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SERMON GUIDE

TEMPTATION

Genesis 39:8-21a | Pastor Tim Porter

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations you are making about a passage

Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Pray that invites God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever had something really valuable given to you to take care of for a time? OR have you ever needed to get away from a situation as fast as possible? Tell the story.

Notes About the Passage: Joseph's story is a major step along the road of God fulfilling his promise to Abraham that he would be the forefather of a great nation. Abraham is the father of Isaac. Isaac is the father of Jacob. Jacob had 12 sons, including Joseph (his favorite) and Judah (whom Jesus would come through). In this passage, Joseph finds himself in Egypt because his brothers were jealous of him, they plotted against him, and they eventually devised a plan to sell him into slavery. Joseph was then brought out of the land of Canaan and into Egypt and eventually sold to the house of a very wealthy, powerful, and influential man, Potiphar.

S: **Genesis 39:8-21a**

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: Joseph was in charge of Potiphar's house and the affairs of his house. In what ways and in what manner do you see him conducting himself (morally, professionally, and relationally)?

O: List the ways you see Joseph responding to temptation? In what ways do you find them admirable?

O: Why do you think the Lord continued to show Joseph favor? Why do you think God repeatedly allowed Joseph to fall prey to the hands of evil people? Does it trouble your heart in any way to think that God allows or purposes such things in our lives?

O: Joseph was falsely accused. Can you recall some stories from the life of Jesus that show a similar theme of false accusation? Make comparisons to the Joseph story.

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Are there any specific temptations in your life that consistently tempt you to do something you know is not right either in secret or towards others? Are there people in your life who you could reach out to, people who you know would stand with you to help fight this temptation?

A: Is there a specific relationship or situation in your life where you would like to work or relate more honorably, like Joseph? What specific actions can you take, like Joseph, to be honorable and make the best of the relationship or circumstances God has placed before you?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide the direction that you need.