

GENESIS (32:22-32)
Week's Reading: Genesis 37-41
Discussion Guide, October 3, 2021

CHECK UP:

- Memory Work Review: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. – Proverbs 3:5-6
- Were there any specific ways in which you relied on God this past week?

OPEN:

- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
- What are some distinct characteristics of God's people?

READ and ASK: Genesis 37:12-36, 39:1-23, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Romans 8:28

- Based on what you read in Genesis, how would you describe Joseph?
 - o In what areas is he a model to follow?
- Who does Joseph see sin as being an offense against?
 - o What can this passage teach us about fleeing from sin?
 - o What are some practical steps that can be taken to flee from sin? (both proactive and reactive)
- What would you be thinking if you were in Joseph's shoes (bad things happening to you even when doing the right thing)?
 - o What did Joseph's mind seem to be focused on?
 - o How well do you think Joseph trusted the goodness of God?
- How should we view (and not view) difficult situations we face in life?
 - o Where should our focus be as we walk through difficult circumstances?

READ and APPLY: James 4:7, Colossians 3:23-24

- What do these passages teach us about resisting sin and walking through difficulty (or just plain mundane situations in life)?

- What is your main take away from the subjects just discussed?
 - o NEXT STEP(S): What steps do you need to take to submit to God and resist the devil this week?

Memory Work:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- James 4:7

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 42-45