

Joseph and His Family

Scripture: Genesis 37-39

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. These events from these chapters are great examples of how the Bible is truthful in all it reports, but it does not always *support* everything it reports. How would you explain that concept to a friend? To a child?
3. Which character from these chapters is striking to you, and why?
 - What would it have been like to have been one of those characters?
4. Which story from these chapters is striking to you, and why?
5. From the sermon or from these chapters in Genesis, what makes you ask questions? For instance:
 - Why did it happen like that?
 - Why would God allow that?
 - Why did he/she do that?
 - What would I have done in that situation?
 - Etc.
6. Chapter 39 ends with Joseph in prison, wrongly accused and condemned. If you read just a bit further into Genesis 40:1, it says, "Some time after thisâ€¦" We prefer our hard things in our lives to come to a close quickly; it is difficult for us when those hard things linger beyond "the end of the chapter!"
 - What can be learned in those times of waiting?
7. What can be learned about God from the events in these chapters?
 - What questions would you want to ask him?
8. What can be learned about humans from the events in these chapters?
9. What principles of godly living can be derived from the events in these chapters?

Spend some time praying for yourselves and others.