

Sermon: *The Waiting Game*
Series: *Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

Scripture: Gen. 40:1-23
Date: March 1, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) God is working providentially in every detail of your life, even in the pit. Where have you seen the providential work of God in your life?

b) Read Psalm 121. How does this Psalm help you to trust God and relieve your fears today?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Are you in a place of waiting/feeling stuck right now? In what way?

b) Waiting can shape our character in unique ways. How can your season of waiting strengthen your faith and lead you to help others? Be specific.

c) How can your season of waiting reveal your greatest desire? Have you asked yourself this question: Is the presence of God my greatest desire? Note: whatever is your greatest desire is the thing that is replacing God in your heart.

3) What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace? How does it point to Christ?

a) How do we know that God had not forgotten Joseph? How do we know that God has not forgotten us? Is your answer connected to the gospel?

b) Read Romans 5:1-5. Can you explain how our justification and our glorification transform our present suffering? Can you see the process in v.3-5 at work in your life?

APPLICATION

What is one thing that you will choose to believe from this passage? How will your life be different if you believe it?

PRAYER

Praise God for his presence even in your waiting. Confess that in your waiting you have desired other things more than you have desired God. Ask God to use you to serve others in your waiting.