



GATHERING AT HOME GUIDE

Echo Summer Sabbath
29th December 2024 - 12th January 2025



KIA ORA ECHO CHURCH FAMILY

What an awesome year we have had together! At the end of each year we have a summer sabbath break where we do not gather together as normal in our church building. This gives a chance for all of our serving team members to refresh and recharge for the year ahead. Although we won't be gathering together in our church building, we encourage you to stay in the habit of gathering together on Sundays by hosting one another in your homes. This is an awesome opportunity to practice hospitality, build deeper relationships with one another, and to worship the Lord in a different context.

To help you with this, we have made a short guide that includes a portion of scripture, a reflection question and a prayer point that you can use each Sunday. You may want to add to this by eating a meal, taking communion, singing a worship song or elaborating on what we have provided. The main thing is that we are gathering together in Jesus' name to worship him and edify one another. We pray that this sabbath is a time of refreshment and joy for you all.

God Bless,

Sam and Sam

Sunday 29th December 2024

Thankfulness

Read - “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

Reflect - What are some of the things that have happened this year that you are the most thankful for?

Pray - Spend some time giving thanks as a group for all of the good things God has done.

Sunday 5th January 2025

Next Steps

Read - “For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT

Reflect - What is one area of my life that I would like to grow in this year?

Pray - Pray as a group over each others next steps.



Sunday 12th January 2025

One mores

Read - “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” - Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

Reflect - Who is one person that I would like to see give their heart to Jesus this year?

Pray - Pray for each others one mores.

