



Small Group Sermon Response Questions - Week of 9/7/14
“Behold, I Have Heard That There Is Grain For Sale In Egypt...”
(God’s gracious work to save His people through Christ brings them amazing Spirit-led reconciliation to Himself and with each other.)

- 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 and meditate together on Romans 12:14-21.
 - What instances have you seen of people retaliating in a way that exceeded the crime?
 - What is this passage’s alternative to retaliation?
 - How does v. 19 answer our instinctive concern that, if we don’t retaliate, justice won’t be done? How does this instruct our faith?
2. Main Point #1: The Joy of Fellowship With God (41:37-52)
 - The sermon mentioned several features of Joseph’s fellowship with God: a freedom to run from sin (ch. 39), an insistence on God receiving all glory (chs. 40 & 41), a recognizable and complete dependence on God’s wisdom (chs. 40-41), and a joyful deliverance from hardship into fruitfulness (ch. 41). Meditate on our tendency to expect the last of these four things without embracing the other three.
3. Main Point #2: The Misery of Guilt Before God (41:53 - 42:17)
 - What situations in your life have accentuated the misery of guilt before God and others? What had to happen before the misery was relieved?
 - Consider the difference between a.) depending on Christ’s righteousness to resolve one’s guilt, and b.) depending on one’s own perfect efforts at reconciliation to resolve that guilt.
4. Main Point #3: The Beginning of Reconciliation To God (42:18-38)
5. What other 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?