

Sermon: Reorienting Our Lives in Times of Loss
Series: *Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

Scripture: Genesis 46-47
Date: May 17, 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 us (mankind)?

a) What losses do you think Jacob and his family felt in Genesis 46-47?

b) What losses have you felt during this time? How have you “coped” with loss?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read John 17:18-24 and Revelation 21:1-4 and 22:1-5. Talk through how these three passages connect to each other and the promises of God?

The promise of God’s presence –

The promise of God’s place –

The promise of God’s purpose –

The promise of God’s person (Jesus) -

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

a) Look again at Joseph and Jacob’s reunion in Gen. 46:28-29. How does it picture our reunion with Christ? Is seeing Christ’s face your greatest desire? What might help you to make Christ your greatest desire and your greatest good?

APPLICATION

a) What is one area of your life that you need to reorient your “vision” from loss to God’s promises?

PRAYER

Praise God for his promises, his presence, his purposes, and his person – Jesus Christ.

Confess ways that you have allowed loss to turn your eyes away from God.

Ask God to transfer your losses into opportunities to learn to love and worship.