**Family Worship Guide**

**Gospel Unity: Gospel-Centered Marriage**

**Week of 7/31-8/6**

**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

**Praise Song – The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen.*

**Memory Verse of the Week**

*“This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.” – Ephesians 5:32-33*

**Family Reading**

* Ephesians 5:22-33

**Family Discussion Questions**

* What does Paul mean by submitting?
* Why should wives submit to their husbands?
* What is the difference in the world’s view of submission and the Bible’s view of submission?
* How are husbands supposed to love their wives?
* How did Jesus love the church?
* What are some practical things husbands can do to love their wives as Jesus loved the church?

**Prayer for your family**

*God, give us a marriage that is centered on the gospel. Help us live in the roles you have given us so that the world might see the gospel. Strengthen our marriage and family and protect us from the evil one.*