

Summer At First Church - Week 2

Scripture - Genesis 39:3, 21; Ephesians 2:4-7; Genesis 50:20

Also: Matthew 6:14-15

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. How did Joseph keep going despite all of his setbacks, opposition & disaster?
 - When talking about a story like this from Scripture, how do you clarify the expectation (for yourself & others) that this kind of "prospering" really did happen for Joseph, but doesn't always happen for every God-follower?
 - What Scripture points you to your conclusion?
3. In the sermon, the point, "God was working behind the scenes" was made.
 - How do you think that would have helped Joseph?
 - Where do you need God to work in your life now?
 - Do you trust that He is working "behind the scenes"?
 - Why or why not? And for either answer, how do you know that to be true?
4. What role have you seen forgiveness play in your life?
 - Have you ever seen a lack of forgiveness hold someone back? How?
 - Is the Spirit nudging you to forgive someone right now?
 - If yes, will you do it?
 - If no, what is preventing you from doing it?
 - Take time to process the feelings around this!
 - Conclude by reading Matthew 6:14-15

Spend a bit of time working on our church family's memory verse this month (the first time we've done a whole-church verse for a long time!) Psalm 89: 2 "I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself."