



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
MAY 16, 2021

Sunday Order

1. Arrive and gather as House Church in host home
2. Open in prayer
3. At 9am or 11am, log on to YouTube for worship
(Comment to let us know you're there!)
4. Watch service (Sing, listen to the Word, and engage)
5. Celebrate Communion (See below)
 - a. Pre-Communion Prayer
 - b. Communion Liturgy
 - c. Take the elements as community
6. Reflection Questions as House Church (Attached)
7. Close in Prayer

Note: Please silence phones in order to be fully present with one another.

Pre-Communion Prayer

Select someone to read Matthew 5:38-48.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Reflect on this passage in silence. How does Jesus's teaching speak to the way we ought to face opposition and the use of the power we have? In other words, what kinds of people are we to become in order to respond this way?

Leader: move the group into a time of prayer.

A Prayer for Peace, Purpose, and Power

Lord Jesus, Son of God,

Too often we lack your peace, which surpasses all understanding, because we have sought peace elsewhere. Too often we have not lived out the church's purpose, because we are caught up with programs, events, and methods.

Too often we have neglected the transformative power of the Spirit, instead looking to institutional powers of politics, culture, and success.

Lord, have mercy.

Instead, give us your peace, that we would be people of reconciliation and wholeness in a divided world. May we receive our true purpose as your church, rooted in our identity as disciples and heirs of the Kingdom of God.

And open our hearts to the power of the gospel, to transform our hearts and the church as we proclaim your word and live out your truth.

As we come to the Table to receive the Bread and Cup, remind us of the peace, purpose, and power that is ours in Christ Jesus, by his shed blood and broken body on the cross.

In Jesus' strong name we pray,
Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Leader: give out the Communion elements and begin the liturgy by reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Everyone eats the bread together.

“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Everyone, together, drinks the cup.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What stood out to you in the teaching? What was the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart as you listened?
2. How would your Community Group / House Church summarize the sermon in your own words?
3. What encouraged you and what challenged you in the teaching?
4. How is the Holy Spirit leading you *and* your Community / House Church to respond and live this out practically?

Concluding Prayer

Ending Prayer

Lord,

As we come to the ending of our formal worship together, may we store up these things in our hearts and continue a posture of worship in the recesses of our souls.

Protect us against the enemy of our own unchecked power and grant us the humility of Christ—even as we face opposition in our world;

Toward one another.

Toward the stranger.

Toward ourselves.

Amen.

End with the Doxology.

Doxology – Song

(after this song, be dismissed and have a great Sunday!)

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.