

God Meant Evil for Good

Knowing, and then living like we know, that God is sovereign!

Sermon Questions

1. What makes God God? _____
2. It is hard to understand that God is good, all-powerful, and all-wise, and that _____ exists.
3. God used the evil of Joseph's brothers to make something good out of a bad situation. (Yes/No)
4. How old is Joseph when he is sold into slavery? _____
5. Did God bless Joseph in Potiphar's house and in prison? (Yes/No)
6. How old is Joseph when he enters the service of Pharaoh? _____
7. How old is Joseph when his brothers come to Egypt? _____
8. Which brother sold Joseph into slavery but later would be enslaved for the sake of Benjamin? _____
9. The dreams of Joseph show that this was God's plan from the beginning. (Yes/No)

Bonus: These are the passages cited that clearly teach the sovereignty of God: Ephesians 1:11; Romans 11:36; Job 42:2; Daniel 4:34–35; Psalm 135:6; Lamentations 3:37–38; Isaiah 46:9–11.

God is in control of birth and death (1 Sam 2:6); the rise and fall of rulers (Rom 13:1; Ps 75:7); the direction of kings (Prov 21:1); prosperity and calamity (Lam 3:38; Eccl 7:14); even the roll of the dice (Prov 16:33), the acts of Satan (Job 1:12; 2:6) and the evil acts of men (Gen 50:20; Acts 2:23; 4:27–28).

10. List the five uses of this doctrine that we learn from the words of Joseph:

To know that God is in control, even of evil actions of men and evil that befalls us...

- i. Makes us confident that he does this for the _____ of those who love him (v. 20).
- ii. Allows us to leave _____ to God (v. 19).
- iii. Makes us humble, gracious, and _____ (v. 21).
- iv. Keeps us _____ (vv. 22–24).
- v. Keeps us _____-focused (vv. 25–26).

Discussion/Meditation Questions

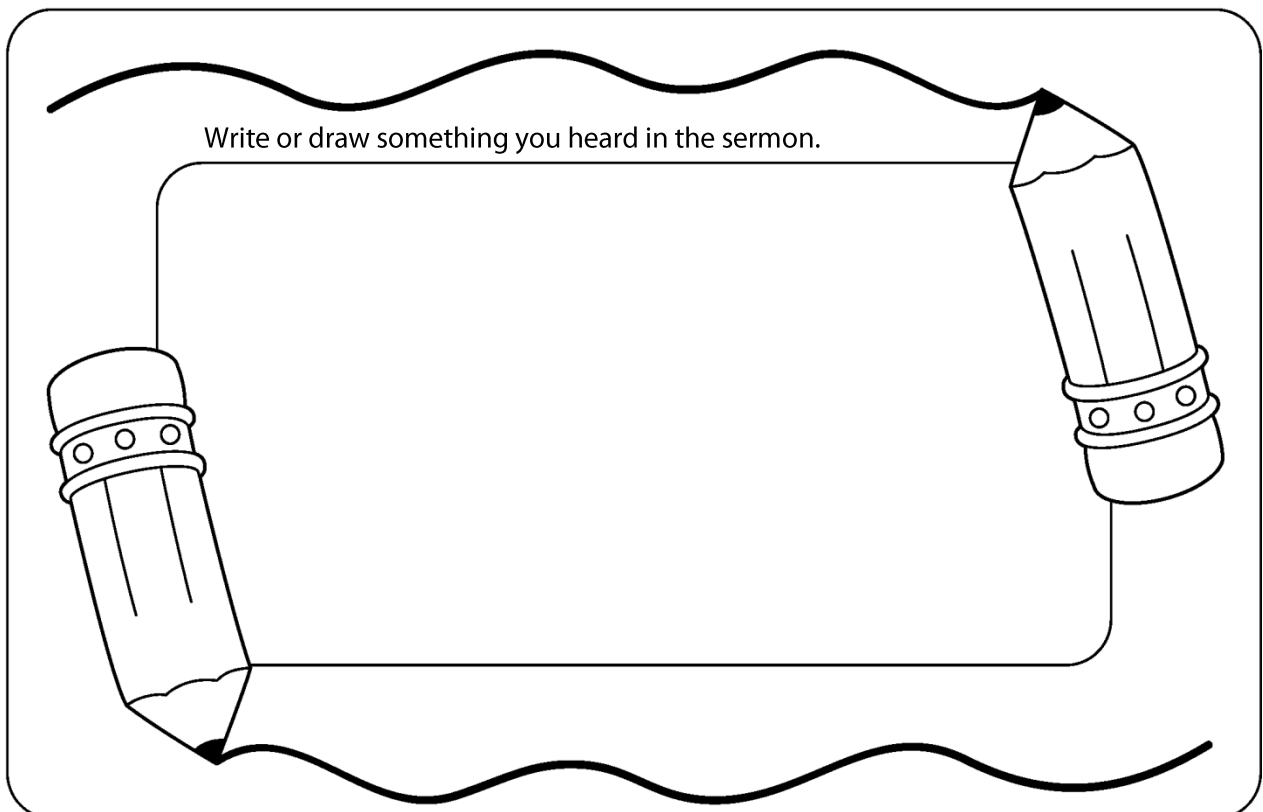
1. What part of Joseph's life can you relate to? Have you experienced suffering and evil that was unjust or unfair? How did you respond?
2. Consider how important it was for Joseph to know the character of God at a young age. How can you prepare yourself (or your children) for future suffering today?
3. Explain the difference between "God meant evil for good" compared with "God allowed evil for good." Why is the difference important?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.