

PREPARING FOR THE LITURGY (*leader information*)

- **Read-** Read through and meditate on the week's passage.
- **Watch-** Set time aside to watch the teaching video and take notes. It will serve as a guide in your preparation, whether you are planning to lead the teaching or just need to have a grasp of the content so you can lead discussions well. *You as the leader can decide if you want to show the video or present the material yourself.*
- **Reflect-** After reading and watching, set time aside for quiet, personal reflection and journaling. Answer the discussion questions attached to the teaching, in preparation for asking them to others.

LITURGY EXPECTATIONS (*leader information, **summarize the Household Members bullet point and share with the household***)

- **House Church Leader-** The leader's responsibility is to be a model group member and act as the primary shepherd of the household. The leaders seek to facilitate relationships, conversations, care for one another, practice and share the values of TBM, and help discover and activate the gifts of others.
- **House Church Members-** Members are full participants in every aspect and component of the gathering. Members are teachable, vulnerable, and accountable to one another. Each member will be led to discover and use their gifts to encourage and edify the group and greater community in the advancement of the message, mission, and movement of Jesus Christ.
- **Simplicity-** Gatherings should be simple to organize, execute, and reproduce. The Christian community is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ who has "overcome the world" (John 16:33) and whose "burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Avoid the temptation to over-complicate and over-program: let the time be an extension of the household.
- **Love-** The defining outcome of the Gospel is the believer's authentic love for one another (John 13:34- 35). The culture of every gathering is to be marked by Spirit-filled love, kindness, and truth-filled grace towards every member.

THE LITURGY

The order of liturgy below is a suggestion that we think would be beneficial, but the order can be re-arranged to best fit the context and culture of your house church.

1. **Fellowship-** Intentional time for personal connecting, sharing of stories and life issues, and establishing authenticity and vulnerability within the group. Some examples include simple time together sharing a meal together, ice-breaker questions, or sharing Highs and Lows.
2. **Worship-** In every circumstance, God is worthy of our worship, so any expression of worship is encouraged. Your household can join our church-wide time of worship music & prayer via Zoom at 10:00AM on Sundays; listen & sing along to music (a Spotify playlist for the week will be available on the church's Spotify profile "thebridgemontrorse"); read Psalms of praise & adoration; or have a member(s) of the household lead music for everyone.

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3. **Prayer-** This is where the power is: in our listening, petitioning, and crying out to the Lord. Prayer should be peppered throughout the gathering (before/after teaching, before communion, specific time set aside to pray for each other and our community).
4. **The Word-** God's Word is an essential source of God's truth & love, which sustain & enrich our lives. You can watch the Bible teaching video posted on YouTube, or lead your house church through the outline & discussion questions provided.
5. **Communion-** The weekly remembrance, thanksgiving, and celebration of our union with Christ and the profession of our faith in His life, death, resurrection, and return (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42). For those who profess faith in Jesus, you can break bread and juice to partake of, or celebrate communion over a shared meal.
6. **Offering-** Offering is a continuation of our worship by giving back some of what God has graciously given to us. Now more than ever, giving is an act of sacrifice that can feel costly. But by holding everything in our lives with open hands (including our finances), we practice trust in God as our Provider. We invite households to give with a grateful heart by texting [bridgemontrose](text:77977) to 77977 and following the prompts to give online. Pray over the offering- praising God as our Provider and for the ministries the funds support, to spread the Gospel and equip our people.
7. **Children-** If you have children present for your gathering, get them involved! It may be most beneficial to read the story to your kids at the beginning of your time together, sing songs, and then pray together. This way the kids feel immediately involved in the house church and can work on their activity or craft if you choose to split the teaching time. Our weekly Gospel Project story/lesson as well as other resources are available at www.thebridgemontrose.org.tbk-resources.

POST-LITURGY (*read/summarize for group before releasing*)

- **Pray-** The life of a disciple is marked by one who lives in communion with the Spirit through prayer. Therefore, members are to pray regularly for the church, our neighbors, family, friends, the non-believers in your life, and your role in the mission of Jesus to participate in The Great Commission, and winning people to Jesus.
- **Act-** Active disciples of Jesus are adoptive children of God. Therefore consider, plan, and act upon any significant attitudes, beliefs, or practices related to a change of head, heart, and hands that was discussed in this week's gathering related to your personal growth and expression of being a disciple (follower) of Jesus.
- **Share-** As disciples of the way of Jesus, we are to be living examples, evangelists, and lights of hope to the world resulting from our new identity in Him. What did you learn, witness, or experience in this week's gathering that should be shared with someone else? Pray for an opportunity to share and extend an invitation to learn more about Jesus.

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Discussion Questions *(from Christ-Centered Exposition Philipians)*

- START WITH — What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this teaching and the time you spent studying Philipians 4:10-23 on your own?
- Possible follow-up questions:
 - What are the differences between prosperity theology, poverty theology, and Pauline theology?
 - How does Paul avoid manipulation, flattery, and silence—the three common pitfalls associated with talking about money?
 - How do you define Christian contentment? From where does it derive?
 - What are the three truths about Christian contentment according to Philipians 4:11-13?
 - What is the actual meaning of Philipians 4:13? How does this apply to your life?
 - Has a lack of contentment made you less flexible for mission? Explain.
 - What is the relationship between being a partner and giving financially?
 - Why should you give faithfully? Do you have a disciplined plan for giving to the mission of the church?
 - Explain how Philipians 4:19-20 applies to the matter of personal needs.
 - What is one action step you can take this week?

Worship

- Psalm 34
- Suggested Songs (recordings available on “thebridgemontrose” Spotify playlist “this coming Sunday”)
 - “Yes I Will” by Vertical Worship
 - “In Christ Alone” by Kings (MHM)
 - “King of My Heart” by John Mark McMillan