



Small Group Sermon Response Questions - Week of 8/31/14
“Can We Find A Man Like This, In Whom Is The Spirit Of God?”
(*God’s presence with and in His people is sure to lead them through
life toward Christ for His glory and their eternal good.*)

- 6:30 to 6:45 — Meet & Greet / Conversation
 - 6:45 to 7:30 — Sermon Response Time
 - 7:30... — Smaller Groups for Accountability and Prayer

1. Return to Philippians 4:11-13, and consider:

- a. ...the difference between these verses and “with God by our side, we can do whatever we want” theology.
- b. ...how God uses discontending—even painful—circumstances to *create* a Phil. 4 mindset in His people. See Psalm 66:8-12, Isaiah 48:9-11, Phil. 3:7-11, 2 Cor. 12:7-10, & 1 Pet. 1:6-7.
- c. ...what “God is enough” looks like in your own individual “discontending” circumstances.

...what “God is enough” looked like for Joseph in Genesis 40-41...

2. Scene #1: The Dreamer Is Forgotten (40:1-23)

- a. Reflect on and personally respond to Joseph’s selflessness here as he takes time to serve these men (without trying to be the “expert”).
- b. Reflect on and personally respond to Joseph’s example here as he is “real” about his suffering. How can we be “human” with people who are going through painful times? Be specific. Consider Romans 12:15.

3. Scene #2: The Dreamer is Remembered (41:1-24)

- Reflect on and personally respond to Joseph’s humble boldness here as he points to God in the face of personal opportunity, and a self-appointed “deity” in Pharaoh. Consider John 3:25-30, and our own tendency to try to be the Savior that people need.

4. Scene #3: The Dreamer Is Exalted (41:25-45)

- Consider how Joseph’s approach to exaltation here is different than it might have been had he been given this kind of opportunity earlier in life.

5. What other initial reflections, questions, or evaluation do you have regarding the sermon? What have you seen of God, yourself, the gospel, and/or the life of faith? What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?