

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MEANT FOR GOOD: WEEK 1

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What did you want to be when you were 10-years-old? Why did that appeal to you so much? What do you currently do for a living? How does your job now compare/contrast to what you wanted to do then? What were some of the reasons your reality turned out different from your dreams?

Read Genesis 37:1-11. What were Joseph's two dreams? What did these dreams represent? How did his dad and brothers respond to hearing about these dreams? Do you think Joseph was right to share these dreams with his family? How would you have responded if you had heard him talk about his dreams?

Jacob's home (both the one he grew up in and the one he made as an adult) were defined by favoritism. What kind of effect did that have on his children? In what ways does favoritism affect a home? How have you seen it affect people you know? How do we protect our homes/families from it?

Read Genesis 37:18-26. What happened when Joseph went out to visit his brothers? Imagine the scene through Joseph's eyes. How would you have felt? How would this one moment have come to define your life? Do you think it was easy for Joseph to believe that God was with him in this moment?

Kyle talked about three "pits" we can fall into (Disappointment, Bitterness, Self-Pity). Of these three, which is the biggest temptation for you in times of suffering and difficulty? How have you seen this in your life? How does recognizing God's presence with us (Gen. 39:2) help us in these pits?

Think about the fathers in your life. How have you seen them fill those five roles Kyle talked about (Provider, Protector, Prophet, Pray-er, Pursuer)? How have you seen those qualities reflected in your relationship with your Heavenly Father? Close in prayer by praying these attributes over the fathers you know.