

“Meant for Good” Small Group Guide (Week 6)

Week 6: Meant for Good

Main Scripture Passage:

 Genesis 49-50

Key Verse:

 Genesis 50:20

Main Idea:

 God uses all things for his glory and for the ultimate good of his people and his creation.

Key Points from the Sermon:

1. Even after all that has occurred, Joseph will not be the one through whom the covenant promise moves forward. That will be Judah and his family (49:8).
2. Joseph's brothers fear him now that their father is dead (50:15-18)
3. Joseph's response is one of grace, of seeing his experience in light God's unfolding plan.
4. The goal for us: developing Joseph's "50:20 Vision."

Reflection Question: What stood out to you the most from this week's sermon?

Discussion Questions:

1. Begin by asking the group, "How is it with your soul this week?"
2. What do you think of Judah's ascendancy as the one to whom his brothers will bow down instead of Joseph (especially after the events of Genesis 38)? What does this reveal about the reason for the inclusion of the Joseph story in Genesis?
3. What does Genesis 50:20 teach us about God's ability to use bad situations for good?
4. How does the end of Genesis redeem the "good" of Genesis 1?
5. Have you ever looked back on a difficult time and seen how God used it for good?
6. Why is it important to trust God's sovereignty in all circumstances?
7. How can we encourage others who are struggling to see God's purpose in their pain?

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for his sovereignty in every situation, even when we don't understand.
 - Pray for faith to believe that God is working all things for good in our lives.
 - Ask God to use our past struggles and pain for his glory and to help others.
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Action Steps for This Week:

- Reflect on a difficult time in your life and write down how God has used it for good.
- Share your testimony with someone who is struggling, reminding them that God is sovereign.
- Identify one way you can use your past experiences to help others, whether through mentoring, serving, or encouragement.