At home church service.

**Date 22nd March 2020 (At home service)**

**Topic: Fear and how to respond**

**Passage: Exodus 14**

**Speaker: Darryl**

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| **Worship** | A time of worship |  |
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| **Read** | **Read John 3 to your children and ask them about it.** |  |
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| **Now Go and** | **spend time with your family.** |  |

Welcome to our Ikea style at home church service. The idea behind this is that we in our own space are able to worship God together while being separated. As you partake know that others in our church are doing the same thing. By the way did you get the joke? It is an Ikea church service because you have to put it together yourself). So, there are some things to *read* *aloud* and there are **some things to do**

*So, we start with a question what is worship?*

*It is a great question, and question that you may not have thought about. Worship is not the song that we sing. Worship is not the amount you place in the offering basket. Worship is not volunteering for Brook Kids. Yes, these are all acts or expressions of worship, but they do not define what true worship really is. There are numerous definitions of the word worship. Yet, one in particular encapsulates the priority we should give to worship as a spiritual discipline: Worship is to honour with extravagant love and extreme submission.*

*True worship, in other words, is defined by the priority we place on who God is in our lives and where we put God on our list of priorities. True worship is a matter of the heart expressed through a lifestyle of holiness. So today we encourage you to worship God wherever you might be.*

Here are some suggestions on how to worship God this morning.

* Put on a worship cd or watch some worship videos online.
* Read Psalm 119
* Go outside and pray

**Spend some time in worship**

**Prayer for each other.**

*Loving and healing God, we, your people turn to you in prayer,*

*confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.*

*We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.*

*May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.*

*Generous God,*

*fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,*

*that we may look after one another in these challenging days.*

*Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.*

*Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick*

*and all who work in our medical facilities.*

*Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance*

*that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.*

*We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.*

*Bless them and keep them safe.*

*O God of creation and life,*

*we place ourselves in your protection.*

*May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.*

*We pray for our church, its members and attendees keep them safe.*

*We pray that you might strengthen and protect those of our church who are at a greater risk.*

*Father we thank you that we live in this country where we have access to medical personnel, and we pray for those who do not,*

*Father keep them and us safe amen.*

**Silent reflective activity.**

How do to reflective silence as worship.

In many places within the bible we are encouraged to be silent. In Habakkuk chapter 1 The prophet urges us, to be silent saying “The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him”. The Psalmist invites us to “Be still and know” the Lord, to worship the holy God with him (Psalm 46:10). The Lord showed Elijah and us that to sense his presence and hear his message we need to be quiet and listen for the “still, small voice” of the Holy Spirit (1 Kings 19:12).

Being silent is about being more than simply being quiet. It is about slowing down your thoughts and focusing on what is at hand. So go and find a quiet place and sit for 10-15 minutes, push away the other thoughts and focus on God. You might want to spend time letting God know your worries, or you might want to simply say God I want to be in your presence. I do not want to ask for anything or to talk I just want to sit with you and sit. Do it outside or in it does not matter, what matters is that you take the time to reflect.

**Read a bible story to your kids.**

In Deuteronomy 11 we find a passage about loving and obeying God and how it is a good thing to show it to our children and it says this in verse 19 “Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up”. ‘Them’ used here is about the Laws of God. But for us I want us to think about them as the ways of God. Have you ever thought about how much your children look up to you? It may not seem like it, but they are learning from you constantly. So, do you talk to your kids about God? Do you ask them ‘hey what happened in Brook Kids today? What did you learn? Do you help them see where he is God during the good times and the bad?

Why not spend some time with your children and read John chapter 3 verse 1-21 to them and then talk about it? Ask them what they think the passage means or what do they think they need to do to enter the Kingdom of God.

Take some time to answer the Brook Kids surveys as appropriate

**Read Exodus 14**

**10am the message Brookside Page**

We encourage you to spend time with your family and loved ones slowing down during this current environment. It is helpful to step back and disengage from the busyness of what life can be like.

If you have any questions, concerns or needs that we can help with, please contact Darryl or Sonya or others on the PST.

If you are sick, please let us know via text message/phone call, email so that we can pray for you, offer practical support and encouragement during this time.

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