

Family Worship
Week of July 7, 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: What A Mess!

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:16-29; Revelation 21:1-8
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "The Reality of Life for God's People in His Redemptive Plan" Notice that Jacob and his family are a mess! Sin and death are a part of their experience. Are you ever tempted to wonder if God exists or if he cares when you are in the middle of suffering? Do you see in these verses how suffering is a part of God's plan for his people while we wait for Christ to return? Will it always be this way, though?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:16-29; Genesis 49:3-4
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "The Primacy of Christ in God's Redemptive Plan" It's hard to see at first, but Reuben is attacking Jacob's authority and place of honor as the head of the family and of God's covenant. As a result, he loses his place as the firstborn. Jacob is a type (a foreshadowing) of Christ, our covenant head. When we sin, we rebel against his authority and against him. When we obey him, we acknowledge his rightful place in God's redemptive plan.
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 35:16-29
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "The Primacy of the Church in God's Redemptive Plan" The Church is Christ's body. In a very real sense, Jacob and his family are the Church during their time on earth. It's a messy place, but it is still the place where God is at work keeping his promises. Is it ever right to attack the Church or give up on the Church just because it's messy? It is still God's family! His people!
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 36:1-42
- 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 36:1-42
- 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