

# About Growing Together @ Home

Growing Together @ Home is a brief guide provided by the South Bumby Church to give our families a framework they can use as they study from God's word and pray together at home.

## Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (2 Pet 2:9 NKJV) ... the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations ...
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

Crypto-Quote:

(Each letter stands for another letter. For example, replace each occurrence of E with H, Y with K ...)

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END HENJE F OFSP CQNHHP0:

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YNOJ KX YNOJD FOZ RKQZ KX

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*A Weekly Guide  
For Family  
Devotions*

Those who  
love Your law  
have great  
peace, And  
nothing  
causes them  
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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# K I N G

## DAY ONE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

#### *Kingship*

Read 1 Samuel 10:20 through 11:9 and search for how the people treated Saul after he was declared King.

- [1] Did they rally to him after he was declared King?
- [2] Did having him as King really make any difference in their daily lives?
- [3] Find 3 things that some rebels did.
- [4] At what point did the people realize the benefit of having a King?

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 and compare the attitudes expressed here with those of the “rebels” in 1 Samuel. Discuss:

- [1] What does it mean to have a “form of Godliness”?
- [2] How can Christians deny the power of God?
- [3] At what point does a person realize the benefit of having Jesus as King?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 and discuss:

- [1] What is the Victory which is in Jesus?
- [2] Does this Victory in Jesus make any difference in our daily lives? (Eph. 6:11-13; 3:14-16)

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to love Him and His ways with all of our minds — placing value in His ways, and perceiving that His ways bring life.

## DAY TWO

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

#### *Deliverance*

A King should bring deliverance to his people. Read the following and search for (1) what people are being delivered from and how they are being delivered:

- Col 1:9-18;                      2 Peter 2:1-9;  
2 Tim. 4:15-18;                1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss:

- [1] In Colossians, what expressions of power are given to demonstrate that Christ has the ability to provide deliverance?
- [2] In 2 Peter, what examples are used to show that God “knows how” to deliver the godly?
- [3] In 2 Timothy, In what sense was Paul delivered out of the mouth of the lion?
- [4] What spiritual truth did Paul point to as a result of this physical example of deliverance?
- [5] In 1 Thessalonians, what is the “wrath to come”?
- [6] how will Christ provide deliverance?

Read Acts 17:31, and discuss

- [1] What is the assurance that a Christian has that God will provide deliverance?

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, denying ourselves and seeking to serve Him.

## DAY THREE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

#### *Citizenship*

Separately, Read:

- Phil 3:20-4:1;                      Hebrews 11:27;  
2 Cor. 4:17-18;                    Hebrews 11:1-2

and make a list of what is “unseen”, and what the result of the “unseen” is on peoples’ lives.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Together, compare your lists, and discuss:

- [1] What should cause us to “stand fast” and endure the things of this life?
- [2] What is the evidence of “things not seen”?
- [3] In 2 Cor. how is it that Paul could say that the afflictions of this life are “light”?
- [4] What gave Moses the internal fortitude to contend with the wrath of Pharaoh?
- [5] How can we keep our eyes on things which are not seen (this implies a goal)?

Deliverance and Heaven are lofty goals, but in order to work towards these we need to concentrate of the characteristics of citizenship that God wants in us.

Discuss: Is any part of your mindset holding you back? If so, set a goal to improve this part of your life. Remember that it is only by laying small individual bricks that a brick wall is laid.

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us to serve Him with all our souls, submitting to his direction in our lives — to love the things that He loves, and to value the things that He values, being mindful of the things of God.