

# 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: (Lu 16:13) "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon"
- [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 F with A, S with B ...)

FOZ EPDKDNQNL EHJJ SN YPHNX  
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FRDOW VDA , JNB PHR SN VDAL  
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KNLQFOB: SAB PN BPFH HK  
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WLNFBNKB FRDOW VDA KPFJJ SN  
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VDAL KNLQFOB .

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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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# KINGDOM SERVANT

## DAY ONE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

#### *The Wicked Servant*

Read Matthew 24:43-51 and search for the attitude demonstrated by the servant and how that affected his behavior.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this parable and answer these:

- [1] What should have been the goal of the servant?
- [2] What ended up being his goal?
- [3] Why the change?

Read 2 Peter 3:1-5 and consider:

- [1] Are we susceptible to the same temptation of thought as the wicked servant?
- [2] If our goals shift from what God has decreed to what our hearts desire — what are we being “willfully ignorant” of?

Make a list of reasons why it would be easy to deceive ourselves with regard to obeying God’s commandments.

Discuss how we can counter these attitudes and what we need to remind ourselves of, if we are to be faithful to our Master.

### 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

#### *Servant Mentality*

Read John 13:12-17 and search for the servant mentality that Jesus exhibits to his disciples, and determine what is the goal of the servant mentality.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this passage and answer:

- [1] Why would the disciples be shocked at Jesus’ behavior?
- [2] Why was it not beneath Him to serve in this way?
- [3] Why (in v. 12) did Jesus ask “do you understand what I have done for you?”

The mentality of being willing to serve—even in what some would consider a menial way—is an attitude that seeks to accomplish a higher goal.

Read Matthew 20:20-27 and search for what it takes to be great in the Kingdom.

- [1] What makes a servant truly “great” in the eyes of a Master?
- [2] According to Jesus, how can we be “great” in the eyes of God?
- [3] Think of a least three major impediments to us following this example of Jesus
- [4] Read Matthew 23:1-11 and consider the Pharisees who were criticized by Jesus for their lack of service — compare the things on your list to the attitudes of the Scribes and Pharisees.

### 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

#### *Ministering to Others*

Read Isaiah 50:4-11 and search for the things which indicate a servant’s attitude.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

- [1] Why does the servant endure animosity?
- [2] Is the servant concerned for whether others despise him?
- [3] Is the Servant concerned about being disgraced? How will he avoid disgrace?
- [4] How will the servant be justified

We do not often experience the physical abuse and rejection described here. But when we seek to minister to others by fulfilling the work of a servant we may experience rejection. Remembering that we serve God and it is God’s desire that “all men be saved” (1 Timothy 2:4) and that all come to a knowledge of God, separately, make a list of ways in which Christians who seek to teach others about God may experience rejection.

Together, compare your lists, and discuss how we can avoid being discouraged in our task. Read 1 Corinthians 13:13 and discuss Paul’s servant attitude. Consider John 12:25; Matthew 5:12; 5:46; 6:16,18; Luke 6:35

### 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.