

Personal Devotional

Day 1: Watch the Pastor Vodcast

After watching the vodcast, spend some time reflecting on what you heard and the implications for your life and those around you.

Day 2: Here are some suggested passages to read as you reflect on the aseity of God

What do these passages tell you about God? How do they encourage you to worship and be in awe of God and enjoy knowing Him through Christ?

Hebrews 4:14-16
Exodus 34:6-7
Numbers 14:18
Nehemiah 9:17,31
Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 111:4; 116:5; 145:8
Lamentations 3:22-24
Matthew 5:7
1 Peter 4:10-11
Romans 3:23-24; 5:8, 15; 11:6
Ephesians 1:6-7; 2:4-10
Philippians 2
2 Timothy 1:9-10

Day 3: Reflect on these questions as a guide to put off sinful behaviors

Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us to lay aside every hindrance and sin that keeps us from focusing on Christ and living for Him.

Use the following questions as prompts to think about how you should live differently in light of the aseity of God.

What are the biggest hindrances and sins in your life right now that keep you from focusing on Christ and following Him more closely?

What do you think will be the hardest or most difficult thing to overcome?

What is most likely to hinder you from changing the way you live?

How does God's grace and mercy motivate you to fight against sin?

How does God's grace and mercy encourage you and strengthen your faith?

Spend some time in confession to God, asking Him to reveal sin in your life. Then praise him for the forgiveness you have through Christ!

Day 4: Reflect on these questions as a guide to putting on Christ-like living

Colossians 3:1-17 encourages us to focus on Christ, put off sinful living, and put on Christ-like living.

Based on your reflection time yesterday what are sinful patterns of living you need to cast away?

What new behaviors do you need to put on in order to follow Christ?

What new habits (spiritual disciplines) do you need to start or improve upon?

How can you extend grace and mercy to others? Who do you need to show grace and mercy to today?

List at least one new way you will seek to live, by the strength God provides, this week.

Spend some time in prayer asking God to give you the strength to follow Christ more intently.

Day 5: Tell someone about what you learned about God this week

As we spread God's fame, we must tell others of His greatness. This week try to tell someone (maybe a neighbor, co-worker, fellow church member, etc) about what you learned about God and how that is impacting the way you live.

Family Devotional

Day 1: Family Worship Guide

Time in Word

Before sitting down to do family devotion time, make sure to read the passages and reflect on the content in this section.

Exodus 34:6-7
John 1:14
Hebrews 4:14-16
Matthew 5:7

Here are some discussion questions to get **conversation started:**

What do these verses tell us about God?

What are the implications of this about God?

What does this tell us about Jesus?

How does this impact your life?

Time in Song

Singing is part of the Christian Faith. Consider: 1 Chronicles 16:9, 23; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 100; Psalm 104:31-35. Including singing in our homes is a way to model and teach our kids about this part of the Christian's Life. Including singing in our homes also can enhance our families' time as they sing along side other believers in corporate singing on Sundays.

Consider singing one or more of these songs as a family:

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\)](#)

[Mighty to Save](#)

[Even so Come](#)

[Grace](#)

Time in Prayer

In the life of Jesus, we have a perfect example of the importance of prayer. He demonstrated this through His instruction on how to pray (The Lord's Prayer) and the many examples we find in the Gospels of Him praying (for example: Matthew 14:23; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 6:12; John 17).

Therefore, followers of Jesus should also be people of prayer.

Here is one example of how to pray as a family:

Pray for a different category of persons each night.

For example, praying for:

Monday: Those who are not followers of Christ.

Tuesday: Government Leaders

Wednesday: Church Family and Pastors

Thursday: Family Members

Friday: Friends and Neighbors

Day 2: Everyday Chats

Here are some ideas for how to take everyday life moments and chat about our glorious God with your family.

During a moment of siblings not getting along, so can talk about God's mercy and showing compassion to one another. This is a great opportunity for discuss how God has done that through Christ.

Look for opportunities to talk about grace when members of your family are seeking to work for each other's approval. God's grace is his unmerited favor being given to those who do not deserve (merit) his grace. He has freely given us grace through Christ.

There are some many daily opportunities to help give our gives awe of God by discussing how amazing He is.

Day 3: Family Activity Suggestion

As we make disciples of Jesus Christ in our homes it is important to spend quality time together as a household. So why not turn off the electronics and spend time together as a family.

Think of a way to show compassion to other's this week (neighbor, family members, someone from church, etc). After finalizing the idea then plan and carry out that act of compassion.

Spend some time as a family reading books and then discussing what you learned.

If your kids like making crafts, then plan some time to do a few crafts with them as a family.

Maybe play and outdoor game that your family enjoys.

None of these times have to be perfectly planned out. The important part is spending time together as a family. There are many other ways you can spend time together. Even a simply online search of Family Activities can give you some ideas.