

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Nov 17th – Living the Dream – Genesis 50

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

When you think of the word “sovereign,” what comes to your mind? There are things like governments, kings/queens, different organizations that claim sovereignty. How do you understand this word when it comes to talking about God?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Genesis 50:1-14. In this passage we see Jacob, Joseph's father, passes away. Joseph then tries to carry out Jacob's promise to be buried in the land of Canaan. Ultimately, we see God's sovereignty play out and see that death is not an accident but is a divine appointment. How does God's sovereignty play out when we see someone, we love pass away?

Read 1 Samuel 2:6, Ecclesiastes 8:8, Psalm 39:4, Colossians 1:16-17

How do these passages help you understand God's sovereignty when it comes to death?

Question 2: Read Genesis 50:15-21. We see Joseph's brothers come up with a lie because they were afraid of what might happen to them. Joseph's brothers lie with a message about Jacob demanding Joseph forgive them for all they have done wrong. Verse 19 says the Joseph tells them to NOT fear. In what ways have you tried to tell a lie or not be truthful instead of trusting God's sovereignty? How does lying show a distrust in God's ultimate plan? How have you tried to take plans into your own hands by sinning, instead of trusting the Lord?

Question 3: Read Genesis 50:20. This verse is one of the most well-known verses in the whole Bible. Joseph tells his brothers that their evil plans against him were ultimately used for God to workout His plan for good. How do you see Joseph being used as a vessel of God's grace throughout all those terrible circumstances? How do you see in your own life a chance for you to have the perspective God gives Joseph amid your personal circumstances? How can you be used by God this week to be a vessel of Jesus' grace? How does knowing that man's evil plans cannot step God's ultimate good plans change your thought process today?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?

“The Sovereignty of God” (Genesis 50)

What is the sovereignty of God?

God has supreme authority, control, and power over all creation.

Furthermore, God is not hindered by human actions
and works all things according to his divine plan.

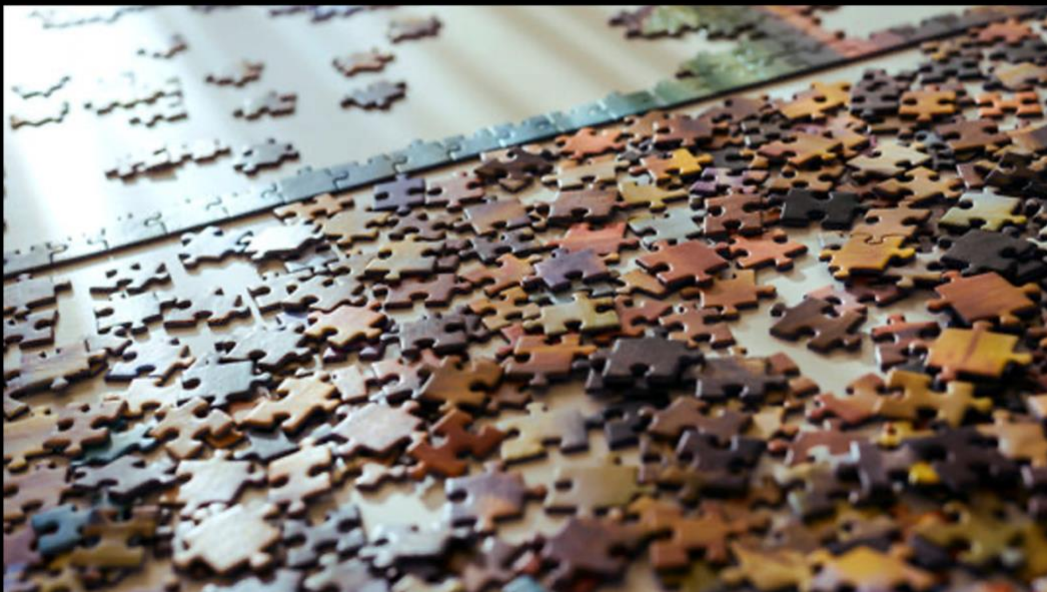
Psalm 103:19

“The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and
His kingdom rules overall.”

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“The Sovereignty of God”

(If God is in control, then...)

1. Death is not an accident, but instead a divine appointment.
2. Fear does not have to reign in my heart.
3. I can live my life from a vertical perspective.
4. I can be a vessel of God’s grace.
5. Man’s evil plans cannot stop God’s good plans.

Romans 8

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...