

OAK POINTE CHURCH | MILFORD

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 07/12

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: Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents (Phil. 1:27–28)

PRAYER Lord Jesus, write this truth upon our hearts in bold letters. Remind us that all of life is to be lived in a manner worthy of the gospel... consistent with its truth... drawing upon its resources... as a revelation of its beauty.

In the gospel, you've given us the assurance of total forgiveness and the covering of your perfect righteousness. We're fully and eternally accepted by God, based on what you've done for us...

Through the gospel we're becoming more and more like you, Jesus. Help us to never forget, Jesus, that we're presently loved by God, not on the basis of how much we've changed, but on the basis of how much you've accomplished for us... and who we are in you... and who you are in us.

As though that was not enough... by the gospel, you are making all things new, Jesus. One Day, we won't just be perfectly like you, but we will also live in the perfected world called the new heaven and new earth—this very earth, freed from decay and brought into the eternal newness of the gospel (Romans 8:18-25). Amen and Amen.

STREAM THE SERVICE

BENEDICTION **Read aloud together:** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Philippians 1:27-30

The Charge: Live Worthy of the Gospel (1:27-28)

As Christians we live as dual citizens of earth and heaven, and we are to live worthy of both realms.

The Rally Cry: One Spirit, One Faith, No Fear (1:27-28)

The Privilege: Believing and Suffering (1:29-30)

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 2:1-11 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?

Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

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?