

Genesis 47 – The Normal Pilgrim Life November 22, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



THE NORMAL PILGRIM LIFE

- MOVEMENT BY FAITH
- MATURITY THROUGH TRIALS
- MINISTRY TO OTHERS
- MYSTERY IN CIRCUMSTANCES
- MIRACLES AT HAND
- MAGNIFYING THE LORD

Questions:

1. What stands out to you most in the story of the Pilgrims who planted the Plymouth Colony 400 years ago in New England?
2. What would you like people to remember most about you after your death?
3. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
4. Read Acts 8:1-8 (The Saul mentioned here later becomes known as the Apostle Paul after he becomes a Christian. Here, he was complicit in the killing of the Christian martyr, Stephen)
 - a) What aspects from the sermon outline do you see at work in the lives of the believers in this passage? Take some time to discuss this.
 - b) What good came out of the persecution that hit the church?
 - c) Do you think American churches are generally prepared for true persecution? Why or why not?
5. Read Acts 18:1-11
 - a) Why did this couple, Aquila and Priscilla, leave Rome?
 - b) What did they have in common with Paul?
 - c) What aspects from the sermon outline do you see at work in the lives of the believers in this passage? (same question as above)
6. How much of the “normal pilgrim life” have you experienced in your own life? In what ways?
7. What is one aspect of the “normal pilgrim life” you would like to grow in the most?
8. Spend some time praying about what you have discussed. And pray for any specific needs in your group.