

**Family Worship**  
Week of September 29, 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: Redeemed and Delivered!**

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:18-45:15
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "A substitute for us." Judah recounts the whole story and then in verses 32 and 33 he does what is right, even though it must have been very hard: he offered to serve Benjamin's sentence. This is what Christ did for us! We were caught in our sin! Judged by God! Sentenced to an eternity under his judgment! And all we could do is admit God was right. But Jesus traded places with us and suffered the judgment we deserved. What great relief! What a cause for joy! We worship our Savior with thanksgiving!
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:18-45:15; Acts 2:29-37
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "God's plan for the ages." What the brothers are guilty of – betraying their brother and selling him into slavery – was the very means by which God accomplished their deliverance. Our sin crucified Jesus Christ. And his death is the very means of our deliverance. The coming of Christ to suffer in our place unfolded over a very long period. For Joseph it was more than 20 years. For Christ it was more than 2000 years – perhaps much more – from the time God first promised a messiah until Jesus came. God's plan never faltered, and it never will. We can trust him!
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 44:18-45:15
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "The blessings that belong to those who know the King." Once Joseph reveals himself and explains what God has done, he tells them what will happen next, and it is rich blessing for them. Peace indeed! In the midst of a famine, they will live in a land of plenty. The dead will be given back to the living as Joseph and Jacob and reunited. God's salvation is a rich blessing to us – to all who know King Jesus.
- Close in prayer

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 45:16-28
- 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 45:16-28
- 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