

Family Worship
Week of November 3, 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: From Generation to Generation

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 48:1-22
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "God's Covenant Faithfulness". Notice Jacob's restatement of the covenant promises in verses 3-4. Jacob knows and believes these promises and passes them to the next generation as an act of faith. What are the most important promises God has made to us, his people who trust in Christ? Reviewing those promises and telling them to the coming generations is so important!
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 48:1-22
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "God's Mysterious Ways". In verse 11, Jacob expresses joy (and maybe a little surprise!) that he has not only seen Joseph again, but also his sons. This is so much more than he had ever expected after hearing that his son was almost surely dead! Jacob suffered the loss of his son for more than 20 years, but God was at work in ways he knew nothing of. Even when it seems to us that God is not there, that he is silent, that he doesn't care, despite how painful the experience is, we can trust him to be at work for our good!
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 48:1-22
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "God's Sovereign Choice". For perhaps the last time in Genesis we see the younger being elevated over the older (twice in this passage!). Culture demanded that the older receive the preeminence. And there is nothing wrong with this demand of culture! But God is not bound by our cultural norms. He is free to break those norms for his purposes. Our cultural norms sometimes cause us to think God will or must act a certain way. But God is free and able to act in whatever way he chooses, always in perfect wisdom, love, and justice.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 49:1-27
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 49:1-27
- 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