

Sermon Discussion Questions for February 3, 2019

Scripture Passage: Genesis 41

What's Holding You Back? Overcoming Success

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
2. Success seems to be a goal for many in our society. Is there anything wrong with being successful? In your job, in your hobbies, with your family? What marks true success? How does God measure success in our lives?
3. Remember the story of the Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19)? Was he successful? What held him back? Are there things in your life holding you back from being stronger in your relationship with Christ? How will you release these things?
4. How long was Joseph in prison after interpreting the Chief Butler's dream successfully? Why do you think the Butler forgot about Joseph? Did God forget about Joseph? In addition to these 2 years, Joseph had already been waiting for a grand total of 13 years for a break. Have you ever had to wait a long time for God to reveal something to you? Was the revelation what you expected? Did God make a way that was far better than your expectations? Was it worth the wait?
5. Success can often lead to pride, idolatry, and mistreatment of others. How did Joseph react to Pharaoh's request for Joseph to interpret his dreams? When given great responsibility almost instantly, how did Joseph deal with the power? See verses 16, 25, 28, 32, 51, and 52.
6. Humility and gratitude are the keys to overcoming the traps of success. Focus on thanksgiving and giving all the glory to God as you go through the following week.
 - 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.