

Family Worship
Week of December 29, 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 Word Who Is Life and Light (John 1:1-5)

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18¹
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "Jesus Christ is God the Word." John calls him the Word – creation came about through the speech of God, "Let there be..." Speech that by itself creates is both powerful and expresses in the created thing the wisdom of God. Jesus is the Word...is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:24). He is worthy of our worship and service.
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "Jesus Christ is the Creator of All Things." Our Creator and our Redeemer are the same person, Jesus Christ. He has all power and authority. Because of this, he is alone able to re-create – to restore what was destroyed by the Fall. He is not at war with the Creator in his work of redemption, but is one and the same person. His power and authority are unparalleled.
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point was "Jesus Christ is the Inextinguishable Light and Life of Redemption." Jesus does not HAVE life, but IS life – it's very source. And this life goes out as revelation and illumination, revealing that he is the Savior and our only hope of salvation. This light overcomes the darkness of this world – the sinful rebellion and ignorance that opposes the Creator and Redeemer. The darkness cannot grasp the light to overcome him. Christ will not be defeated in his work of salvation.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 1:1-18
- 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 1:1-18
- 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

¹John 1:1-18 is the prologue. We will read through it entirely each day but it will take several weeks to preach through it.