

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MEANT FOR GOOD: WEEK 2

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 is an innocuous “guilty pleasure” of yours (think of a movie, song, snack, etc. – nothing too serious)? How did you first come into contact with it? Why does it have such a pull over you? When you are particularly susceptible to its charms?

Read Genesis 39:1-12. What happened when Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt? How was Joseph initially successful in the home of Potiphar? The text reminds us that “the Lord was with Joseph” (39:3)? Why is it so easy for us to recognize the presence of God in our lives when things are going well?

In Joseph’s season of success, he was faced with great temptation. Where did this temptation come from? What were some of the strategies he used to avoid it? How do the successes in life leave us vulnerable to temptation? What are some practical lessons we can learn from Joseph’s strategies?

Read Genesis 39:13-23. What happened to Joseph when Potiphar’s wife made her report? Who does Genesis 39:21 tell us was with Joseph in prison? Why is it so necessary for us to recognize the presence of God in our lives when things are going poorly? Is it easier for you to recognize His presence in the good times or the bad? Why?

We talked earlier about some of the sources of temptation that come our way in good times. What are some of the sources of temptation we face in difficult times? How do these different sources of temptation compare/contrast with one another? How does recognizing God’s presence in all life’s seasons help us to resist temptation?

As you close, read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What does this verse tell us about the temptations we face? How have you seen God provide a way out of temptation in your life? Close in prayer by asking God to help you each in the times of temptation you will face this week.