

**Family Worship**  
Week of May 18, 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 Father's Work**

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 5:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "The False Gods We Create". Both the lame man and the Jewish leaders knew they had a need, but they had a false understanding of God. This false understanding dangerously misled them. Are there ways we think about God wrongly that might be dangerous? What are they? What should we think instead?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 5:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "The True God in Whom We Must Believe". By his words and work Christ shows us what is true about the true God and what we must believe – that he is the Son of God and that God is working in the world to redeem the world in a very personal way – not through magic but by sending his Son. If we will not believe the truth about God – Father and Son – we risk worse things happening to us (verse 14).
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 5:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "The Work of the True God in the World". Jesus' statement about the Father working and his own working both equates him with the Father and teaches us something about his "working" on the Sabbath. The Sabbath is itself a gift and it anticipates the gift that is coming when Christ returns – an eternal rest from sin and works of self-righteousness.
- Close in prayer

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 5:18-29
- 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 5:18-29
- 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