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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: LOYALTY DURING PERSECUTION

### 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 towards us 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.

- **Allow everyone to complete this about others in the room:**  
I know you do things for me when you are tired or want time for yourself. For example, I know it's a sacrifice when you . . .

### 3. DISCOVER

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

- Persecution means being treated badly by people who are angry with you. Read [Acts 4:18-21](#)
- Share with your family some of the stories told about the underground church in this mornings worship service (10-25-15). Or discuss how people are being persecuted even today for believing in Jesus. (A good source is [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com))
- **How might we see persecution in our lives?**
- Read [John 16:33](#)
- Some people say the real goal of Christian living is ease and prosperity. Jesus taught that true believers will experience persecution. Christ gives us the courage we need to stay loyal to God during those times.
- Read the disciples prayer in [Acts 4:29-31](#) How did they respond to persecution?
- Christians simply have to decide if they will follow the voice of Christ or the voice of the world. No matter what.

### 4. APPLY

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

- Have you ever felt persecuted for your faith? Have you ever seen someone being persecuted for their faith?
- What should our response be when persecution comes against us?

### 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.
  - **Take time to pray for those people who are being persecuted today. Especially pray for Christians in nations where it is illegal to become a follower of Christ.**
  - Pray for our missionaries in these areas
- 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