

Sermon: When Good Things Happen to Bad People
Series: *Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

Scripture: Genesis 45
Date: May 10, 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) How did Joseph demonstrate a “God-centered” view of his life?
- b) God’s providence: God accomplishing his perfect will in and through the actions of all people whether good or evil. Do you believe in the providence of God? Why or why not?

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

- a) Where have you seen God’s providential work lately? What makes this hard to see?
- b) How does trusting God’s providence allow us to forgive and offer reconciliation to others?

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

- a) How is Joseph’s reconciliation with his brothers a picture of God’s reconciliation with us? What can we learn about Jesus from Joseph?

APPLICATION

- a) Is there someone that has hurt you that you need to forgive? What steps of reconciliation can you take this week?

PRAYER

Praise God for his grace, forgiveness and reconciliation in your life.

Confess ways that you have not trusted to providence of God.

Ask God to empower you by his grace and forgiveness to give grace and forgiveness to those who have wronged us.