

Family Worship
Week of October 13, 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: Looking to The Promised Land

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 46:1-34
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "Looking to a better land". Before Jacob leaves Canaan he stops to worship and call upon God. God tells him that he should not fear going to Egypt and that he will be with him as he goes down. God reiterates the promise of Abraham to him. How do the promises of God to Jacob apply to us? We are a people in exile in this world, yet Jesus is with us. How should this effect the way we live now as we wait for a better land with Christ?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 46:1-4, Philippians 3:20
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "We are the people of promise". As Jacob leaves for Goshen, it is told to him that it will be a place of protection and provision. How is Goshen like the ark that Noah entered? How is Christ like Goshen? What does it mean to be in Christ? Moses records the names of the people that go down to Egypt. Why is important to have the record of those God protects and saves? Jesus has promised that we will be with him and that he will keep all his sheep. What encouragement is it to you that Christ's sheep are numbered, and he knows them by name?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 46:5-27
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Life in Christ". The moment that Jacob most longed for was to see and embrace his son. Joseph rides out to meet him and prepares the land for them with a plan. The plan includes their isolation in Goshen so that they will not be able to assimilate with Egypt. Egypt sees all shepherds as an abomination. How does life in Christ effect our identity? What does Jesus teach us we may expect from the world's treatment? How should the church live differently than the world?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 47:1-12
- 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 47:1-12
- 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