

Family Worship
Week of September 22, 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: Guilty and Condemned

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:1-17
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "God has found out our guilt!" Judah acknowledges that they are guilty sinners deserving judgment. He must be talking about their betrayal of Joseph since they didn't actually steal the cup. God was patient with them and many years have passed, but he found out their guilt. Can we hide our sin from God? If God is perfectly just and knows all our sin – can we escape punishment by hiding our sin from God?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:1-17
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "How can we clear ourselves?" Judah also asks a rhetorical question that expects the answer, "We cannot!" Is there any way we can possibly defend ourselves before God? Can we claim we aren't sinners? Can we claim that our sin should be excused? Do we have a good reason for sinning against God? We cannot clear ourselves, and so it appears that unless someone does something for us – on our behalf, we are doomed to spend eternity under God's judgment.
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:1-17; Jeremiah 6:9-15
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "'Go up in peace' ...but there can be no peace." Joseph tells the brothers to go home in peace, but he knows all too well that they can have no peace. This world tells us to ignore and excuse sin – just do your best and God will be kind in the end. The world says "'Peace, peace', when there is no peace." There is only one way to find peace with God – faith in Jesus Christ and repentance from our sin. We'll learn more about that next week.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:18-45:15
- 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 44:18-45:15
- 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