

Family Worship
Week of October 20, 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 Blessing of God

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 47:1-2
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "A place to rest in exile". Joseph has prepared his family with what they are supposed to tell Pharaoh when they meet him. He has also told them that their identity as shepherds would make them an abomination to the Egyptians. The brothers declare their identity and their plan to sojourn. What is our identity as we live in this world? How does this relate to evangelism? What is often the cost of telling others we are Christians and what is the hope that we have? How does Israel's acknowledgment of being sojourners relate to the church's current experience?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 47:1-12
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "A blessing to the nations". Joseph brings his father to Pharaoh. Jacob blesses Pharaoh. What is the blessing Jacob has to give to Pharaoh? Why has Pharaoh been blessed by having Israel live among them? Jacob acknowledges that his days have been few and afflicted. How has his suffering shaped his faith? How has God's word comforted him? Jesus experienced days that were few and evil. What is the blessing that Christ bestows on the nations?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 47:1-12
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "A Son who provides". Joseph escorts his father out of Pharaoh's presence. He gave to his family the land of Goshen and provides bread according to their number. Joseph was brought to Egypt to serve God's purpose of saving and preserving Israel. How did Christ follow a similar trajectory for us? What is the bread that Christ gives us? How does Christ sustain his church as we are in exile?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 47:13-31
- 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 47:13-31
- 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