

A photograph showing a group of people, likely in a church, reading Bibles. The focus is on a man in the foreground on the left, wearing a blue and red plaid shirt, looking down at an open Bible. Other people in the background are also holding and reading Bibles, though they are out of focus. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a peaceful atmosphere.

MICRO-CHURCH WORSHIP

1

Prayer

Begin your time of worship in prayer.

Opening up with a recognition that wherever you are worshipping the Holy Spirit is present to fill you with God's gifts and guide your time in worship.

Take time later in the service to pray over the needs of your micro-church.

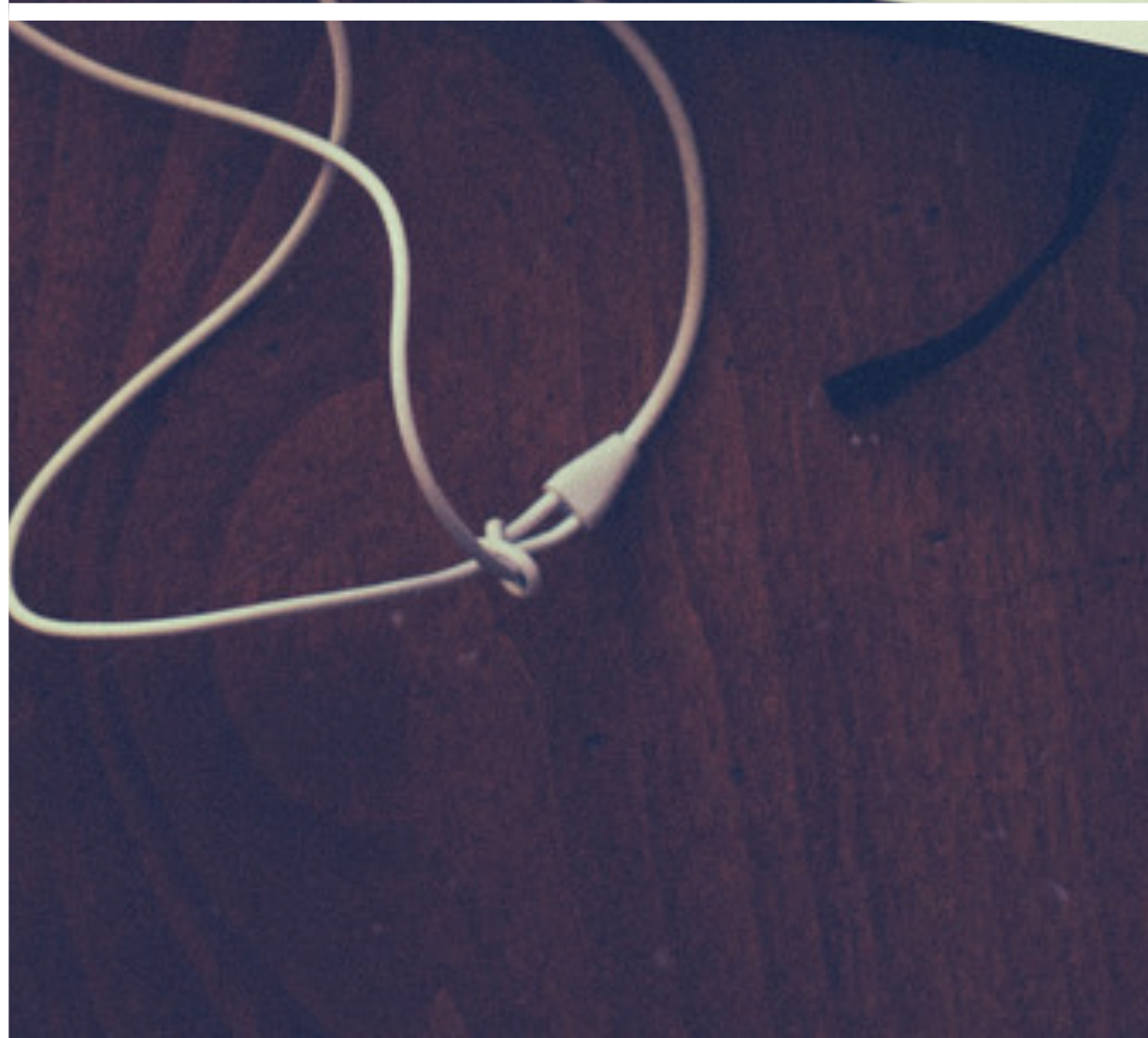


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Confession/Absolution

Reminds us that our faith is not about what we do for God, but what God does for us. This is an opportunity to experience God's grace before we move into a time of worship.

Pray the words of the confession together, and then use the words of the absolution.



3

The Creed

The creeds function in two powerful ways. First, they tie us to the orthodox Christian teaching that has been passed down through the generations. Second, they give us a proper picture of who God is and the 4 part meta-narrative of Scripture.

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The Word

Our worship should always center on the word. Take time to dig into the scripture passage for the day. You can utilize the reflection questions to dig into the passage. Take time to close discuss the passage together and then close in prayer.



Prayer of Confession

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Pray Together

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.



Absolution

13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

Pray Together

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

-Luke 11:1-2

Prayer together

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

