

Sunday Morning
High School Interactive
4/19/20

-Scripture passages used are taken from the NIV

-Pastor Austin shares that sometimes in life we have big questions that don't have easy answers

-Have you ever had a difficult situation in your life that you just couldn't make sense of?

-Our salvation does not depend on good works, but Pastor Austin points out that being saved as an individual is not the full extent of what it means to live as a Christian

-How do you think being too focused on our individual relationship with Jesus could lead us to miss opportunities that God has put in front of us? _____

-In John 9, we see that Jesus' disciples assume that the blind man's blindness was caused by an individual's sin. But Jesus corrects their assumption.

-Where in your life or the lives of others do you see the effect of cosmic sin that cannot be pinpointed to an individual or group of people?

-Romans 8:21 shows us the future cosmic redemption from cosmic sin. Look up this verse and fill in the blanks...

that the _____ itself will be _____
from its bondage to decay and brought into the _____ and
_____ of the children of God.

-Pastor Austin points us to Revelation 21 for some comforting words about the future redemption of the world. Look up vs 3-4.

-How does it make you feel that God's dwelling place will be among us?

-What words or phrases in these verses resonate with you the most? _____

-Pastor Austin points us to an important part of the answer that Jesus gives to his disciples about the man's blindness. In John 9:3b Jesus says...

"but this happened so that the _____ of _____ might be
_____ in _____.

-How do you think that the works of God might be displayed during this time where we are in the midst of COVID-19?

-Pastor Austin helps to shape our perspective on difficult times and points us to several examples in history of difficulties producing good things

-Let's take a look at a few snapshots from the life of Joseph

-From Genesis 37:28

²⁸ So when the Midianite _____ came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and _____ him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to _____.

-From Genesis 39:20-23

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in _____, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the Lord was with him; he showed him _____ and granted him _____ in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph _____ of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him _____ in whatever he did.

-Genesis 41:41-42

⁴¹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you _____ of the whole land of _____." ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on _____ finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a _____ around his neck.

-Now let's look at part of the life of Jonah

-From Jonah 1:17

¹⁷ Now the Lord provided a _____ fish to _____ Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the _____ three days and three nights.

-From Jonah 2:9-10

⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful _____, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ' _____ comes from

the _____.¹⁰ And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto _____.

-From Jonah 3:1-3a

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“ _____ to the great city of Nineveh and _____ to it the _____ I give you.”

³Jonah _____ the word of the Lord and _____ to Nineveh.

-From Jonah 3:5 & 7b-8

⁵The Ninevites _____ God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone _____ urgently on _____. Let them _____ their _____ and their _____.

-From Jonah 3:10

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they _____ from their evil ways, he _____ and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

-If God can bring good out of the difficult and daunting situations in the lives of Joseph and Jonah, He can do the same for us.

-Trust in God and hang in there. If you're in need of support, feel free to reach out to Elizabeth. She'd love to talk with you.