

## CHURCH AT HOME: Sunday, March 29, 2020

### Hello Orchard Hill Church family!

While we are all keeping our social distance and not gathering for weekly worship, we will have a “modified” praise and worship set as part of the live stream services for the Sundays we are meeting online. Whether you are alone or gathering with a small group of fellow believers, we want to encourage you to join us for this time. How often do we sing and worship in our homes, by ourselves, or with others? Think about it! When we worship, we invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to come, to move, and to change us. What better place to do that than our homes? Let’s try it together!

Below we have put together a suggestion for making the most out of this new worship experience:

### 9:30 AM – Eat: Have breakfast around the table together!

- ❖ While eating breakfast, discuss/consider the importance of worshipping God. Whether it is in a large group or by yourself, in a house or in a church, worship is important to God.
- ❖ Perhaps invite someone you know who is alone and you feel safe with to join you!

**1) Ask:** *Why Worship?* Let everyone respond.

### 2) Read:

Psalm 118:1

Part of worshipping God is thanking Him for what He has done for us. This command to worship the Lord is all through scripture. We see in this short verse one of the reasons for why we worship: “for He is good, and His love endures forever.” Part of worship is thanking God. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is worthy of our thanks and praise. We can always think of something to be thankful for. Paul and Silas experienced this when they were in prison. In the midst of being locked up in a horrific place, beaten down and isolated, they began to sing. They worshipped God right there in that small cell, and as they sang something amazing happened! “At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.” -Acts 16:26

As you worship God this morning through praise, prayer, and His Word, don’t underestimate the power of worship. Invite God to come and dwell in your homes, and know that through this you are releasing the power of the Holy Spirit and bringing honor to the one who is worthy of all our praise: Jesus! He alone is King of kings and Lord of lords. Now, let’s get ready to worship! .

**9:50 AM – Gather: Circle up in the area where you are going to watch the live stream service on the “Orchard Hill Church” Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ohcgr/>)**

### 10:45 AM – Reflect: Talk together about what was presented in the message.

Which of the 7 miracles in John most demonstrates Jesus’ divinity to you? After witnessing all these signs, why do you think it took the disciples so long to recognize who Jesus really was? How might the healing of the blind man inform us of the growth of belief in our lives? Who is not a “believer” in your sphere of influence? Invite them to read the signs in John with you and pray they will believe!

### 11:00 AM – Make plans: How can/will we serve God this week? With who?

### 11:05 AM – Prayer: Use the ACTS acronym (Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication)

This acronym helps us to praise God, confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness, thank God for the blessings He gives us, and ask Him for what we desire and need. Pray your way through the acronym and encourage everyone present to contribute to each section.

### 3) Sunday Afternoon: Seize the Day!

Read, watch or listen to something that encourages you in your faith!