

## Genesis 46-47 — SOJOURNING

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- ▶ Why did Joseph work to get his family to live apart from the Egyptians (vs 33-34)? Read John 17:14 & discuss what it means to be "not of the world."
- ▶ Read Hebrews 11:13-16 and discuss what is hard about living as a "stranger and exile on the earth."

### **II. SOJOURNING: IN THE WORLD TO BLESS THE WORLD**

- ▶ What is your reaction to our Christian forefather Jacob blessing an Egyptian Pharaoh (47:7)? What does it say about our calling as Christians?
- ▶ What are some of the opportunities you have to be a blessing in Citrus Co?

### **III. SOJOURNING: ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE**

- ▶ Read Col. 3:2 and Matt. 6:20. What do you think it means practically to set your minds on Your heavenly home? How are you doing with that?

### **IV. SOJOURNING: THE ULTIMATE SOJOURNER**

- ▶ Spend some time discussing ways Jesus lived as a sojourner.
- ▶ Read John 14:2-3 & Phil. 3:20-21. How does Jesus act of sojourning (his life and death and resurrection) help in us making it to our eternal home?

**What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?**

Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise [...] If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. "Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same."

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