



FAMILY CHURCH WORSHIP PLAN

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

OIKOS EVANGELISM LIST

“... Pray, but ask God to open a door for us to preach, that we may tell the mystery of Christ...” [Colossians 4:3]

	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	METHOD OF CONDUCTION	SPIRITUAL LEVEL	NOTE
1					
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Level 1) able to commit Level 2) open to the Gospel Level 3) open to Evangelists
Level 4) knows about Christianity but is negative Level 5) don't know anything about Christianity

PRAYER FOR HOUSE CHURCH

“...If two of you agree about anything, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven” [Matthew 18:19]

	NAME	PRAYER REQUEST
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PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

- For Pastor, Paul Gihong Han's ministry, health, and family
- For missionaries' GMI ministry, health, and families
- For church and ministries/events
 - The 4th Thousand days Special Early Morning Prayer Meetng
 - Shepherd's Revival Night(4/28) - Grace Kids Day(5/2)
 - Congregation Discipleship Program Open(4/29)
 - Church Officers Seminar (5/2) - Group Leader Meeting (5/5)
 - "Jesus Hand" Meeting (5/7) - Mother's Day(5/10)
 - Jokgu (Korean Foot Volleyball) Tournament (5/9)
 - Church 44th Year Revival (5/14~16, Special Speaker: Pastor Byung Sam Kim)
 - Church 44th Year Anniversary Worship and Ordination Ceremony (5/17)
 - Church Cleaning Day (5/16)

CellChurch Report



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Family church worship plan 2026. 4. 19

Third Week of April: How to best prepare for the pilgrimage of faith? (Hebrews 11:13~16)

■ Welcome

If you are to move to somewhere far today, what would be the things that you would want to take with you in your luggage? Let's also share one thing you received through last week's Grace Time.

■ Text: Hebrews 11:13~16

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

■ Introduction

There is an important theme that runs throughout the entire Bible: the "life of a sojourner." God's people are not those who have settled in this world. Rather, they are pilgrims walking toward their true homeland above. Abraham left his home, Israel passed through the wilderness, and David confessed that he was a stranger. The same is true for believers in the New Testament. We do not belong to this world, but to heaven. The life of faith is a "pilgrimage."

A book that beautifully illustrates this journey is The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. It tells the story of a man who leaves the City of Destruction carrying a heavy burden of sin, passes through many hardships, and finally arrives at the Celestial City. Today's passage, Hebrews 11, conveys the same message. People of faith did not live as if this world were their home. They lived as strangers, looking toward their true homeland. Therefore, we must ask ourselves: Where am I walking toward now? Am I living for this world, or for my true homeland?

■ Observation Question: How to best prepare for the pilgrimage of faith?

Answer 1. We are sojourners in this world (v.13).

Verse 13 clearly shows the essence of the lives of people of faith. All of them lived by faith and died without receiving what God had promised on this earth. Nevertheless, they did not lose heart. Instead, they saw the promises from afar, welcomed them with joy, and rejoiced. This means they accepted and celebrated what had not yet been ful-



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filled as if it were already accomplished. This is faith: living as if we have already received what we have not yet received.

Because of this, their attitude toward life was different. The Bible says that they “confessed that they were foreigners and sojourners on the earth.” The word “sojourner” (πρῶκο) refers to someone who stays only temporarily, and “foreigner” (ξένος) refers to someone who belongs elsewhere. Though they lived on this earth, they did not belong to it; they belonged to the kingdom of God. Therefore, they were not attached to this world. Moses said, **“The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow” (Psalm 90:10).**

Ultimately, human beings realize that this world is not eternal and instinctively long for eternal life. However, because the problem of sin is not resolved, they fall into despair. That is why God gave the law—to make us aware of sin.

(Romans 3:20) **“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.”**

In the end, we come to realize that this world is not our home. Therefore, believers must live differently. We are people passing through this world. Just as Christian, the main character in *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, left the City of Destruction, we too must be those who have taken the journey. Though we have not yet fully arrived, we are people whose direction has already been altered—we are pilgrims on our way to our true homeland.

