

God's Sovereign Good

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, December 10th; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: God can use the greatest of human sinfulness to accomplish His great work of redemption. This is seen most clearly in Christ's rejection, betrayal and crucifixion so that we might receive the blessing of salvation.

I. Man's Intentional Evil – Read Genesis 50:15-17 and answer the following questions.

- A. As you think about the entire book of Genesis, how would you summarize it in few sentences?
- B. In verse 15, can you list all the different ways in which the brothers meant evil for Joseph?
- C. Do you believe that Jacob truly sent a message to Joseph through his brothers? As you think about it, what would be some reasons why he would have? Why he wouldn't have?
- D. What evidence have we been given that Joseph has truly forgiven his brothers?

II. God's Sovereign Good – Read Genesis 50:18-21 and answer the following questions.

- A. What is the significance that Joseph knows that he is NOT in the place of God? As you think about your own life, what are some of the benefits to not putting yourself in the place of God?
- B. In verse 20, we are given a very significant theological statement. How would you describe it in your own words? How has Joseph modeled his understanding of it?
- C. After reading Acts 2:22-24 and 4:27-28, how is Genesis 50:20 demonstrated in Jesus' life?
- D. According to Genesis 50:21, how does Joseph understand and embrace his purpose?

III. Joseph's Steadfast Faith – Read Genesis 50:22-26 and answer the following questions.

- A. How do verses 22-23 highlight that Joseph is tremendously blessed?
- B. Why do you think Joseph makes his brothers promise to bury him in the Promise Land?
- C. Read Psalm 90:9-12. As you think about these verses and the reality that life is like a vapor, how critical is longing for heaven if you desire to die well in the Lord?
- D. What are some practical things that you can do to cultivate trusting the promises of God? As you think about the promises of God, which one is your favorite and why?