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# CHURCH@HOME

## PREPARATION:

1. Turn off all distractions. All electronic devices should all be turned off and stowed. You might even try taking the phone off the hook.
2. Have everyone seated together so they can see everyone. No one off in a corner or in another room.
3. You're going to need a bible. You can have one you pass around to read or have each person bring their own. Your choice.
4. Get everyone involved. Take turns or assign roles - just as long as everyone is included.
5. Have fun. This is new. Just relax and enjoy the time together. Trust God to direct your time together.
6. These guides can also be found on [www.myfaith.church](http://www.myfaith.church)

## THIS MONTHS THEME: EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE

### 1. WORSHIP

The goal of this time is worship. We always want to begin with praise and thanksgiving.

- Say a quick prayer to begin. Ask God to bless your time together
- Sing a worship song or two about God's love or give thanks for a time when really felt God loved you.

### 2. SHARE

The goal of this time is to allow everyone to begin to open up and share. Remember not to interrupt or override, but everyone work hard to keep on topic.

Go around the room and allow everyone to answer:

- If there were one phrase or sentence that you would want me to say to you every day, what would it be?

### 3. DISCOVER

The goal of this time is to look into God's word and begin uncovering truths

- Read **Mark 12:28-33**
- For centuries, kings and rulers have commanded people under them to do certain things. But only God has made his chief commandment to love Him and to experience a relationship with Him.
- **What's so powerful about love that God would make it so important?**
- Read **1 John 4:16**
- Discuss what it means to live in love with someone. How does that carry over to a life in love with God?
- According to scripture which one is 'most' important: 1) Believing God exists, 2) Loving God with all your heart, 3) Obeying God's commandments or 4) Believing what God says?
- They're all important, but #2 is most important. How do you feel about that? **Unless we love God everything else will all fall short.**

### 4. APPLY

The goal of this time is finding ways to apply the truths from God's word.

- How does being in love change our perspectives of things we do? Have you ever done anything for someone simply because you loved them?
- What does it say about our love to God if we resist doing the things that brings him pleasure?
- What's some ways we can rekindle or keep strong our love for God?

### 5. PRAY

The goal of this time is to close out by going to God in prayer.

- Ask if there are any special prayer needs.
  - Pray you will be able to love God with all your heart
- Gather together and pray.
  - Don't be afraid to allow God to move in this time of prayer. Powerful things happen when a family prays together.
- Group hug. Tell each other something you love about them