

Sermon Discussion Questions for January 27, 2019:

Scripture Passage: Genesis 39:20 – 40:23

What's Holding You Back? Overcoming Discouragement

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. Joseph experienced many disappointments along the way. Name some of his disappointments (mom died while he was young, brothers betrayed him, unjustly accused by Potiphar's wife, forgotten by the chief cup bearer). What have been some of your major disappointments?
 3. In all of Joseph's disappointments, the Bible clearly states that "The Lord was with him." How does this promise encourage you during major challenges and disappointments in life?
 4. When circumstances are bleak and less than hoped for, how can we find success? How does God define success in our life?
 5. How did God use the discouraging things in Joseph's life to accomplish His purpose? Is there something in your life that you can look back on and see how God used it to accomplish His purpose?
 6. God is the potter and we are the clay. How does adversity help to shape us to be more like Christ? Why does pain sometimes have to precede joy?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.