

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 08/02

Worship is an essential part of the Christian life. Here are **a few tips** for participating at home:

- **Push through the awkward.** Worshiping this way gets more comfortable with time.
- **Take turns leading** different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction).
- **Take heart!** (if you have small children). They might not make it through the entire service and that's okay! They may need to have **a break to get some wiggles out.** You can also use the kids resources posted at: opcmilford.org/kidsresources/

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this greatly rejoice. (1 Peter 1:3-5)*

PRAYER *Father, we humbly bow before you. What is mankind that you are mindful of us? We are too entitled to the trivial things in life. We are too proud in our own eyes, and we hold on to past hurts that reap the bitterness of a controlled life. **Lord, we need help.** Please deliver us from how we've placed ourselves, our nation and our future prosperity into our own hands. You are the salvation that we need. We believe in Jesus, your son. Help our unbelief. Seal us with the assurance that grabbed our hearts from when we first believed. We put our hope solely in you, our refuge and strength. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

BENEDICTION **Read aloud together:** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Philippians 2:12-18

Timothy: “Proven Servant of the Gospel” (2:19-24)

Epaphroditus: “Fellow Soldier in the Gospel” (2:25-30)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- **How will your sentences begin this week? What words will you use?** If your sentence begins with “My dear friend...” **Keep going.** If not, **STOP!** And then pay attention to what God replaces your silence with.
- **How will you pay attention** to what God is working in, around, and through you this week?
- **As you speak this week ask:** Are my words bringing light or only heat to this conversation?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

(You are studying the passage for next Sunday. Try it out and see how the passage comes alive)

GET STARTED Pray for God to lead your group by His Word and Spirit.

READ Philippians 3:1-14 slowly as if for the 1st time. Mark down what you observe as you read/hear. Use the [COMMA Questions](#) and [Daily Devo](#) for additional insights.

ASK

Pick a few of these questions and ask them as a group as you study the passage together.

CONTEXT:

What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one?

What has happened so far in the letter?

OBSERVATION:

What seems to be the main point or points?

What sort of change does the author seem to be trying to bring about in the audience? In us?

What surprises you?

MEANING:

How does this text relate to other parts of the book?

How does the passage relate to Jesus? How does He fulfill this command/ ideal/principle?

What does this passage teach you about God?

Why do you think God put this in the Bible?

How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

MEDITATION:

Adoration: How can I love and praise God on the basis of what I've read? E

Repentance: How do I fail to realize this in my life? What wrong behavior, harmful emotions or attitudes result when I forget this?

Gospel Thanks: How can I thank Jesus as the ultimate revelation of this attribute of God and the ultimate answer to this sin or need of mine?

Application: See below...

APPLICATION

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

Is there some attitude you need to change?

How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

How would you be different if this truth were powerfully real to you?