

Family Worship
Week of November 17, 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: Jacob's Resurrection Hope

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 49:28-50:14
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "Christians believe in the resurrection." Jacob's desire to be buried with his fathers expresses his belief that they are alive and will one day be resurrected. Christians believe this same thing and live according to this conviction. What are some ways you can live this week because you believe in the resurrection?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 49:28-50:14 (Romans 4:1-12)
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "Christians belong to a community." Jacob expresses his faith by identifying himself with his family in their faith, life, and death. This family, though, is not merely genetic – we know that everyone who believes is a child of Abraham. In fact, if you are a Christian, your brothers and sisters in Christ are your truest and most eternal family. How ought we live together now in light of this truth?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 49:28-50:14
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "Christians mourn with hope." There is a lot of mourning in this passage – if Jacob believed in the resurrection, and his sons did too, why is everyone mourning? Death is God's servant, but it is still a judgment. It is unnatural. The body and soul aren't meant to be separated. There is much to mourn in death. But because of the resurrection, we mourn with hope. Our mourning is not despair, but only the recognition of the problem of death and the power it has for now.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Genesis 50:15-26
- 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 50:15-26
- 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