

Family Worship
Week of December 22, 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: Jesus

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Acts 4:1-12
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "What comes with the name of Jesus"? A lame man has been healed by the power of Jesus' name. Peter and John are arrested and brought to a council to explain by what power this has happened. They proclaim that the man was healed by the resurrection power of Christ. How does the healing of the lame authenticate the gospel message of salvation? What healing does Christ give to us who believe in his name? With Jesus' name also comes hostility. What boldness should we exhibit in the world concerning the name of Jesus?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Acts 4:1-12
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "What is guaranteed with the name of Jesus"? Peter and John are bold before the hostile council because they have the guarantee of Jesus' name as their comfort. How does Christ resurrection guarantee our salvation? How does his resurrection give us boldness to profess his name? How does his resurrection give us assurance?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Acts 4:1-12
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "What does it mean to be saved by the name of Jesus"? In vs. 12, Peter says, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Salvation is exclusive to Christ. Why is this offensive to the world? Why is this a comfort for us? What is required of us to be saved by the name of Jesus?"
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 1:1-5
- 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: John 1:1-5
- 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