

Guide for Worshipping at Home: Suggestions for Your House Church on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Worshipping at home on Easter Sunday is probably going to be a new experience for most of us, but it is truly a day to celebrate no matter where we are. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

As always, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14) in your worship this week, but here are some general suggestions for how you can spend time this Resurrection Sunday.

Special Note: If you have not already done so recently, we encourage you to have communion with your family or by yourself either this week or next week. Easter is a perfect time to remember what Christ has done for us by remembering the Lord's Supper. If you are by yourself, it may seem a little unusual to have communion by yourself, but there is nothing in Scripture that says it has to be done at church or with a pastor. Before you take the communion elements, take time to read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 11:23-29:23.

Announcements: Check your email for an online bulletin so that you are aware of any special news for the church family. Please remember that your giving to the church is still very important even when we are not meeting all together. You can give [online](#) or send your checks through the mail. If you want to send your offering through the mail, please send it to the church (1300 Berry Avenue).

1. **Adoration:** Prayer and Worship (Feel free to worship as you feel led. If you prefer to sing along with a video, you might want to consider the following suggestions):

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

Opener: D – [Celebrate Jesus](#)

C – [Christ the Lord Is Risen Today](#)

C – [Christ Is Risen \(Maher\)](#)

C – [Living Hope](#)

D – [King of Kings](#)

G – [Christ Arose](#)

G – [Glorious Day](#)

G – [Forever \(Jobe\)](#)

Closer: G – [He's Alive](#)

2. **Assessment and Accountability:** If you are with your family, take time to share testimonies. If you live alone, take time to praise God for all He has done in your life.

3. **Admonition:** Edification by Studying the Word (Watch message [online](#) at www.fmcnewton.org.)

a. Explanation: The pastor(s) will share the Scripture.

What does God want you to know and do?

b. Illustration: Are there examples, stories, and parables that you can think of that go along with these passages?

Is there a way to illustrate this in everyday life?

c. Observation and Interpretation: Discuss or reflect on the Scripture.

Why is it important and where else is this principle found in Scripture?

d. Application:

When you read this passage of Scripture, in what way(s) did God teach me, convict me, correct me, and train me in righteousness? (2 Timothy 3:16)

4. **Assignment:** Challenge with Ministry Assignment

Who is Holy Spirit putting on my heart to minister to or share what God is saying to me?

5. **Action:** Prayer and Go on Mission

Possible Questions for Discussion or Personal Reflection:

What are your favorite memories of Easter? Based on what you see in our culture, does it appear that “Jesus is the Reason for the Season”? How has your celebration changed since you have grown in your walk with Christ?

God showed His superiority over the Egyptian “gods” through the ten plagues. What “gods” do you see in our culture that need to be defeated? Do you think God is wanting to teach us anything through the plague of COVID-19?

In what ways do you see people in bondage today? How has God freed you from slavery to sin?

Why did Jesus have to go through such a horrible death? Why did he even have to die?

Jesus finished the work of salvation through His sacrificial death on the cross, but what does it mean for us to “apply” the blood? What does our faith have to do with our salvation?

What does it mean to you that you are protected by Christ’s blood?

How well have you done in telling the next generation about Jesus? Who is God laying on your heart to share the good news with?

Even though our present world circumstances make this an unusual Easter for us all, what can you do to make this day a meaningful celebration of Christ’s resurrection?

