

Together For Worship -Mark 8:27-38

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)
 - ✓ God Is Here, You Are My Vision, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Oh Praise The Name, Lord I Need You.

Catch the Idea Together

- ⊕ Together as a family, play a game of follow the leader. Talk about what it means to follow someone.
- ⊕ In our passage today, we will see that Jesus and His disciples are travelling north from the Sea of Galilee to a town called Caesarea Philippi which was an area known for its worship of false gods and idols. The passage we will read is the beginning of what is called “The Great Discipleship Discourse.” In Mark 8 and then two other times (Mark 9 and Mark 10), Jesus shows that He will suffer, be rejected, die and will rise again. Immediately following each of the three times, the disciples respond in a way that shows they do not fully grasp the meaning of what Jesus is saying. Jesus responds by instructing them concerning true discipleship and what it means to truly follow Him. Let’s look at this first of three “discipleship discourses” and see what Jesus says it means to be a committed follower, a true disciple, of His.

Discuss His Word Together-

- ⊕ Open up God’s Word and read Mark 8:27-38
 - ✓ Look at Mark 8:29. What was Peter’s response to Jesus’ question?
 - ✓ Why do you think this was so important for Peter to say this about Jesus?
 - ✓ Look at Mark 8:31. What did Jesus say He must do?
 - ✓ Look at Mark 8:34-35. What did Jesus say a follower of His must do? Now read Philipians 3:7-11. Why was Paul able to say this with confidence?

Applying What We Are Learning Together

- ⊕ Take time to think through how to apply what we are learning
 - ✓ What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?
 - ✓ What does it mean to take up our cross and share in His suffering?
 - ✓ Why is this an important part of our walk with Jesus? How are you/we doing this?

- ✓ What does it mean to disciple someone? What does it mean to be disciplined? How does discipling someone, and being disciplined, play a part in being a committed follower of Jesus? How are you being disciplined? Who are you helping disciple and learn to follow Jesus?

Preparing For Celebrating The Lord's Supper

- ⊕ We will take the Lord's Supper on Sunday.
 - ✓ Take time to read through I Corinthians 11:23-32
 - ✓ Pray for our hearts to be prepared to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Closing Prayer Together

- ⊕ Closing Prayer Points
 - ✓ Pray Philippians 3:7-11.
 - ✓ Pray that God would give us the strength to be committed followers of Jesus
 - ✓ Pray that God would help us to share in His suffering, so others would know Him.
 - ✓ Pray that we would be obedient to the call of Christ on our lives.
- ⊕ 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 I John 1:9)
 - ✓ Thanksgiving - What can we praise God for this week?
 - ✓ Supplication - Talk with God about things on your heart.