**Family Worship Guide**

**Gospel Unity: Who Are You Imitating?**

**Week of 7/17-7/23**

**Tips for family worship**

* Determine a time and place for your family worship time. Select a time that will not be hurried and a place that has limited distractions.
* If you have never done family worship, embrace the awkwardness and chaos. Kids might be sitting on their heads and seemingly not paying attention, do it anyway. Trust the power of God and sufficiency of Scripture to change hearts.
* If possible, let each family member have ownership of the time by allowing them to talk and/or have a part in the family worship time such as scripture reading, praying, or singing.
* You lead your family worship the way that is best for you. However, if you don’t know where to start a general guideline we follow is:
	+ Pray
	+ Sing a praise song (it’s ok if you can’t sing…I can’t either…but I still model it for my kids)
	+ Review memory verse
	+ Read Scripture
	+ Ask Questions
	+ Pray

**Memory Verse of the Week**

*“Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.” – Ephesians 5:1-2*

**Family Reading**

* Ephesians 5:1-17

**Family Discussion Questions**

* Who is someone you imitate and why?
* Does it seem impossible to love others as Christ did? Why or why not?
* What practices should we pursue as people of light?
* Why is it important for us to expose darkness and how do we do that?
* How can you be more consistent in your faith?

**Prayer for your family**

*God, we want to imitate you with our lives. We want to follow Christ’s example and love others as he has loved us. Help us be the light in dark places and expose the darkness by living out the gospel.*