

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

ONE THING LEADS: WEEK 4

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What #FirstWorldProblem drives you crazy? (If you need a few suggestions, search online or social media for some inspiration!) Why do these seemingly small inconveniences bother you so much? How do you try to keep these small disappointments in proper perspective?

Read Genesis 39:6-23. What happened to Joseph while he was in Potiphar's home? Where did he end up? In what ways would this have made him feel discouraged/disappointed? Think of a significant disappointment in your own life. How does this compare/contrast to Joseph's situation?

Bryson said that some of our disappointments come from unmet expectations, particularly concerning God, others, or life itself. Which kind of unmet expectation are you most prone to experience? How do you see this revealed in the disappointment you feel in your everyday life?

Genesis 39:23 reminded us that the Lord was with Joseph even in prison. Do you think Joseph recognized that at the time or was it something he only realized after the fact? What makes you say that? What are some practices that can help us gain that kind of perspective when we go through seasons of despair/discouragement?

The promise of God's presence is what makes all the difference. How would the reality of His presence with you change the way you face trials and difficulty? How would it change the way you face success and victory? What's one practical thing you can do to remind yourself of God's presence this week?

Bryson said that the practice of gratitude in our prayers can help us remember God's presence. Throughout this series, we've been praying for God to reveal His will in one specific area of our lives. As you think about that request, what are some things you have to be grateful for? How have you already seen God at work?