

Family Worship
Week of September 15, 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: The Pledge of Our Safety

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 43:1-10; 42:37; John 17:6-12
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "Our eternal safety is pledged by Christ". Reuben in Genesis 42 was thinking like Job's friends – talionic justice – an eye for an eye – and he was quick to offer his sons lives as pledge. But Judah, through whom the Messiah would come, knew better. He offered himself as pledge. Christ has offered himself as pledge for us and he will never let us be lost to the enemy!
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 43:11-27; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 11:33-36
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "Our choicest offerings cannot purchase our salvation". The brothers brought many fine things, but they are nothing compared to the wealth of Egypt which is at Joseph's command. The gifts are laid out but Joseph doesn't even acknowledge them! He will save them, but not because of these. Christ's love cannot be purchased and this is good news for us! He saves us because he loves us!
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 43:28-34; Revelation 19:6-8
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "We will eat from the Lord's Table". In contrast to the gifts the men brought, Joseph feeds them richly and from his own table! We are fed from the Lord's table – we are sustained by the body and blood of Christ and promised a feast one day that will be the greatest feast in the best company that any of us have ever known. John calls it the wedding supper of the Lamb in Revelation 19!
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:1-17
- 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 44:1-17
- 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