












Questions to consider as you ponder or participate in the Lord's Supper		
	HOSTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Am I recognizing that I'm eating with God himself when I come to this Table so that I listen and talk to Him? • Have I confessed my sins to God and marveled at his grace in having sinners like me eat with Him regularly? • Do I nurture this primary relationship in my life (walking with Jesus) consistently between meetings with Him at this Table?
	GUESTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have I thanked Jesus for making me worthy of a seat at this Table by washing me in his blood and clothing me with his righteousness? • Am I appropriately deepening my relationships with the brothers and sisters in Christ sharing this meal with me? • Is there anyone with whom I am unreconciled, especially such that I should refrain from celebrating communion until we meet together?
	FOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Am I clinging to sins for which Jesus gave his body and blood to bring me to this Table, and what would practical repentance from them look like? • Have I acknowledged my ongoing need of Jesus' sustaining grace every moment of every day as I feed on Him? • Do I look forward with anticipation to sharing this meal in glory with the One who died yet also rose again nevermore to die?

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Prayer Resources Recommended by NEXT GEN



for Children's Ministry Parents

	Prayers for Your Children (James Banks)	Ready-to-use prayers that cover specific needs, including knowing Christ as Savior, loving the Lord and others, experiencing God's protection, and walking in purity.
	Praying Through the Bible for Your Kids (Nancy Guthrie)	Provides encouragement through the triumphs and turbulence of parenting.
	Prayers of a Parent for Young Children (Kathleen Nielson)	Short, poetic prayers bring petitions to the Lord who knows and loves our children perfectly. This volume offers prayers for young children through to their preteen years.
	"The Power of Prayer" chapters from "The Disciple Making Parent" (Chap Bettis)	Overall a fantastic resource for parents, these specific chapters are brief but PACKED with practical, convicting, and Godly wisdom on praying for your children.
	Expectant Blessings: Prayers, Poems and Devotions for you and Your New Baby (Susanna Foth Aughtmon)	Powerful prayers, devotions and original poems will touch the heart of both mother and baby alike.









for Kids

	"How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers" (Pete Greig)	Prayer explained in profound yet easy-to-understand ways. Help your child develop a deeper understanding of and appreciation for prayer. Kids ages 8-11
	Kids version of ACTS Outline	"I love you" ... "I'm sorry" ... "Thank you" ... "Please"



















for Nursery/PreK

	Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer: A True Story of How You Can Talk With God (Laura Wifler)	Children will learn a biblical understanding of prayer, why it's amazing, and that they can enjoy talking with God about anything, anytime, anywhere
	Little Prayers for Ordinary Days	Prayers for children to pray during/about ordinary parts of their days (think <i>Every Moment Holy</i> for kids)



Prayer Resources Recommended by ADULT MINISTRIES		
Books		
	Praying the Bible (Donald Whitney)	A short book on how to let the Psalms and other Scripture guide your talks with God
	A Praying Life (Paul Miller)	A practical and personal approach to prayer, also with small group discussion guide
	Prayer (Tim Keller)	Using great model prayers from the Bible and great Christian teachers throughout history, Keller discusses ways to make prayers more personal and meaningful
Devotionals		
	The Valley of Vision	A collection of prayers from the Puritans that can give words to our hearts and lips
	Everyday Prayers by Scotty Smith	A Christ-centered prayer for every day of the year
Outlines		
	ACTS Outline for Prayer	Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication
	Randy Pope PRAISE Devotional Outline	Pray first - Read the text - Ask questions - Interpret in context - Summarize - Engage with God
	cdn.southwood.org/misc/QuietTimeResource.pdf	Resource for having a personal quiet time adapted from a class taught by Tim Keller



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for Youth		
	How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth (Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart)	A book-by-book look at the Bible and how to think about themes as you study
	My First 30 Quiet Times (Ty Saltzgeber)	Great way to kickstart quiet times
	Lifeguide Bible Studies	12-16 week studies on different books of the Bible that help you stay on track
	Knowing the Bible Series of Bible studies - By Crossway	Helpful books to help you study God's Word book by book
	bibleproject.com	Video/illustrated overviews of every book of the Bible to help as you read
for Children's Ministry Parents		
	Family Worship Bible Guide (Joel R. Beeke)	This Family Worship Bible Guide presents rich devotional thoughts on all chapters in the Bible, including searching questions to promote conversation.
for Nursery/PreK		
	Laugh and Grow Bible for Little Ones Or Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids (both volumes by Phil Vishcer)	52 stories taking just five minutes to read together. Family connection extras tackle tricky questions, discuss fun facts, offer memory verses, spark prayer, and encourage conversation.
for Kids		
	Jesus Storybook Bible (Sally Lloyd Jones)	A great overview of the Bible's big story through many key stories along the way
	Any board book by Sally Lloyd Jones	Board books paraphrasing scripture for young children
	NirV Illustrated Holy Bible for Kids, hardcover (Young Elementary)	Bible that reads like a chapter book with full-color illustrations and kid-friendly maps that illuminate the Bible story. (ages 4-8)
	Very Best Bible Stories book series	Retellings of Bible stories that are engaging for young children
	My Time with God Devotional Journal (Not Consumed)	A thought-provoking kids journal for Bible study time
	Bible Questions and Answers for Kids (Dave Strehler)	Provides age-appropriate and Bible-based answers to more than 80 questions children ask about God, faith, and the Bible (ages 6-10)
	The Big Book of Bible Questions (Amy Parker & Doug Powell)	Answers some of the biggest mysteries in the Bible in a way that's relatable and engaging. Includes eye-catching illustrations and real-life photographs. (Ages 7-11)
for Nursery/PreK/Kids		
	Seeds Family Worship or Sing the Bible (Randall Goodgame)	Gospel-rich songs that are enjoyable for kids and adults alike.
	Ask Me Whooo: The Children's First Catechism, Volumes 1-3	A GREAT series of songs that cover Catechism questions word for word. A wonderful way to encourage your child to memorize Catechisms.
	The Corner Room Music: Remember and Proclaim	All lyrics are direct quotes from scripture!! (ESV) They have a "kids" album and lots of other "adult" albums, but all of it is good for all ages
	Rain for Roots	Songs based on scripture, written for kids but enjoyable for all ages!



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General Study Resources		
	2-Year Bible Reading Plan	Plan currently being used at Southwood (cdn.southwood.org/about-us)
	Chronological Bible	A helpful way to place the events of the Bible into one story as they happened
	Study Bibles	Help with understanding what you read in God's Word (ESV, NIV, Spirit of Reformation, Gospel Transformation)
	blueletterbible.org	Resource for deep Bible study, including cross-references, Greek/Hebrew translation.
	Lectio 365 (Apple Store or Google Play)	An app with guided Scripture readings and meditations
	bibleproject.com/explore/book-overviews	Video/illustrated overviews of every book of the Bible to help as you read
	cdn.southwood.org/misc/Precept-Study-Overview.pdf	Precept Ministries' simple methodology for learning to study Scripture
	podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-bible-recap/id1440833267	Daily short podcast summaries of assigned Bible readings
	Verselocker (Apple Store or Google Play)	App with simple games/tools to help with Scripture memorization
Devotions		
	My Utmost for His Highest (Chambers)	Daily devotional with deep theological truths centered around Scripture
	New Morning Mercies (Tripp)	Gospel-centered daily devotional pointing to a Bible passage
	Truth for Life (2 Volumes, Alistair Begg)	Daily theological reflections on a verse of Scripture with additional passages for going deeper into God's Word