



the DUNGEON

SERMON GUIDE

HUMILITY IN THE DUNGEON

Genesis 41:1-16 | 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." Also note that shaving one's beard and hair was culturally appropriate and an act of cleanliness and respect in the presence of Pharaoh.

Read Genesis 41:1-16

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: As you take notice of the passage of time since we last checked in with Joseph's story ("After two whole years..."), how might you have felt and what thoughts might have gone through your head if you were in Joseph's place? What might you infer about God's bigger story given the timeline?

O: What do you think troubled Pharaoh most about his dreams? Why do you think it troubled him and caused him to rush for an interpretation?

O: Where in the passage and to whom do you see Joseph giving honor and respect?

O: What "offenses" do you think the cupbearer is referring to in verse 9?

O: Where in the story do you see the providence of God (i.e., the spiritual or protective care of God or timely preparation for the future)?

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: Name an area of your life where you would like to give credit to God. Be specific about to whom and in what instance you would like to verbalize and exemplify gratitude and credit-giving for what you possess in your achievement, accomplishment, or possessions.

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.