



HOUSE CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

In Lockdown: 8 weeks in Philippians – Week 4, “The Reality of Christ in Lockdown”

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- [Click here](#) for the guide of “How to do House Church.” Weekly content, updates, and archives can be at tumcdan.org

- **WORSHIP** 10-15 minutes

(Use all of these elements for worship or choose the parts that work best for you)

- **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Response: **I will say it again, rejoice! The Lord is near.**

Leader: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Response: **And the God of peace will be with you.**

- **Music:**

View these songs on YouTube and sing along with the lyrics. If someone in your family or group is musical, they can also lead the songs without videos

“King of Kings”

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

****New Songs to Learn:***

“Hallelujah Here Below”

[Click here for Video](#)

“You Deserve it All”

[Click here for Video](#)

○ **Psalm 113 Reading:**

(This is a good alternative if you cannot do the musical option. Read together or alternate each verse, Leader and Response. Speak these words of worship in faith and passion!)

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.

² **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

⁸ **he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD.

Amen.

● **KIDS** 30-40 minutes

(If there are children in your House Church, you can add in these songs and participate in the ActivateKidz Video message from Miss Emily. You can also do the ActivateKidz lesson anytime!)

○ **Songs:**

“King of Me” [Click here for Video](#)

“Lord I Lift your Name on High” [Click here for Video](#)

○ **ActivateKidz Video Lesson:**

[Click here](#) for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week’s lesson!

● **SCRIPTURE** 5 minutes

(Have one person read out loud or choose a different reader for each passage)

○ **Philippians 2:6-11** (New International Version)

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

● **MESSAGE** 25 minutes

○ [Click here](#) to view the video of Pastor David’s message for this week

○ [Click here](#) to view written notes from the message

● **DISCUSSION** 15-20 minutes

(Use these questions to connect with your group, reflect, and apply this week’s message to life.

You don’t have to get through every question, just choose the ones that connect with your group.)

○ How is everyone doing? What have been the highs and lows of your week?

○ What about today’s message inspired or resonated with you? What challenged or confused you?

- Have someone reread Phil. 2:6-11, we're going to spend some time studying and discussing this passage. What stuck out to you the most in this week's readings? Was there a certain passage that grabbed you, a particular insight that moved you, or a specific question you're wrestling with?
 - How does Philippians 2:6-11 answer the question, "What is God like?"
 - Phil. 2:6-7 – How does the attitude of Christ in this passage compare with the typical attitude of world leaders? Think of the good leaders you have known as well as figures from history—what are the marks of an effective leader?
 - Phil. 2:8 – What does Jesus hanging on the Cross show us about God? What does it show us about ourselves? How is the Cross "scandalous"?
 - Phil. 2:9 – How is Jesus now exalted? What does it mean for us and the world today?
 - Phil. 2:10-11 – How does your perspective on the world change when you consider that *every* knee will bow and *every tongue* confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?
 - What is your response to this passage? Do you feel led to recommit to Christ's lordship? Do you feel called to reconcile with another person? Or something else?
- **PRAYER** 10-15 minutes
 - Spend time sharing your prayer requests (personal petitions, intercession for the community and the world). It can be helpful to write these down and share them with the group to pray throughout the week.
 - Use the "P.R.A.Y." model to pray together. One leader can facilitate this prayer time by talking through each portion and giving the group space to pray.

We encourage your group to pray out loud together for the various requests during the "Ask" portion, but it's also ok to let this be a time of silent prayer where each member can petition and intercede in their own heart.

Pause – Be still, rest in silence, focus yourself on God's presence – in your heart you can say a simple phrase like, "My God and my all"

Rejoice – Lift up your praises for God's presence and God's blessings

Ask – Pray for the various requests mentioned as a group

Yield (or "Yes" for kids) – Surrender to God's power and God's will, yield to God's presence, contemplate his glory

- **Close with the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- **GIVING** 3 minutes

(We are so grateful for the generosity of God's people supporting His work! We understand that it is not feasible for everyone at this time; whatever your circumstance, rest in the fact that God loves you and will lead you!)

- **Electronic Giving**

[Click here](#) for secure, easy electronic giving or use your smartphone to text "tumcdan" to 77977
You can also mail your offering to: Trinity UMC, 84 Lombard Avenue, Danville, PA 17821

- **Love in Action Fund**

Our Love in Action Fund exists to support members of our community, our childcare, and our congregation with practical support as a demonstration of the love of God.

- **Offering Prayer**

Lord, as you have given yourself so freely to us, we give ourselves to you. May our lives be a living sacrifice. We give for the sake of your Church and for the sake of the world which you so love. Receive our simple gifts of time, talents, and treasures in the name of Jesus, for your glory. We ask you to multiply these gifts for the advance of your Kingdom, for the Awakening of our community, and for the restoration of our world. Amen.

- **NEXT STEPS** 5 minutes

- **To download the Daily Text Guide for week 5 [Click Here](#)**

- **Discipleship Bands: we are challenging everyone to try a Discipleship Band during our lockdown for a set timeframe of just 1 – 2 months, think of it as an experiment in discipleship or a trial run during a time when we need connection more than ever.**

- EVERYTHING you need can be found here - <https://discipleshipbands.com/>
- Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityDiscipleshipBands> to join the Facebook Group or (if you don't have Facebook) email Pastor David at DLayser@susumc.org.
- 3-5 believers (of the same gender) choose to form a band. Discipleship Bands are meant for committed, growing Christians who are ready to interact in a mature and trusting way. It's important that everyone involved is there with a desire to engage this process. You can choose your own group, or we can help you get one started.
- Pick a regular time (preferably once a week) to connect via phone / video call (or in-person when the restrictions are lifted)
- Take 30 minutes to an hour (usually depending on group size) to connect with the same easy format each week (no prep required)—1) A brief opening prayer and Scripture, 2) Each member sharing (voluntarily, only what is desired) their answers to 3-5 questions that have to do with how you are *really* doing in your soul, where the Holy Spirit might be working in your life, your struggles and victories, your temptations and shortcomings, and 3) members pray specifically for one another to close.

- **SHARE!**

- **Keep sharing pictures and testimonies** of your House Church, Discipleship Bands, and other experiences! This allows us to continue to encourage the whole Body of Christ each week in our newsletter and social media. Share on Facebook or email Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net