



# HOPE POINT CHURCH

## Virtual Worship Gathering – Best Practices

### Before

- **Pray** – if you're not used to praying for your family or yourself the day of the corporate gathering then this is a great time to start this rhythm on Sunday mornings. Pray that your heart and affections for Christ will be stirred along with those with whom you're worshipping (kids, friends, etc.). Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in your home. Pray for no distractions whether that be pets, kids, or technology issues.
- **Prepare** – act as if you're getting up to go to the church building. Leave yourself plenty of time for your typical morning routine and then be ready in front of your screen 10 minutes prior to the start of the service. If you are worshipping with your children, print out any material the night before and review it ahead of time. Set a time aside to go through the HP Kids material with your children – this can be later in the afternoon since our live stream begins early (9:15AM). Don't forget your Bibles and things to help you take notes.
- **Put up distractions** like pets and phones and smart watches etc.

### During

- **Participate in the worship.** This will feel awkward at first but can be a rewarding time. If it's too awkward at least do your best to keep the time serious and focus on the words of the song and what those words teach you about God or how a particular promise or truth applies to you in Christ.
- **Take notes** – this can be much easier while streaming because you can pause the stream if you need to take a little more time to write something down. Taking notes will help you process the message much better and keep you engaged. This will help with the "After" portion of worship as well.
- **Hang in there** all the way to the end as if you were at church.

### After

- **Compare notes** – if you are worshipping with your children who are old enough to take notes this is a wonderful time to review what they wrote down and engage with them in what they just heard. If you're watching with friends, do the same. If you're watching alone, text someone who you know was watching and let them know what you learned. If you don't know someone who was watching, get on our Facebook page and comment on the live stream and let us know what you learned.
- **Let us know** – let us know you worshipped with us by tagging us in your social media posts about your virtual worship experience.

*Matthew 18:20 – "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*