	1. Sovereign Lord, shatter our relational pride and deliver us from domestic treachery. 2. Cause the evening sermon's call for marital faithfulness to bear lasting fruit in our secret lives. 3. Comfort the grieving heart of [Name], and grant saving faith to [Name].

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Thu Nov 19

Reading	Matthew 19:13-15 - The kingdom of heaven belongs exclusively to those who approach the Savior with the helpless dependence of little children.
Keys	• Spiritual pride inherently repels the grace of our majestic King. • Christ warmly welcomes the insignificant and weak to his throne. • True faith requires abandoning all pretense of our own self-sufficiency.
Questions	1. Which assumed virtues do we secretly believe earn divine favor? 2. Whom do our subtle prejudices actively hinder from approaching Christ? 3. In what circumstances do we resent being treated as utterly helpless?
Notes	Christ rebukes his own disciples for obstructing the vulnerable, establishing that the coming Lord's Day message will confront our native self-reliance. This beautiful scene demonstrates that entry into the kingdom demands total relinquishment of adult sophistication and merit. Our deceitful hearts continually manufacture supposed good works to barter for heavenly approval. A self-important spirit frequently causes us to overlook the spiritually needy souls dwelling under our own roofs. Yet we are gathered by a merciful Shepherd who carries the lambs, giving us profound liberty to confess our utter spiritual bankruptcy. Strip away your filthy rags of moralism and cling desperately to the imputed righteousness of the Son. How sweet is the truth that grace flows downward, so abandon your stubborn independence and receive the kingdom like a beggar.
Praise	Psalm 131:1-3 (a calmed and quieted soul)
Pray	1. Gracious King, melt our stiff necks and humble our haughty eyes. Teach us the blessedness of childlike dependence. 2. Fill our pastor with the Holy Ghost as he prepares to herald the unsearchable riches of Christ this Sunday. 3. Deepen the humility of [Name], and break the stubborn will of [Name].

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Fri Nov 20

Reading	Matthew 19:16-30 - Earthly wealth becomes a damning snare unless we forsake all idols to follow the supreme treasure of Christ.
Keys	• No amount of outward morality can mask a covetous heart. • Salvation is entirely impossible for man but guaranteed by God. • Sacrificing worldly comforts for the gospel yields an eternal, hundredfold reward.
Questions	1. What specific earthly security competes most fiercely for our supreme allegiance? 2. When do we wrongly equate financial prosperity with divine spiritual approval? 3. Which of Christ's commands makes us walk away in profound sorrow?
Notes	The tragedy of the rich young ruler exposes the terrifying grip of materialism, preparing us for Sunday's exposition of radical discipleship. Jesus reveals that a heart shackled to temporal riches cannot simultaneously embrace the eternal kingdom of heaven. Financial stability easily transforms into a cruel master that dictates our daily priorities and drains our spiritual vitality. Our flesh quickly builds a false assurance of salvation based on material comfort rather than the promises of Yahweh, mistaking earthly ease for heavenly approval. When Christ demands the surrender of our most cherished possessions, our native unbelief makes us recoil in profound sorrow. Yet we rejoice that the merciful Savior loved us enough to become poor, securing the impossible salvation of worldly idolaters. Smash the blinding idol of earthly wealth and shelter securely under the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb. Realizing the Master has secured an unfading inheritance for his people, joyfully hold your passing temporal possessions with a loose hand.
Praise	Psalm 49:12-15 (God will ransom my soul)
Pray	1. O God of all comfort, sever the chains of greed binding our hearts. Cause us to value Christ above all earthly treasures. 2. Give our congregation attentive ears and soft hearts to receive the sword of the Spirit as it is preached this coming Lord's Day. 3. Provide for the pressing needs of [Name], and awaken the dead soul of [Name].

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Sat Nov 21

Reading	Psalm 73:25-26 - When our flesh and strength ultimately fail, Yahweh alone remains our satisfying portion and eternal refuge.
Keys	• Earthly suffering relentlessly strips away our reliance on physical vitality. • True communion with God eclipses all temporal desires and earthly pleasures. • The Lord himself is the unfailing strength of the fainting heart.
Questions	1. What secret anxieties reveal our deep terror of physical or financial decline? 2. When does our envy of the wicked blind us to heavenly realities? 3. Where do we doubt Yahweh's absolute sufficiency?
Notes	As we anticipate tomorrow evening's sermon from Philippians on counting everything as loss, Asaph provides the perfect poetic counterpart. This profound confession teaches the pilgrim that possessing Yahweh turns the darkest earthly deprivations into seasons of spiritual feasting. The terrifying prospect of bodily decay often exposes a functional atheism lurking beneath our polite religious exterior. Our treacherous minds easily covet the carefree lives of the reprobate when the crucible of affliction burns hot. Nevertheless, the Father of mercies intimately draws near to the brokenhearted, stabilizing our trembling souls with his unfailing presence. Put to death your envious grumbling and rest the full weight of your soul upon the finished work of Christ. Bound securely by a covenant-keeping God, boldly face the fading of this present evil age with triumphant hope.
Praise	Psalm 16:7-11 (in your presence is joy)
Pray	1. Almighty Defender, anchor our wandering affections in your eternal goodness and be our supreme portion. 2. Empower the public reading and proclamation of the Scriptures tomorrow, that Christ may be exalted and sinners irresistibly drawn to the cross. 3. Grant peace to the anxious mind of [Name], and rescue [Name] from eternal ruin.