Household Worship Guide Nov 22 – Nov 28, '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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Lord's Day
Nov 22

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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 19:13-30 - *What Do I Still Lack?*
PM Sermon	Philippians 3:1-11 - *Your Best Isn't Enough*
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 131:1-3 (quiet trust in Yahweh)
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. 19:13-15

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Mon Nov 23

Reading	Mark 10:13-16 - Believers must receive the kingdom of God with helpless dependence rather than self-reliant spiritual pride.
Keys	• Christ welcomes helpless infants while rebuking self-righteous disciples who hinder them. • Human pride values self-sufficiency, but Christ demands helpless, childlike trust. • Kingdom entrance requires complete reliance on sovereign mercy rather than merit.
Questions	1. What hidden pride causes us to look down on weaker brothers or sisters in Christ? 2. When are we most tempted to measure our standing by personal achievements? 3. What habits expose self-reliance rather than childlike faith?
Notes	In Mark 10, Christ receives helpless children to illustrate that entrance into the heavenly kingdom requires utter powerlessness, synthesizing directly with Matthew 19 where human self-sufficiency and legalistic boasting prevent us from receiving divine grace as a free gift. Secret pride causes us to look down on struggling brethren when we foolishly forget our own spiritual bankruptcy before God. During seasons of outward prosperity, our hearts easily trust in moral achievements rather than the cross. Our daily reluctance to pray exposes an enduring, subtle reliance on self rather than total dependence upon our sovereign Lord. Though our stubborn hearts cling to self-reliance, our tender Shepherd welcomes bruised reeds. Let us cast aside false claims of personal worthiness and rest entirely upon the perfect righteousness of the Redeemer..
Praise	Psalm 8:1-9 (praise for Yahweh condescending grace)
Pray	1. Sovereign Spirit, break our spiritual pride and grant us childlike humility to receive your word with wholehearted trust. 2. Thank you for Sunday morning's sermon from Matt 19. Remind us that human righteousness cannot merit your kingdom. 3. Lord of grace, grant [Name] childlike faith in Christ and draw [Name] from self-righteous darkness into salvation.

Sermon Txt
Matt. 19:16-30

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Tue Nov 24

Reading	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - God demands wholehearted covenant devotion that exposes the deceitfulness of earthly treasures.
Keys	• Loving Yahweh supremely requires surrendering every competing idol of the heart. • Wealth blinds the conscience to spiritual poverty and eternal peril. • Salvation is humanly impossible, yet sovereign grace accomplishes what man cannot.
Questions	1. In what specific ways do we secretly hoard our earthly riches? 2. Where do we seek ultimate comfort when financial security is threatened? 3. How far does our obedience reach before self-interest demands a halt?
Notes	In Deuteronomy 6, Yahweh demands total heart devotion to his covenant law, illuminating the rich young ruler's fatal delusion in Matthew 19. External morality cannot satisfy divine justice when temporal possessions replace wholehearted love for our God. Secret idolatry appears whenever we cling tightly to material assets while remaining blind to the urgent needs of the saints around us. When financial security trembles, our hearts instinctively seek refuge in earthly wealth instead of Yahweh's covenant promises. Our partial obedience halts the moment Christ demands the surrender of our favorite treasures. As frail sinners who constantly fall short of God's holy law, we find sweet hope because Christ satisfied every commandment on our behalf. Let us abandon all reliance upon moral attainments and trust completely in the all-sufficient merits of our Mediator.
Praise	Psalm 62:5-8 (silent confidence in God alone)
Pray	1. Gracious King, purge our hearts of covetousness and anchor our souls in your unfailing covenant promises. 2. Merciful Father, apply the truths of Matthew 19 to our hearts, freeing us from the love of earthly riches. 3. O God of mercy, liberate [Name] from material idols and grant [Name] eyes to behold eternal riches in Christ.

Sermon Txt
Phil.3:1-11

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Wed Nov 25

Reading	Romans 3:19-28 - Eternal justification before Yahweh comes exclusively through faith in Christ apart from legalistic works.
Keys	• Divine law silences human boasting and leaves all sinners guilty. • Personal moral attainments can never satisfy the demands of justice. • Justification is received purely as a free gift through faith.
Questions	1. Why might our religious privileges become subtle obstacles to relying on Christ? 2. Who among us still clings to moral efforts as grounds for acceptance? 3. What beloved righteous garment must we strip away to embrace Christ alone?
Notes	In Romans 3, Paul demonstrates that God's holy law stops every mouth, reinforcing Philippians 3 by dismantling all fleshly confidence. True righteousness is never earned through human performance but received solely through faith in our crucified Savior. Religious privileges become deadly snares when we convert spiritual heritage into self-congratulatory pride. Clinging to moral efforts reveals that our hearts still crave personal glory rather than the pure righteousness of God. This tragic deception strips away grace, yet our gentle High Priest patiently exposes our filthy rags to clothe us anew. How sweet is the gospel truth that our eternal acceptance rests not upon our flawed obedience, but upon divine grace. Let us flee from every self-righteous delusion and shelter our anxious souls beneath the shed blood of the Lamb.
Praise	Psalm 143:1-8 (No living person righteous)
Pray	1. Holy God of Covenant, shatter our self-righteous delusions and teach us to glory solely in the cross of Christ. 2. Faithful Lord, we praise you for Sunday evening's Philippians 3 sermon exposing our empty self-righteousness. 3. Sovereign Redeemer, strip [Name] of all legalistic confidence and bring [Name] to rest in the righteousness of Christ.

