

**Key Scripture**

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. – Matthew 26:26-30 (ESV)

*"addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart," - Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)*

*"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)*

*"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." - 2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)*

*"not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." - Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)*

*A Broad Definition of Worship: "A relationship, in which God initiates by sharing His gifts, and we respond with praise." Corporate Worship would be expressing the same together in a service.*

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**Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)**

- How would you define "worship?" Discuss, and then look at the definition at the bottom left of this page and compare.
- What was the worship service like in the first Christian church you ever attended? How did it help you connect with God?
- In worship, are you typically more excited for singing or the message?

**Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- Read Ephesian 5:16, Colossians 3:16, and Hebrews 10:25. What common threads run between these passages?
- Read Mathew 26:17-30. What did Jesus do at the Passover feast? Why was this different from other Passover feasts?

**Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- Corporate Worship can be defined as (1) the service of the Word (songs, scripture readings, message) and (2) service of the sacrament (Lord's Supper). Why is music included in the service of the Word?
- Is worship for God, or for us?
- The pandemic has forced many churches to go online. What translates well, and what doesn't?
- What about worshiping as a family at home? Is family devotions or singing songs of praise at home important as well? Why or why not?

**Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)**

- One of our church values is "Worship Often." What are the benefits of prioritizing corporate worship on most Sundays?
- Another one of our values is to "Champion Family." How can you be the spiritual leaders of you home? What can you do with your kids, grandkids, spouse, roommates, or parents so that you are in the Word together more often?

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)**

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

# Group Prayer Ideas

## Pray for Each Other

- Everyone share their prayer requests before entering into the time of prayer;
- As you open a time of spontaneous prayer, ask people to pray for each other's requests / not their own;
- *Option: Have one person record the group's prayers in a prayer journal. Periodically review the journal to see just how much God answers prayer!*
- *Option: Conclude with the Lord's Prayer or Apostle's Creed.*
- *Option: Do a "Prayer Exchange," assigning people to pray for one another this week, & text as you do.*

## Responsive Psalm Prayer

- Choose a psalm (ex: 13, 116, 136, 139, etc.);
- Have the leader and the people pray through the Psalm by trading verses responsively, OR go around the circle and have each person take the next verse.

## Missional Prayer

- Have everyone go around and pray specifically for a non-Christian friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc.
- *Option: Have everyone use the "MissionHub" app to set a prayer reminder for that person OR write the name on a 3x5 index card, take it with them and put it somewhere that they'll see it.*

## Category Prayer

- The leader guides the group by inviting spontaneous prayer around a "category" at a time, allowing a couple of minutes per category;

### Ex: Relational Circles

Our Families  
Our Church  
Our Neighbors  
Our Co-Workers  
Our City  
Our Country  
Our World

### Ex: A.C.T.S.

Adoration  
Confession  
Thanksgiving  
Supplication

### Ex: Lord's Prayer

Petition 1: Holy Be Your Name  
Petition 2: Your Kingdom Come  
Petition 3: Your Will Be Done  
Petition 4: Give us Today our Daily Bread  
Petition 5: Forgive us our Trespasses  
Petition 6: Lead us Not into Temptation  
Petition 7: Deliver us from Evil

### Ex: Healing

Physical  
Emotional  
Spiritual

## Simultaneous Prayer

- Set a timer (ex: 3 min) and ask everyone to pray simultaneously (out loud) until the timer runs out.

## Timed Prayer

- Set a timer (ex: 20 min) and then go around the circle taking turns praying until the timer runs out.