



## “Still—The Church”

*Worshipping God from Where We Are*

**Time:** 15-20 Minutes

### Opening

Today may look different than planned, but God’s presence has not changed. Although weather has prevented us from gathering in person, we are still united as one body in Christ. God’s presence is not limited by walls, weather, or distance. Wherever we are right now—alone or together—God is here. This at-home lesson is an invitation to pause, center your heart, and remember that although we are commanded to assemble, the Church is not a building—it is God’s people. Whether you are worshiping with family or on your own, know that you are connected, covered, and never alone. **We are still gathered in spirit.**

*(Optional: Take a moment to meditate on the goodness of God, and you will experience His presence.)*

#### Opening Prayer:

“Lord, we welcome You into this moment. Quiet our minds, steady our hearts, and help us to receive what You want to speak to us today. Amen.”

### Scripture Reading

Read one the following scriptures (you can divide them among people if in a group, or read slowly if alone):

- **Romans 8:38–39** – “Nothing can separate us from the love of God.”
- **Matthew 18:20** – “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
- **Acts 2:46** – “They continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house...”

**Brief Reflection (Read Aloud):** The early Church was built in homes, not buildings. God met His people at tables, houses, and in quiet spaces. The same God who meets us in church meets us right here, where we are.

### Think. Discuss. Reflect.

**Key Thought:** *The building may be closed, but the Church is not.*

**Key Points to Ponder (Read):**

### 1. We are the Church

- Church is just not a place we go—it's who we are.
- Weather may interrupt routine, but it cannot interrupt God.

### 2. God still works when our plans are disrupted

- Missed gatherings don't mean missed purpose.
- Sometimes God uses pauses to draw us closer at home.

### 3. Unity isn't broken by distance

- Even though we are apart physically, we are united spiritually.
- We are worshiping together—just from different locations.

#### ***If You Are with Family or Others:***

Choose **1–2 questions** to discuss (no pressure to answer all).

- What does “being the Church” look like at home?
- How can we invite God into our everyday routines this week?
- What is one thing we’re grateful for—even in this disruption?

#### ***If You Are Alone:***

Reflect quietly or write down your answers.

- Where have I seen God’s presence recently, even in unexpected ways?
- What might God be inviting me to slow down and notice?
- How can I stay spiritually connected this week?

**(Parents: For younger children, ask: “What do you love about God?” or “What are you thankful for today?”)**

**Encouragement:** Whether you’re with family, a spouse, or by yourself today—**You are not alone. You are still connected. You are still the Church.**

### **Pastor’s Wrap Up**

As we end this time together, **remember that you are the church—the church is in you**, and the building is where we assemble. This truth does not begin or end on any given Sunday. God walks with you into the rest of this day and the week ahead. Carry His peace into your conversations, your decisions, and your rest. Stay connected, stay prayerful, and stay encouraged.

Until we gather again, continue to love one another, pray for one another, and trust God in every season.

**Closing Prayer:** God, thank You for meeting us right where we are. Thank You that Your presence fills our homes just as it fills the church. We pray for safety, peace, and protection. Help us remain connected and encouraged until we gather again. In Jesus’ name, **Amen**.

**Consider Sowing Seed:** May your seed be planted in good soil and bring forth a bountiful harvest in due season.