

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 07/19

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: *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. (Philippians 2:1-2)*

PRAYER *Dear Lord Jesus, do we have any encouragement from being in union with you?* What a blessed rhetorical question! We are united to you, all of our sins are forgiven; your righteousness has been declared to be ours; we will never be condemned for our sin again and God delight's in us as much as he delights in you. Let's start there.

Do we receive any comfort from your love? More than we can measure. Only your love is better than life and will never let go of us. **Does the Holy Spirit mediate your tenderness and compassion to us?** Every hour of every day—even when we ignore it, deny it, or fail to take advantage of such graces.

Here's where the power of your resurrection must come into play, Jesus. Loving others with the love you lavish on us is easy toward some, difficult toward others, and seemingly impossible with some people, whose names we don't even like to bring to mind. **You never said loving well is less than demanding and messy.**

Jesus, only because you humbled yourself in death can we even think about humbling ourselves toward others in life. Only because you put our interests before your glory can we dare think about dying to our self-preoccupation and serve others today. Only because the gospel is true, do we have any hope that I can actually live and love this way at all. Amen

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 2:1-11

Humility in Totality (2:1-4)

4 Categories of Humility

Mental:

Emotional:

Relational:

Physical:

Humility in Christ (2:5-11)

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 2:12-18 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?