

Family Worship
Week of January 12, 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: Born of God (John 1:10-13)

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18¹
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "Christ among us – then and now." In what ways are verses 10-11 personal – intimate even? (he made them, came to them, identified with them, and was not recognized and was rejected, all very personal things). For those of us who have received him, how do 10-11 offer us encouragement? For those who have not yet received him, what will you do with this Jesus?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:10-13
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "Those who reject Christ remain spiritually dead." If those who received him gained life and an identity as children of God, what must be true about all people who have not received Jesus? They are dead in their trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-3). Spiritual death (and eventually physical death) are separation from God himself and therefore all of his blessings as well. What reasons might someone give for rejecting Christ? Are these good reasons?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:10-13
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "Those who receive Christ are made alive together with him forever." Becoming a child of God is the same as being born – born spiritually. Do you notice that we are not merely saved from sin, but to relationship with the Creator God who redeems his people? What blessings are ours in Jesus Christ? Christ and his benefits are ours and that's a good reason to praise him and thank him!
- 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 1:14-15
- 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 twice each week so as not to lose sight of the context.