

CHURCH AT HOME: April 19, 2020

Hello Orchard Hill Church family!

It's week five of worshipping from home! Being apart is a reminder of the gift of community and what a blessing it is to be called the family of God. Hopefully we will all be together soon, but until then enjoy worshipping from the comfort of your home and make the most of this new way of approaching God on this sabbath day. Fill your home with His praises and unchanging Word and let the God of the universe meet you right there where you are.

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

9:00 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.

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

2) Read: Matthew 28:16-20

When Jesus appeared a second time to His disciples after His resurrection their first response when they saw Him was worship. The passage says that during this encounter “some doubted”. Jesus made it possible to approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, but even in times of uncertainty He desires to meet us. So, bring all that you have. Your joys and sorrows, and even your doubts, and expect Him to move in new ways as you worship the Risen King.

9:30 AM Join us for a time of fellowship in a virtual lobby on Zoom. For instructions on how to join, go to orchardhill.org and follow the worship tab to “Virtual Lobby” or visit the “Orchard Hill Church Fellowship Group” Facebook page. Or use this link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908856728>)

9:55 AM Get ready 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.

Why is it significant that God resurrects our bodies and restores creation rather than making something entirely different? How should the promise of everlasting life in the future impact how we live in the present?

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14-How should the promise of bodily resurrection and everlasting life make it possible for us to mourn and hope at the same time?

READ REVELATION 21:1-8 What are you most looking forward to in this future home with God?

How should this glorious idea of bodily resurrection influence the way we steward our bodies today?

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

11:05 AM – Pray Together: 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!