

A place of peace, hope, and care.

As Northview gathers in homes this week, use this simple guide to worship, open God's Word, and care for one another. You don't need to preach or have every answer—just welcome people, keep things moving, and make room for everyone to take part.

01 Welcome

CONNECT AND CHECK IN

Introduce everyone and give people room to connect. Before people arrive, open the links, choose who will guide each part, and make the space welcoming.

| *"How are you doing after this week, and how have the fires affected you or people you know?"*

02 Pray

INVITE GOD TO MEET YOU

Invite God to meet your group, encourage those affected by the fires, give strength to first responders, and speak through his Word.

Short prayers are welcome. Leave room for silence.

03 Worship together

TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO GOD

Use these songs to turn your attention to God. Sing together, listen, or let the video become a prayer.

- **Blessed Be Your Name** — Matt Redman
youtu.be/tTpTQ4kBLxA
- **It Is Well** — Austin Stone Worship
youtu.be/UsZfjHr_6e4

04 Hear the Word

1 PETER 4:7–11

[Norm's message — watch the Sunday video at the top of the online guide before you begin.]

BIG IDEA

In uncertain times, God's people stay prayerful, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

1. **Read together.** Watch Norm's short introduction, then read 1 Peter 4:7–11 aloud.

2. Briefly summarize. Invite one or two people to say, in a sentence or two, what stood out.

Discuss together

Use these questions to guide your discussion. Don't feel the need to get through all of them.

Head

Clarify truth and understanding.

How does this passage challenge the idea that pain or suffering means God is absent or has stopped being good?

Heart

Invite honest reflection.

What makes it difficult to trust God's goodness and sovereignty in the middle of suffering?

Hands

Connect truth to everyday life.

What would it look like for your pain, fear, or uncertainty to lead you toward the presence of Jesus rather than away from him?

Feet

Choose a concrete next step.

When fear or uncertainty rises this week, what specific truth from this passage will you return to?

05 Respond

PRAY TOGETHER

01 What from this passage do you want God to form in you?

02 Who has been affected by the fire, and how can we pray or help?

03 Pray for our city, first responders, displaced families, and one another.

THIS WEEK

Who needs encouragement and a reminder of God's faithfulness? Share this passage and how God has been working in your heart with someone this week.

06 Go

PUT LOVE INTO ACTION

Surface practical or fire-related needs. Decide what your group can do, and think of someone who may be isolated or need encouragement.

Share a need with Northview: office@northviewbible.church

+ Northview Kids

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

This week may feel different or uncertain for children too. Keep this time simple, make room for their questions, and remind them that God is near and that his people care for one another.

[Kids content — the children's Bible story, questions, activity, and prayer prompt will be added to the online guide.]

For parents: Let children share at their own pace. Reassure them that adults and first responders are working to keep people safe, and remind them that God is with us.

NORTHVIEW CARE + INFORMATION

You don't have to carry this alone.

If the weight of these fires—loss, fear, or uncertainty—is more than you can carry alone, Northview is ready to listen and help.

Need help or soul care: northviewbible.church/care

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