

**Family Worship**  
Week of October 6, 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: Life In Christ**

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 45:16-28, Rev. 7:15-17
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "Provision in the world". Joseph told his brothers to return to Canaan and get their families and come to him. Pharaoh issues the same command and promises that they will have everything provided for them. God is going to provide for his covenant community even in Egypt. How does God provide for his church as they are called to live in the world and not of the world? Jesus is the better Joseph. How do we hear his call? Can his resources be exhausted? How does he comfort us in this world?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 45:16-28
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "Clothed in new garments". Joseph gave his brothers wagons and provision as well as new clothes. He tells them not to fight as they go along the way. The new robes that they receive are a symbol of the reconciliation between Joseph and his family. How does the Bible use the image of new clothes to show reconciliation and forgiveness? Read Genesis 3:21, Isaiah 61:10, Luke 15:17-24, and Revelation 3:5. What do new clothes symbolize? How does Jesus reconcile us to himself?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 45:16-28, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Revived to hope and life". Jacob hears that Joseph is alive and at first doesn't believe the brothers. He then sees the signs that Joseph is alive and he is restored to hope and life. He sees that Joseph has been saved to be their redeemer. Christ has gone before us to be our redeemer. How does the news of his life give us life and hope? Just like the brothers we are told to give this good news to others. What are we to tell others about Christ and what is the truth we call them to believe?
- Close in prayer

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 46:1-27
- 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 46:1-27
- 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