Household Worship Guide Nov 8 – Nov 14, '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 18:21-35 - *When You Can't Forgive*
PM Sermon	Genesis 50:15-21 - *Will He Take It Back?*
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 32:1-5 (David's joy in forgiven transgression)
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. 18:21-27

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Mon Nov 9

Reading	Leviticus 19:17-18 - Covenant love rejects hidden malice, confronting sin openly to prevent shared guilt.
Keys	• Yahweh commands immediate personal confrontation rather than silent inner resentment. • Secret hatred breaks God's holy covenant. • Loving neighbors requires active warning against sin to prevent shared guilt.
Questions	1. How do we mask bitter grudges behind polite silence? 2. Which hidden offenses are we harboring rather than confronting in gospel love? 3. Where do we let unrebuked sin fester in our relationships?
Notes	Leviticus exposes the rot of unforgiveness long before Matthew. Christ's parable of the unmerciful servant and the history of Joseph's brothers both demonstrate that harboring resentment defies Yahweh's covenant order and ignores our own massive debt. We mask our unspoken hostility under the guise of peaceable tolerance while nursing silent malice. Our hearts quietly cherish offenses, rehearsing injuries instead of seeking biblical reconciliation. We frequently permit sin to harden our brothers because addressing transgression threatens our personal comfort. Suffering under this spiritual self-deception, we desperately need the gospel's restorative light. Because our merciful Father has covered our enormous transgression, we must root out every seed of malice. Though our sinful nature clings to resentment, we are called to look away from ourselves and rest entirely upon the perfect righteousness of the Redeemer.
Praise	Psalm 130:1-8 (Waiting for Yahweh's plentiful redemption)
Pray	1. Gracious God, search our hearts and cleanse us from covert resentment toward our brethren. 2. Heavenly Father, print Sunday's message deep into our souls, so we never forget the astronomical debt of sin you canceled at Calvary. 3. Sovereign Lord, grant [Name] deep repentance, and soften the heart of [Name] to receive gospel grace today.

Sermon Txt
Matt. 18:28-30

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Tue Nov 10

Reading	Psalm 103:8-14 - Yahweh treats His people with tender compassion, removing our sins as far as the east is from the west.
Keys	• Yahweh exhibits unsearchable patience toward finite, dust-born sinners. • Divine mercy measures distance between transgressions and forgiven believers. • Eternal compassion flows from God knowing our fragile frame.
Questions	1. What unyielding standards do we demand from others while claiming divine grace? 2. When do we deny mercy to those who offend us? 3. Whose petty offenses against us do we magnify above our infinite guilt?
Notes	David celebrates Yahweh's matchless patience toward frail dust, contrasting sharply with the wicked servant who choked his fellow debtor over a pittance. When we contrast God's infinite mercy with human mercilessness, our lord's morning text exposes the terrible hypocrisy of unforgiving hearts. We demand strict perfection from our neighbors while pleading for endless leniency toward our own faults. Irritation grips us the moment others fail to meet our expectations or disrupt our convenience. We fixate upon minor slights committed against our pride while overlooking the mountain of treason God pardoned. Struggling under this proud hypocrisy, we need divine grace to shatter our self-righteousness. Since our Heavenly Father remembers our frame and pities His children, we must lay down our harsh judgments. As helpless sinners sustained by sovereign mercy, let us flee self-reliance and cleave directly to the all-sufficient merits of our Mediator.
Praise	Psalm 86:1-7 (Plea for Yahweh's rich mercy)
Pray	1. O God of all comfort, melt our cold hearts with the reality of your immense patience toward dust. 2. Merciful King, cause us to practice the radical forgiveness preached last Lord's Day, extending mercy to every offender. 3. Almighty Father, fortify [Name] through present trials, and draw [Name] from spiritual darkness into life.

Sermon Txt
Matt 18:31-35

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Wed Nov 11

Reading	Ephesians 4:31-32 - Believers must put away all bitterness, forgiving one another just as God in Christ forgave them.
Keys	• Bitterness grieves the Spirit and fractures covenant fellowship. • Gospel forgiveness flows from God's pardon in Christ. • Tenderhearted kindness reflects the transformative power of divine mercy.
Questions	1. Which lingering resentments are currently grieving the Holy Spirit in our homes? 2. What bitter roots are we nursing instead of extending immediate gospel grace? 3. Where in our daily lives are we refusing to exhibit Christlike kindness?
Notes	Paul calls the Church to cast off malicious anger, echoing Christ's solemn warning regarding the unforgiving servant. Both texts, alongside Joseph's ultimate forgiveness in Genesis, demonstrate that true pardon flows from a heart radically humbled by Yahweh's overwhelming mercy toward us. We harbor deep resentment within our households, grieving the Holy Spirit through sharp words and cold distance. Bitter thoughts consume our quiet moments as we nurture grudges instead of pouring out Christ's love. We withhold tenderhearted kindness from offenders, foolishly believing that harboring anger protects our dignity. Walking in this spiritual folly, we desperately require gospel renewal. Yet, in Christ, God has freely wiped away our terrifying debt and restored us to favor. Therefore, put away all malice and cling humbly to the shed blood of the Lamb, finding power to forgive every earthly trespass.
Praise	Psalm 133:1-3 (Blest unity of covenant brethren)
Pray	1. Sovereign Spirit, purge every root of bitterness from our homes and fill us with tenderhearted compassion. 2. Covenant-keeping Yahweh, seal Sunday's evening text upon our conscience, keeping us from ever entertaining a vengeful spirit. 3. Merciful Redeemer, protect [Name] in physical weakness, and awaken [Name] to seek your saving grace.

