

Family Worship
Week of December 8, 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: Son of Man

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Matthew 16:13-20
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "More than a Great Man". Jesus has arrived at a turning point with his disciples and his earthly mission. He asks Peter, "Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?" How does the people's understanding of him fall short? Son of Man refers to his heavenly authority and power to judge. Peter answers Jesus question by saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Why is this an important question and what is your answer? (If you have children ask them how they would answer Jesus' question.)
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Matthew 16:13-20
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "The Foundation of the Church". Jesus praises Peter for his answer and tells him that the foundation of the church will be built on the truth that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God." Why is it important for the church to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as the primary means of growth? What does Jesus promise to the church who has Christ as its foundation?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Matthew 16:13-20
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Hell stands no chance". Jesus tells Peter that the gates of Hell (Hades, which means death and grave) cannot prevail against the message of the gospel. The language Christ uses is indicating a church on the offense, while hell is on the defense. In what ways should this motivate our efforts to share the gospel? The keys that all believers hold is the message of salvation in proclaiming Christ as the Messiah. How is one bound or loosed by this message?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Romans 1:1-6
- 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: Romans 1:1-6
- 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