

Family Worship
Week of January 1, 2023

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: God Is Our Shepherd

Monday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (focus on 11-15)
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point on Sunday was "A Shepherd Who Gathers and Feeds His Sheep." What does God promise to do for his sheep in this passage? What does this passage teach us about the heart of God towards his people?
- Close in Prayer

Tuesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (focus on vs. 15-16)
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point on Sunday was "A Shepherd Who Seeks and Heals." Why does God use the image of shepherd/sheep to communicate his care to us? How does God accomplish his actions in 15-16, both now and future?

Wednesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point on Sunday was "A Shepherd Who Rules." Why is it not a contradiction that God says, "I myself will be the shepherd," and in vs. 23 that he will appoint a shepherd? How does vs. 24 point us to Christ? What surety do we have from the end of vs. 24 that these promises will come true?
- Close in Prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 4:17-24
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 4:17-24
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior?
- Close in Prayer