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Thu Nov 12

Reading	Matthew 19:1-6 - God established marriage at creation as an unbreakable union that no man may put asunder.
Keys	• Yahweh designed marriage at creation as an indissoluble covenant union. • Human hardness of heart continuously attacks divine institutions and order. • God binds spouses as one flesh in holy covenant.
Questions	1. What worldly assumptions about marriage have quietly infected our biblical convictions? 2. When does human hardness of heart threaten the sanctity of our vows? 3. Which secret compromises undermine the covenant union God joined together?
Notes	Christ grounds the doctrine of marriage in creation's design, confronting Pharisaical loopholes just as Malachi condemns covenant treachery. Looking toward Sunday, both passages reveal Yahweh's unchanging holiness regarding the sacred bond between one man and one woman for life. We absorb secular culture's casual view of marriage rather than anchoring our minds in God's holy institution. Hardness of heart sneaks into our marriages through selfish ambition, unholy neglect, and impatient resentment. We treat sacred vows as conditional agreements, forgetting that God Himself bound the covenant. Entangled in such earthly thinking, we need divine grace to purify our desires. How sweet is the truth that Christ loves His Bride with an everlasting, unfailing devotion. Resting in the unchanging covenant faithfulness of Christ, let us mortify selfish pride and guard the sacred purity of our households.
Praise	Psalm 128:1-6 (Blessings upon the God-fearing home)
Pray	1. Sovereign Lord, uphold our marriages against worldly corruption and bind our families in holy unity. 2. Holy Father, prepare our pastor to preach your Word this Lord's Day with prophetic power, clarity, and unction. 3. Faithful God, sanctify [Name] in covenant obedience, and convict [Name] of their need for Christ's righteousness.

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Fri Nov 13

Reading	Matthew 19:7-12 - Moses permitted divorce only due to human hardness, but God calls His people to holy fidelity.
Keys	• Moses permitted divorce due to hard hearts. • Single and married believers alike are called to supernatural purity. • Grace alone empowers holy marital fidelity.
Questions	1. Whose hardness of heart are we excusing in our own personal conduct? 2. In what manner do we lower divine standards to accommodate worldly weaknesses? 3. What earthly idols lure our affections away from total devotion to Yahweh?
Notes	Jesus clarifies that Moses' allowance for divorce was a concession to fallen human stubbornness, not God's original creation order. Anticipating Lord's Day preaching, this text exposes how human sin seeks legalistic excuses to evade Yahweh's holy standards of faithfulness. We justify our spiritual compromises by pointing to human weakness and cultural norms. Self-righteous excuses fill our speech as we attempt to lower God's holy Law to match our fallen behavior. We seek loopholes for personal comfort, despising the costly purity required of Christ's disciples. Blinded by this self-deception, we stand completely dependent upon God's searching Word to expose us. Though our hearts are prone to wander and falter under temptation, Christ provides rich, transforming grace. Placing full trust in the sin-atoning sacrifice of the Savior, let us pursue uncompromising purity in every relationship and calling.
Praise	Psalm 119:33-40 (Longing for God's holy statutes)
Pray	1. Merciful Lord, soften our stubborn hearts and give us grace to walk in holy integrity. 2. Sovereign Spirit, prepare the congregation to hear the preached Word this Sunday with meekness, faith, and obedience. 3. Almighty God, comfort [Name] in ongoing affliction, and grant [Name] eyes to behold the beauty of salvation.

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Sat Nov 14

Reading	Deuteronomy 24:1-4 - God strictly regulates divorce to preserve covenant righteousness and prevent structural defilement.
Keys	• Civil regulations restrained Israel's fallen passions and protected covenant order. • God hates treachery and cheapened covenant bonds. • External legal compliance cannot substitute for heart righteousness before Yahweh.
Questions	1. Where do our hearts seek legalistic boundaries rather than holy righteousness? 2. Which personal relationships are we treating with casual indifference or treachery? 3. What subtle hypocrisy allows us to maintain outward compliance while harboring sin?
Notes	Deuteronomy's civil regulations restrained Israel's hardness of heart, providing essential historical background for Sunday evening's text in Malachi. Together, they demonstrate that Yahweh detests covenant treachery and demands genuine heart integrity from His worshipping people. We content ourselves with technical legality while ignoring the deep spirit of God's holy Law. Deceitful motives corrupt our daily actions as we manipulate rules to serve self-interest and evade true accountability. We display outward religious dutifulness while harboring cold unfaithfulness within our souls. Walking in this dangerous self-reliance, we are exposed before a holy God. Knowing that our Savior has fulfilled all righteousness on our behalf, we are not left to perish in our guilt. Resting securely in the unblemished obedience of Jesus, cast away all legalistic hypocrisy and serve Him in sincerity.
Praise	Psalm 15:1-5 (Citizens of Yahweh's holy hill)
Pray	1. Holy God, purge our hearts of all legalistic self-righteousness and grant us genuine covenant sincerity. 2. Shepherd of Israel, bless the reading and preaching of your Word tomorrow, glorifying your name and edifying your flock. 3. Merciful Savior, establish [Name] in gospel peace, and draw [Name] to seek true refuge in Christ tomorrow.