

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE DAVID *LOOK FOR THE GOOD*

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**ICEBREAKER:** Share something good that happened this week in the middle of all this...

**READ:** Romans 8:28 (What makes this verse challenging?)

**QUESTION:** What is the difference between God doing something good *for us* versus Him doing something good *in us*?

**QUESTION:** In the past how have you seen God produce something good in you out of an exceedingly difficult situation?

**CONTEXT:** What happened in the story of Joseph and his brothers?

Notes:

Joseph—The Beloved Son - His father favored him and gave him this very special coat of many colors. His brothers hated this because He was the youngest.

Sold by His Brothers - He was captured by his brothers – and then sold into slavery and shipped off.

Steadfast Morality He had an episode where the wife of a guy named Potiphar tried to seduce him. Potiphar's wife was unsuccessful but accused him and he was thrown in prison.

Interpreter and Viceroy - Somehow in prison the ruler kept having this dream that he couldn't figure out, but God gave Joseph the ability to interpret. This won favor and he was appointed a leader in the land.

Climactic Reunion - There was a great famine in the land and Joseph's brothers got hungry and made their way to Egypt only to discover the brother that they sold into slavery years before now had control over their fate.

**READ:** Genesis 39:2 and Genesis 50:20

**QUESTION:** How do we typically define "good"? (comfort, ease, prestige, power, pleasure...)

**QUESTION:** From where you are right now, what good can you see God doing in your life? In the life of your family?

**QUESTION:** How might God be re-directing your focus?

**QUESTION:** How can you *step in* versus *stepping back*?

**CHALLENGE:** Ask God to show you where He wants you to shift or re-direct. Ask neighbor how they are doing from a distance and offer to pray for them.

\*\*Bring cards/kids' drawings to the campus drop-off by Wednesday evening for residents in assisted living facilities in the area.

**NEEDS:** How is everyone doing? Could the group or the church be of help? Take prayer requests.

**PRAYER:** God take our anxiety and fears. Help us shift our focus to You and what you are working in us and others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.