

**Family Worship**  
Week of August 18, 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:** All Interpretations Belong to God

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 40:1-23
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "Why are you downcast?" Two men are thrown in prison with Joseph, and they both receive dreams that need interpretation. Joseph says that all interpretations belong to God. He shows them compassion because they are downcast. How does God speak into our lives so that we might have understanding about our future? Why is it important to view things around us in this world (a pit) through the lens of God's word? How does his love for us lift up our spirits out of the pit?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 40:1-23
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "God reveals truth." The meaning of the dreams was hidden from the baker and cupbearer, but God reveals their meaning through Joseph. One dream indicates salvation and the other judgment. What was Joseph's response in vs. 8 to understanding truth? How do we use the word to interpret truth in our lives? How do we deal with those things happening to us that we don't understand? What has God revealed to us about salvation and judgment? Christ descended into the pit with us to reveal truth. What is that truth we must believe?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 40:1-23 and Romans 8:34
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Remember me!" Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him as he faces the injustice of his position. The dreams he interpreted happened exactly as God revealed. Christ Jesus remembers us always before the Father even as we remain in difficult circumstances. What comfort does this give us? God will deliver us! Ultimately, what has he delivered us from, and what is the end of the story for believers?
- Close in prayer

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 41:1-36
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important? What encouragement does vs. 23 give us?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 41:1-36
- 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