



# the DUNGEON

SERMON GUIDE

## DREAMS IN THE DUNGEON

Genesis 39:21-40:23 | Pastor Tim Prince

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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
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

### Conversation Questions

**Note About the Passage:** Because of false accusations from his master's wife (Genesis 39), Joseph now finds himself in prison for many years, and yet, God was still with him. It is helpful to know that there is a pattern in Genesis: when dreams are mentioned throughout this book, it is assumed by the speaker and listener that dreams tend to come from God (or the gods) as a kind of "divine revelation." In chapter 40, verses 20-21, it talks about "lifting up the head" of Pharaoh's servants. Note that it was often customary, and within his prerogative, for a king to pardon prisoners during a celebration like a birthday or commemoration of his coronation.

### Read Genesis 39:21-40:23

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: In Gen. 39:20-21 it says, "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love." In light of his imprisonment, how does this statement make you feel? How aware do you think Joseph was of God's presence with him? What do you see as the tangible ways God's love is demonstrated towards Joseph?

O: Where in this passage do you see evidence of Joseph's faith in God? Do you think you would find it hard personally to keep your faith in the face of false accusations and imprisonment? Why or why not?

O: How did Joseph's position as a servant to the cupbearer and the chief baker prove to be potentially beneficial for his future? What request did Joseph make of the cupbearer? How did you feel when you read about the cupbearer's level of follow-through?

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: Is there a specific relationship in your life where you find it hard to believe the biblical promise that 'the Lord is with those who trust him,' even in the middle of the difficulties? How would you act differently if you believed this promise?

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 relationships 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 direction that you need.