

Family Worship
Week of August 4, 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: Judah's Folly and the Wisdom of God

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 38:1-30
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "The Foolishness of the World". Judah becomes friends with a Canaanite and begins to think and act like the Canaanites. He thinks superstitiously about Tamar (rather than seeing the sin of his sons and the justice of God in judgment). He tries to protect his third son by worldly means (injustice against Tamar). It leads him away from the God of the covenant and the promises of the covenant. In what ways are we at risk of walking with the world and according to the world's values rather than God?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 38:1-30
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "The Plan of God". We find in this story that God uses Judah's sin and Tamar, a Canaanite woman, to show Judah his folly and bring him to repentance and restore him to his covenant purposes. We are reminded that God is sovereign in all things and his plans are not only not destroyed but are upheld by even our sin, which is nonetheless wrong and deserving of judgment. Repentance is always the way home. God not only has a purpose – an end toward which he is working all things, but a plan – means by which he is bringing about his purposes.
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 38:1-30
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "The Purposes of God". God not only uses our sin and other surprising means to bring us to repentance, but his end for us is our sanctification – to restore us to himself through obedience and repentance. Judah repents and we will see him living consistently with this repentance in Genesis 43-44.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 39:1-23
- 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 39:1-23
- 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