



## Family Worship August 27, 2017

### Preparation for Worship

Gather in a quiet place, free of distraction (put silenced cellphones in another room)

Decide who will lead the various parts. A family worship experience should involve everyone, *especially* children! This guide can be adapted by families of 1 or 2 people. Here are the parts:

- Reading the Call to Worship
- Reading the Scripture
- Reading the Pastor's Devotional and Our Offering to God sections
- Leading the Prayer (your own words, from notes)
- Playing the songs on a laptop, tablet, or phone (Just listen to the songs if you prefer not to sing☺) You can copy and paste the links or find them with Google.

Discuss who and what you should include in your prayer. In addition to people within the church family, also discuss friends, co-workers, and neighbors for whom you want to pray. Consider what local, national, or international concern you should include (Whoever is to lead the prayer can take notes—it's OK to look at notes when praying). A simple way to pray is to go by ACTS:

**Adoration:** giving God praise by naming God's beautiful qualities (Almighty, loving, etc.)

**Confession:** pausing for a minute for everyone to acknowledge their sin silently & privately

**Thanksgiving:** naming specific ways God has provided for needs or has answered prayers

**Supplication:** ask God to help or provide for specific people or situations

### Suggested Order of Worship

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

#### Song of Praise

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnqb7Vn4AEE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnqb7Vn4AEE)

#### Scripture

Luke 5:27-32

#### Pastor's Devotional

Listen to Michael's talk on discipleship, recorded in April, 2016

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtP7wqXmqoM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtP7wqXmqoM)

#### Our Offering to God

When we hear the word "offering," we naturally think of giving money to finance God's work. We also think of the time that we volunteer to bless other people. Yet our "offering" also includes how we choose to live as "sent people" in the places where we live, work, and play.

- Levi (who changed his name to "Matthew") chose to "leave everything" (including his tax collecting privileges) to follow Jesus. What's the costliest thing/experience/habit you've chosen to give up to following Jesus more closely?
- What's been the most rewarding aspect of being a disciple of Jesus?
- Levi threw a party to introduce Jesus to other tax collectors. Since Jesus isn't physically present now, how can you help your friends meet Jesus?

**Prayer** (from your notes)

#### Song of Faith

*Follow You*

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=88A5HTW9V9Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88A5HTW9V9Q)