

**Family Worship**  
Week of July 21, 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: Despised and Rejected**

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:2-11
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "The Great Problem." Joseph takes center stage for the rest of Genesis. He was the favored son of Jacob. He was despised and rejected by his brothers. They hated him deeply. Even though they are in the promised land experiencing the blessing of God, it is evident that sin is still a problem. How do we deal with our sin? Why is sin still an ongoing problem we must address? In what ways does the story of Joseph point us to Christ?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:2-11
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "The Great Solution." Joseph has two dreams that involved his entire family bowing down to him. The response of his brothers was to reject this premise outright. They did not know that one day bowing their knee to Joseph was because he was raised up to save them. They didn't know the whole story. How does God's providence and promises encourage our faith? God knows the beginning from the end and he has determined everything that will come to pass. What is his solution for our sin? If God has determined our end what should we do now?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:2-11, Phil 2:5-11
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Keep the Saying in Mind." Jacob at first recoiled at the dream of Jacob. He also kept the saying in mind. He knows that God had communicated to him in dreams and that his promises have always been fulfilled. Joseph serves to remind us of Christ's own work for our salvation in his humiliation and exaltation. Christ was appointed for our salvation. What does it look like to bend our knees now and worship him? What hope does it give us that Jesus is exalted? How does this give us hope for our future?

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:12-36
- 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 37:12-36
- 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