

North Cincinnati Community Church

HOUSE WORSHIP GUIDE

March 15, 2019

North Cincy Friends & Family,

I hope this guide will serve as a helpful resource as seek to continue to meet together (Heb. 10:23-25) by gathering as families or groups of friends. As we communicated earlier this week, we will be re-assessing on a week-to-week basis and will be updating you regarding our plans via our church email, website and Facebook page. As an act of solidarity, I would love for you to share a picture and comment on Facebook page from your House Worship experience this morning as a way of “stirring one another on” (Heb. 10:24) and reminding one another we are not alone as believers in this season.

- Someone in your group (your choice) will function as the liturgist to keep things going. The liturgy is really as simple as reading along (though do look it over ahead of time if possible and lead with energy and passion).
- This week we have not chosen specific songs for you to sing or resources for singing them. If we chose to continue in meeting in this fashion for additional weeks, we will provide these for you as part of our house church guide. For those interested, we have a Spotify playlist of songs we regularly sing in worship you can access here ([CLICK HERE FOR OUR CHURCH SPOTIFY PLAYLIST](#))
- When you get to “the message” portion, please play the sermon on a TV / large screen.
- After the sermon we’ll have a short time for conversational prayers of Thanksgiving (things you want to give praise for that God has done) and Supplication (things you are asking God to supply or provide). When the leader determines it is time to conclude this time that person can close the time by simply saying “Amen.” Here are a few guidelines for this time.
 - feel the freedom to pray with **brevity** in a sentence or two rather than in longer paragraphs
 - feel the freedom to pray **simply**, as God is not impressed with big words, and understand even the internal cries of our hearts.
 - feel the freedom to pray **multiple times** (in the same way you aren’t limited to speaking once in a conversation
 - feel the freedom to pray **in response** to what you’ve heard from the Scriptures or what others are praying around you.
- Included below you will also find a Discussion Guide included for personal reflection or group discussion. Please feel to use this as you see fit, whether that is as part of your house worship time or not.

Call to Worship (Psalm 18)

LEADER: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my shield and the horn of my salvation.

ALL: I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

LEADER: The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!

ALL: Therefore, I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

Confession – (read together with those gathered with you)

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another, that we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ and have often grieved You by wasting Your gifts and wandering from Your ways. Forgive us we pray, and cause us by Your Spirit to cling to the cross of Christ and rest in His love for us. And may that love compel us to live no longer for ourselves, but for You who died for us and was raised again. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:21) – (have the leader read)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Message – Lead Pastor, Michael Craddock

Title: Our Peace & Pursuit in a Time of Worry

Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Prayers of Supplication & Thanksgiving:

Please use this time to pray conversationally with those gathered with you.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. Reflect on the condition of your own heart and take time to list out the various things you are worried or anxious about this morning and have been worried about this week. How would you classify those things as primary or not? If Jesus were to specifically address your concerns by asking you this question, “Is not life more than _____?”, how would you respond to Him.
2. One of the ways Jesus addresses our worry is by pointing out that it is unproductive. To put it another way, our worry doesn’t actually do anything productive, such as to make our lives longer. In fact, our friends in the medical field might say our worry makes our lives shorter and/or their condition worse. Why is it important for you to remember the “unproductiveness of worry” this morning?
3. The things about which we so often worry are things over which we ultimately have no control, and that only God can control. What does your response to not being in control reveal about your own heart?
4. While we are not in control, Jesus reminds us that we have a Heavenly Father who is. Likewise, this Father is not a disinterested and uncaring authority, but one who knows us intimately and loves us passionately. How does the character of God help us to rest in Him even when we lack control? Or, for those familiar with these theological terms, how does His Sovereignty and Goodness work together?
5. As Jesus points out, our resting in the love of the Father doesn’t leave us in complacency or self-centeredness, but to pursue His Kingdom by growing in our love for Him and for others. What are practical ways that God might be calling you to love your neighbors right in this current season? What are way that you need trust God by inviting others to love you?