

**Family Worship**  
Week of July 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:**

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:12-36
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "The Invisible Hand of God". God is, once again, not mentioned in our text. But he is clearly at work! What are some ways we can see God working in these verses? Is God at work in our lives all the time? Should we expect always to be able to see it?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:12-36
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "The Inevitable Hand of God". Did you notice that even the wicked plans of Joseph's brothers are already being turned in a direction they had not intended (Joseph is sold to a powerful man in Egypt)? As Joseph's story continues to unfold in the coming weeks, we will see God has been orchestrating these events all along. Does God have a masterplan for us? Might he use hardship to bring it about? Will God's plans be defeated?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 37:12-36
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "The Inscrutable Hand of God". Inscrutable is a fancy word for something that is impossible to understand. We may know God is working, but unless he tells us what he is doing, we cannot understand it. In the little everyday events and circumstances of our lives we don't always know what he is doing, but we know he is at work and he has promised our good. Just because we don't understand doesn't mean we should lose faith.
- Close in prayer

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 38:1-30
- 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 38:1-30
- 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