

Family Worship
Week of January 5, 2025

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: The Light of the World (John 1:6-9)

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18¹
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "Sent from God: Authority Established". By telling us that John the Baptist was sent by God, John (our writer) shows that John's message is authentic. It is not his own message. It does not come from his own wisdom. It is God's message as certainly as John is God's messenger. John and his message are from God and therefore ought to be believed. Should we rely on our own wisdom? Should we think of God and his mission in the world in terms of what we want or think we need? Or should we believe his messenger?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "That All Might Believe: Christ's Mission Revealed". Both John and Christ were part of the same mission: to save sinners. John testified about the Christ so that all might believe in Christ and be saved. This is why Christ came and John was sent to testify to this Christ. We are called to believe! And believing, how then should we live each day?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "Into the World: Jesus Christ as the Immanent Expression of God's Love". This Word, Jesus Christ, is God, but he did not remain transcendent – above and away from us. He came into the world. He is with us. And he came to give the light of revelation. Christ is the expression of God's love that is deeply personal and intimate. He is HERE, not simply somewhere out there. How is the coming of Jesus Christ in the lost world an expression of God's love?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18
- 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: John 1:1-18
- 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 and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer

¹John 1:1-18 is the prologue. We will read through it entirely each day but it will take several weeks to preach through it.