

RPC SGL Sermon Discussion Questions

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**Genesis 37:2-11, Ecclesiastes 5:7, Job 7:13-15, Matthew 3, I Kings 3, I John 4:1-3,
II Timothy 3:14-4:4, Deuteronomy 18:20-22, Philippians 4:8, Proverbs 15:22**

1. What does Jacob's birth name mean? What does his name change, Israel, mean?
2. Recall Jacob's earlier life with his parents and Esau. How did he live up to the meaning of his original name? And where do we see even more examples of this name-meaning in Jacob's children?
3. What are the four types of dreams?
4. We know from studying Scripture that God has worked His goodness through harmful people and destructive situations. If you put yourself in Joseph's place, or in a modern-day version of this story, what thoughts and emotions would make that truth difficult to remember? When you find yourself in your own "pit," how do you find comfort? What steps do you take to turn/recover from despair?
Or similar,
5. Describe a situation where you felt misunderstood, misrepresented, or mistreated. How did you find practical hope despite those circumstances? How would you encourage others in a similar situation?
6. How do we test dreams, visions, and leadings in our own lives?
7. Joseph was sold into slavery and his brothers lied to their father about his whereabouts. Keeping in mind how many dreams seem to be broken here, where do you see God at work in your own broken dreams?
8. How do you practice accountability in your life? What does that look like for you?
9. When has having accountability set up in your life impacted you the most?
10. "I am not fully alive in Christ Jesus until I allow Him to write his vision for my life on my heart. God has a great plan to redeem the world, and He wants me to be a part of it." Where have you wrestled with God on vision/plans for your life? How has that turned out?
11. Joseph had two dreams from God that related to his family - Joseph knew how to interpret dreams, but he didn't know how to care for people. Where do you want to excel in caring for people and what needs to change to make that happen?
12. In what ways does Joseph's life foreshadow the life of Jesus Christ?

See Next Steps below

Next Steps:

1. How easily are you able to describe/summarize the Tenets of our faith or share the Gospel? Find ways to practice describing each. Also, have you brushed up on sharing your quick testimony? Here are [6 principles for sharing your testimony](#) from the Gospel Coalition. Be ready to make an account for the hope found in you!
2. [4 Reasons We Don't Share the Gospel](#) - An article from Desiring God looking at why we don't share the Gospel, and four steps to sharing more!
3. Seek to set up accountability with knowledgeable, Godly people in your life.

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Pastor Ron Holton | Insights from the life of Joseph: Discernment

Navigating favor, jealousy and dreams

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Genesis 37:2-11

21 Dreams in the Bible (Prophetic)

What do I do with my dreams, blessings and convictions? (Joseph didn't know what he didn't know)

1. Favor (*Favoritism*) – How do you share your blessings with humility?
2. Jealousy (*of his brothers*)
3. Dreams

Types of Dreams

Subconscious Processing (Ecclesiastes 5:7)

Spiritual Attacks (Job 7:13-15)

Warnings (Matthew 3)

Encouragement (1Kings 3)

How do I test dreams, visions, and leadings?

Scriptures

I John 4:1-3

II Timothy 3:14- 4:4

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

Philippians 4:8

Truth – What is truth? I John 4: 1-3 and II Timothy 3:14- 4:4

Tenants: God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, sin, gospel

Teachings: (doctrine) Bible, church, second coming, angels/demons, man

Heart – What is the attitude of your heart? **Philippians 4:8**

How will you edify the spirit of Christ? (How will God increase, and you decrease?)

Accountability – Who is your wise counsel? **Proverbs 15:22**

Application

Discern through scripture, prayer, counsel and journaling.

Respond with humility and openness.