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SERMON GUIDE

SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT

Genesis 41:25-45 | 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
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever been afraid to talk to someone but eventually mustered the courage to go ahead and do it? Tell the story.

Note About the Passage: 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." All of the apparel and possessions that were bestowed upon Joseph in verses 42-43 were in accordance with what was appropriate and customary to be given to the second-in-command ("vizier") over Egypt at the time. The signet ring gave him royal passport and royal privileges.

Read Genesis 41:25-45

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 verse 28 and 29 it says that God is going to first bring 7 years of plentiful harvest followed by 7 years of famine in the land of the Egyptians. Does this tend to give you confidence and bolster your faith in God OR does it cause you to question God and his character? Talk about your answers and describe what you think contributes to you feeling the way that you feel about God and his character.

O: What moment in this story do you personally find most miraculous or astounding about this passage? What are reasons you might think it so unlikely that Pharaoh of Egypt would recognize Joseph's God as the giver of his power and his remarkable qualities as a man?

O: What do you think God is seeking to accomplish in the heart of Joseph? What do you think he is seeking to accomplish in the heart of Pharaoh? Where in the story do you see Joseph or Pharaoh acting in an honorable way?

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: Describe it would it look like to give more honor to God in a specific area, situation, or relationship in your life. In what instance you would like to verbalize and exemplify gratitude and credit-giving for what you possess in your achievement, accomplishment, or possessions.

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.