

Family Worship
Week of April 28, 2024

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 Blessing of God

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 30:25-43
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "The only blessing that matters." We saw last week that God prospered Jacob with many sons despite his sin. This week he prospers him with many sheep. Laban says that God has blessed him because of Jacob. How is Laban's perspective worldly? Jacob admits that he has nothing to provide for his family, yet he says God has been blessing him. What does this reveal about the blessing that truly matters? What are the blessings that the Christian receives from God?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 30:25-43
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "Set apart." Jacob and Laban come to an agreement on how Jacob will increase his sheepfold. Laban doesn't trust him and sets apart the sheep that were promised to Jacob so that he must start from scratch. How is Jacob set apart from Laban in the promises of God? How do the sheep with blemishes remind us of our sin? How does Jacob's desire to draw to himself the sheep with blemishes point us towards Christ? How do we become the possession of Christ?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 30:25-43
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "The trusting Christian." Jacob believes it is God that blesses him and yet his actions do not reflect his faith. How does he try to secure the blessing from God? The sticks were a superstitious way to bring about the blessing. What does this reveal about the disparity between Jacob's theology concerning God and his actions? What does it mean that the Christian lives by faith? What has God promised us in Christ Jesus?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 31:1-21
- 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: Genesis 31:1-21
- 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