

Sermon: God Meant It For Good
Series: *Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

Scripture: Genesis 50
Date: May 31, 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) Gen. 50:19. Joseph refused to take God's role. Are there any areas of your life where you have tried to take the role of God (a grudge, retribution, racism, control)?

b) Ge. 50:20. Joseph viewed his life from the perspective of God's providence. Do you tend to have a "life stinks" perspective, or a "life is good" perspective (or back and forth)? How can both of these extremes be harmful? How does Gen. 50:20 demonstrate a healthy perspective toward life?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Do you believe that God is working all things for good (see Rom. 8:28-29)? What makes this easy or difficult for you?

b) God doesn't prevent or erase evil, but he does redeem it. Can you give an example of this from your life?

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

a) How does Joseph demonstrate not just forgiveness, but also restoration through grace? How does this point to Jesus? How might you live this same way?

b) In his crucifixion, even Jesus did not "take the place of God." Why is this so important for our salvation?

APPLICATION

a) How can you trust the goodness of God in a broken and sinful world?

PRAYER

Praise God for his divine providence in your life that has turned all evil into good (Christ likeness).

Confess ways that you have tried to take the place of God.

Ask God to use you as an agent of his good in the world today.