

## **Key Scripture**

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. <sup>10</sup>When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup>houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied.

*Deuteronomy 6:4-12*

## **Main Takeaway**

Church isn't just for Sunday morning. The reformation celebrated people being God's people, cherishing His Word, and sharing His love in their homes and wherever they went. One of the legacies of the Reformation is a church in every home. What a thing to celebrate during COVID.

# ALWAYS OPEN

## Week 4: A Church in Every Home

### **Start Talking:**

1. As a child, what was one lesson you were taught by an adult for which you are most grateful today?
2. Share a fond childhood memory of your parents or a significant adult.

### **Start Praying:** *(Families w/kids do this as an echo prayer.)*

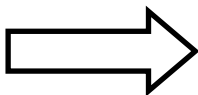
Dear Jesus, sometimes the church building is closed, but we are always your children — the church. Fill our families and lives with your grace and your word. Help us to see that you want to open up church in every home. Amen

### **Start Studying:**

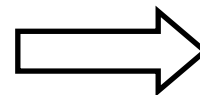
1. Read the key Scripture aloud.
2. Read Romans 3:19-28 and John 8:31-36. From what does Jesus free us?

### **Start Applying:**

1. In what ways have you been trapped by the idea that being a Christian is best reserved for Sunday morning, but what happens the rest of the week is of no matter (even unintentionally)?
2. Have you ever experienced living out your faith in Jesus as a “freeing thing” instead of an oppressive thing?
3. Share those ways, if you are comfortable.
4. Make plans and help each other make plans to include intentional discipleship practices in your home (prayer, devotions, worship, etc...). Share what you do currently, brainstorm ideas. Help free each other to be the church every day!



**Fill out Biblical Equipping**



**Finish in Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus Christ: I thank you for this opportunity for time spent in your word. As Luther has taught us, the word of God is such a gift to us and I am so grateful that we get to spend time in it. Remind us as we go through our lives daily that the word is not just for Sundays but for everyday. May we be able to emulate the love of Jesus Christ in all of our interactions. Be with us as we part ways. Amen.

# NOTES

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## BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: