

Family Worship
Week of November 24, 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 Wisdom and Purposes of God

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 50:15-26
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "The desperate need for forgiveness". The brothers know they are guilty and that they are in the hands and at the mercy of Joseph, nearly the most powerful man in the world – certainly in their world. They acknowledge their guilt and cast themselves on his mercy, appeal to their common God and father. Do we recognize that we are sinners in the hands of and at the merc of God who can justly condemn us? Do we understand the seriousness of our sin? Do we know where to go with that guilt?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 50:15-26
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "The authority of God to judge". Joseph reminds them that they are in God's hands and that God has expressed his intention to deliver them and not destroy them. Joseph's question invites us to meditate on the attributes of God as they relate to his work of judgment. What do we know of God's character that makes him the only right and true judge?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Genesis 50:15-26
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "The faithfulness of God to save". God will use whatever means he wills to accomplish his purposes. It's often hard to understand why he uses hard things, but we must always remember this: Those hard things are ultimately for our good. Christ endured the hardest circumstances of all when, like Joseph, he suffered both at the hands of his brothers and for their sake. God is always at work for his people.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Revelation 1:4-8
- 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: Revelation 1:4-8
- 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