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Thu Nov 26

Reading	Matthew 20:1-7 - The divine Master calls laborers into his vineyard by grace alone, shattering all human merit.
Keys	• God sovereignly calls unworthy laborers into his kingdom at every hour. • Vineyard work is a privileged gift of grace, not earned employment. • Human self-sufficiency finds no standing before the sovereign Lord of harvest.
Questions	1. How do our hearts resent God when others receive unearned spiritual blessings? 2. What secret envy arises when God elevates latecomers over veteran servants? 3. When do we grumble against the sovereign distribution of divine grace?
Notes	In Matthew 20, the householder hires laborers at various hours, revealing that kingdom entry depends entirely on sovereign grace. This truth foreshadows Jonah 4, where divine mercy toward Nineveh exposes human resentment against God's unmerited favor toward repentant sinners. Resentment festers within our hearts whenever we foolishly measure spiritual privileges by human notions of earthly entitlement. Secret envy erupts when latecomers receive identical divine mercy while we imagine our long service deserves greater reward. Grumbling against sovereign grace exposes our lingering desire to convert covenant mercy into earned wages. Yet, in Christ, our gracious Master treats us not according to our feeble labor, but according to his infinite lovingkindness. Let us repent of our envious grumbling today and rejoice wholeheartedly in the unmerited favor of the Savior.
Praise	Psalm 90:12-17 (Satisfy us with steadfast love)
Pray	1. Lord of the Harvest, subdue our envious hearts and fill us with humble gratitude for your unmerited favor. 2. Sovereign Father, prepare our pastor's heart and lips as he proclaims your Word this coming Lord's Day. 3. Merciful Lord, awaken [Name] to see their need for grace and soften [Name] toward the gospel call.

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Fri Nov 27

Reading	Matthew 20:8-16 - Yahweh dispenses his covenant mercy according to his sovereign pleasure, exposing human envy.
Keys	• Sovereign generosity distributes equal gospel grace to all redeemed sinners. • Legalistic envy reveals a begrudging heart toward God's abundant goodness. • Divine grace upends human standards by making the last first.
Questions	1. Why do we foolishly measure God's generosity by human standards of fairness? 2. Which hidden resentments expose our belief that God owes us special favor? 3. In what daily interactions do we display a grudging, envious eye?
Notes	Matthew 20 concludes with the sovereign Master distributing equal wages to all laborers, shattering legalistic expectations. This radical generosity parallels Jonah 4, where Yahweh defends his sovereign freedom to bestow mercy upon whom he pleases regardless of human protest. Human standards of fairness fail because our proud hearts demand merit where God bestows pure mercy. Hidden resentment surfaces when we assume our spiritual heritage entitles us to superior treatment over newly converted brethren. We expose this envy daily by secretly sulking over the comforts granted to fellow saints. A grudging eye views divine grace as a wage rather than a gift. Since our King lavishes boundless compassion upon completely unworthy sinners, his lavish generosity remains our only hope for eternity. Let us mortify our selfish pride today and cast ourselves unreservedly upon the immaculate obedience of the Surety.
Praise	Psalm 113:1-9 (Yahweh exalts the humble and poor)
Pray	1. O God of all comfort, purge all begrudging envy from our hearts and enlarge our joy in your sovereign mercy. 2. Heavenly Father, grant our congregation attentive, humble hearts to hear your Word preached this Lord's Day. 3. Merciful Savior, break [Name] free from spiritual pride and draw [Name] into the fellowship of your kingdom.

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Sat Nov 28

Reading	Psalm 103:8-14 - Yahweh treats his fragile children according to steadfast covenant mercy rather than deserving sins.
Keys	• Yahweh is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. • Divine mercy removes our sins as far as east from west. • Our heavenly Father pities his children, remembering we are dust.
Questions	1. What frailties in our mortal frame remind us that we are dust? 2. How does remembering Yahweh's tender fatherly pity quiet our restless anxiety? 3. Where do we turn when our sins overwhelm our fragile conscience?
Notes	Psalm 103 extolling Yahweh's tender compassion over frail, dust-like creatures perfectly sets the table for Jonah 4. While Jonah grumbled against divine mercy, David marvels that Yahweh removed our transgressions through covenant love rather than strict retribution. Physical and spiritual frailties remind us daily that our mortal frames possess no inherent strength. Remembering Yahweh's fatherly pity stills our anxious souls by assuring us that our weakness does not alienate his love. Though our proud instinct is to hide when overwhelming sins expose our fragility, our gentle High Priest patiently binds up our wounds. When guilt oppresses us, we must turn directly to the mercy seat of God. As fragile dust dependent on sovereign mercy, how comforting to know that our Heavenly Father remembers our frame with infinite tenderness. Let us abandon all legalistic fears today and rest fully upon the finished work of Christ.
Praise	Psalm 86:1-5 (Yahweh is good and forgiving)
Pray	1. Father of mercies, comfort our fragile souls with the assurance of your steadfast love and tender pity. 2. Almighty God, empower the preaching and reading of your Holy Word tomorrow for the conversion of sinners and edification of saints. 3. Sovereign Spirit, bring salvation to [Name] and comfort [Name] with the tender mercy of our Heavenly Father.