

Family Worship
Week of August 21, 2022

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: God's Promises Guaranteed

Monday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 1:3-14; Romans 10:14-15
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point on Sunday was, "Salvation comes by hearing." Paul says we were sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit. But how and when did this happen? First, he says it happened when we heard the word of truth, which is the gospel. How important is it that the gospel be proclaimed? What is at stake?

Tuesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 1:3-14
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point on Sunday was, "There is salvation in no other." In answer to "how?" Paul says it was when we believed – that is, by faith. But faith, in order to be saving faith, must have the proper object. Faith in what? Paul says, "in him" – that is, in Christ. Our faith is not in our faith, or our good works, or in our good theology (though our good works and sound theology are so important!) but faith in Christ. Will Christ keep his promises? Can you be saved by putting your faith in anything or anyone else?
- Close in Prayer

Wednesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:31-39
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's last point on Sunday was, "The salvation of God is guaranteed to those who believe." This guarantee is ALSO a benefit of Christ's work. You not only have salvation, but are given assurance of this salvation – Christ will never let you go. The Holy Spirit is at work in many ways, one is to serve as a constant reminder that Christ will keep his promises.

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 1:15-23 (focus on 15-16)
- 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: Ephesians 1:15-23 (focus on 15-16)
- 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?
- Close in Prayer