

Together For Worship -Mark 7:14-23

A guide to worship as a family in your home

Set aside a time when everyone in your family is ready for a time of worship together in your home. Also, make sure to read through the text first before you begin.

Pray Together-

- ⊕ Spend time together praying for the Holy Spirit to move in your time of worship.

Sing Together-

- ⊕ Sing any or all of the songs below which are the songs for corporate worship (they are available on You Tube)
 - ✓ Cornerstone, Oh Praise The Name, In Christ Alone

Catch the Idea Together

- ⊕ As a family, play the knot game. The goal of the family activity is to change a giant knot from the inside out. Every member of your family should now stand up, adults may want to stay on their knees if needed. Now everyone reaches into the middle of the circle and grabs two different hands from two different people until there is a nice knot in the middle of the circle. The goal now is to untangle the knot of arms by moving under, over, or around each other...the only rule is that you cannot let go of each others hands that you have until the knot is untangled.
- ⊕ After you are untangled from the human knot, discuss: Over these next six weeks (from April 8-May 13), we are going to look at specific teachings from the book of Mark that Jesus taught His disciples. In the passage we are reading today we see Jesus introduce a teaching that helps us understand God's plan of salvation in a better way. Jeremiah 17:9 says "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" Today we will see Jesus explain the fact that our hearts are what cause us to sin instead of the things around us. This teaching shows us that it is not any ritual or washing that can clean us in the eyes of God, but it is only the death of Christ on the cross that can do that. Now think back to the beginning activity. After God opens our eyes and leads us to repent of our sins and place our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit continues to change our hearts to be more like Jesus. This change happens from the inside and it changes the way that we live and the desires that we have.

Discuss His Word Together-

- ⊕ Open up God's Word and read Mark 7:14-23
 - ✓ What were the Pharisees placing their hope in to be made clean?
 - ✓ According to Jesus' teaching in this passage, why could the ritual washings not make a person clean?
 - ✓ How many times did Jesus have to tell those around Him this new teaching?
 - ✓ In verses 20-23 does Jesus tell us that our hearts produce good things or evil things?

Applying What We Are Learning Together

- ⊕ Read Ezekiel 36:26
 - ✓ Discuss the promise that God is making to His people in this passage.

- ✓ How does this give us hope in relation to Jesus' teaching in Mark 7?
- ⊕ Discuss how Jesus' death on the cross makes us clean in God's eyes.

Closing Prayer Together

⊕ Closing Prayer Points

- ✓ Read Matthew 6:19-21 and ask God to help our hearts focus on treasures in heaven.
 - ✓ Talk about how to pray Matthew 6:19-21
 - ✓ Praise God that He provided salvation.
- ⊕ As you pray, an idea is the A.C.T.S prayer acronym.
- ✓ Adoration- How can we adore God in our prayer time (God you are powerful, faithful...)
 - ✓ Confession- Take time to confess your sins to God (Remember 1 John 1:9)
 - ✓ Thanksgiving - What can we praise God for this week?
 - ✓ Supplication - Talk with God about things on your heart.