✿ Application Question 1

1) What is my heart most focused on right now? If I am attached to things of this world (such as house, job, relationships, success, etc.), how are they hindering my pilgrimage journey?

Answer 2. We have been set free at the cross (verse 14~15)

People of faith are those who **“seek their homeland.”** A homeland refers to one’s true origin—the place we truly belong and must return to. The **“place they had left”** represents their former life, their old identity, and the life they lived without God. But now that believers have seen their true homeland, they no longer return to their old way of life.

The main character, Christian, leaves the City of Destruction, but along the way he faces countless temptations and trials. Yet he does not turn back, and eventually he arrives at the hill of the cross. At that moment, the heavy burden of sin he had been carrying on his back suddenly falls off. He hears the declaration of forgiveness through angels, is clothed in clean garments, and receives a scroll that grants him the entry into heaven. This scene vividly shows the essence of the gospel.

In the same way, we were once people living under the burden of sin. Then one day, we encountered Jesus, heard the gospel, and came to believe. At that moment, the burden of sin is lifted, condemnation disappeared, and the power of death was broken. Our sins are forgiven, and we receive the righteousness of Jesus as a gift, becoming children who are justified before God. The Bible describes this as being **“justified freely.”** It is like a person sentenced to death who is pardoned and given a completely new identity.

At this point, we must ask ourselves: **“Do I truly have assurance of the forgiveness of my sins?”** Faith is not merely knowing with the mind; it is passing through the cross. There



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must be a real experience of having the burden of sin removed. Eternal life is not something earned through human effort or good deeds, but a gift given by God. It is grace freely given to those who believe in Jesus as Lord and trust in His death and resurrection. Believers are no longer people who live carrying the burden of sin, but those who have been set free from sin at the cross. This is the gospel.

✿ Application Question 2

1) Like the main character in *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, when was the moment you personally experienced the heavy “burden of sin” in your life being removed after encountering Jesus?

Answer 3. There is a heavenly homeland prepared by God (v.16)

“They desire a better country—a heavenly one.”

This verse clearly reveals what people of faith are looking toward. The word “homeland” comes from the Greek πατρίς (patris), meaning homeland or fatherland. Its root comes from pater, meaning “father.” Therefore, the homeland described in the Bible is not merely a place of origin, but the Father’s house—the true source to which we belong and the place we must ultimately return. It is not just a geographical location, but the place where our identity and belonging are fully restored.

“Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God.”

This means that God acknowledges those who long for their homeland, saying, “I am their God.” **This is the greatest honor given to people of faith.**

“He has prepared a city for them.”

Faith is not a vague hope; there is a homeland that God Himself has prepared. This prepared city is also seen in *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. When Christian stands before the final river of death, fear overwhelms him. Yet he holds on to God’s promises that have guided him thus far and crosses the river by faith. At last, he is welcomed by angels and enters the heavenly city.

This heavenly city had already been glimpsed from afar during his journey at the “House Beautiful.” There, he was nurtured by God’s Word and spiritually strengthened through deep fellowship with the community of faith. At that time, his eyes were opened to see his homeland, and that vision sustained him throughout the long pilgrimage. Still, the journey that followed was not easy—it became even more intense. He had to fight Apollyon, who sought to destroy him, and pass through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. The path of pilgrimage is not a rosy path. It is a fierce spiritual battle that begins after salvation—a process of sanctification in which faith grows and is purified. Through tears and prayers, through falling and being restored, we gradually become more like the Lord. Yet we must hold on to this truth: suffering will come to an end, and at the end of it, the eternal homeland prepared by God awaits us.

✿ Application Question 3

1) 1) The path of pilgrimage is described as a difficult journey, not an easy one. If you are currently passing through a “valley of the shadow of death,” how is the hope of your heavenly homeland giving you strength in the midst of that suffering?