

# Family Worship Guide

*Read the devotion for each day and answer the questions that follow. If you have children present and able to read, allow them to read the passages. Use this guide as a starting point, feel free to dig deeper into each passage of Scripture. Be sure to pray before and after each devotion.*

## DAY ONE

**Read Luke 4:16 and Hebrews 10:24-25.** The practice of public worship was regularly modeled by Jesus. Not only modeled by Him, but it is also commanded in His Word, not to be a burden but to be an encouragement. We need each other, and God has organized the local church to be that encouragement. **In what ways has gathering for public worship encouraged you? What obstacles seem to keep you from gathering?**

## DAY TWO

**Read Luke 4:17-20.** Imagine if Jesus was the guest speaker at your church next week. How would you respond? Would you listen intently to what He says? Worry about Him singling you out? If Jesus were to come and speak to us, no matter our response, we would listen. Yet He speaks to us through our Bibles. Do we listen? **How does the image of Jesus speaking to us through His Word change the way we read/study our Bibles?**

## DAY THREE

**Read Luke 4:21-22.** Jesus preached a sermon that day that would have been revolutionary to His Jewish audience. At first they were amazed, but they ask the question, “How could someone they knew so well speak so prophetically?” When we become familiar with something we have the tendency to devalue it. **In what ways does our Bible study, prayer, service, or evangelism, get “devalued” with familiarity?**

## DAY FOUR

**Read Luke 4:23-24.** The people around Jesus wanted Him simply for the benefit He provided (healings, miracles, signs, and wonders). Their excitement and devotion to hearing Him speak was simply to see what He would do for them. As soon as those signs ended or the miracles stopped, they lost interest in Him. **Have you ever approached Jesus this way? Have you ever come to Jesus solely for what He can give you?**

## DAY FIVE

**Read Luke 4:24-27.** We often detach the Old Testament from the New Testament, as if they were two different books, or worse, two different Gods. But throughout the Bible God has always called people of all nations to come and follow Him and worship and serve Him. As the Church, we have been invited on that mission to take the good news to the world, and see people of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, worship God. **How can our lives practically reflect God’s glory to the unreached world?**

## DAY SIX

**Read Luke 4:28-30.** If we were honest, there are probably topics in the Bible that make us uncomfortable. Maybe not now, as mature believers, but maybe early on in our life, learning the foundational truths of God’s Word. There might be doctrines that are painful to hear and even more painful to apply. But our feelings toward a particular Bible doctrine do not make them untrue or wrong. We might need to study it more, meditate on it more, or talk it over more with people who know more. **What is a Bible doctrine you struggle to hear and apply? What can you do to understand its truth in a deeper way?**