

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Sept 15th – Living the Dream – Genesis 39:6-20

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing the right thing? Explain what happened. Why is it often times much harder to do the right thing, and be chastised for punished for it? Rather than doing the wrong thing and be accepted for it.

Digging In

Question 1: Read Genesis 39:6-10. Pastor Jeff talked about temptation being a consistent battle for every Christ follower. The question becomes, how do we triumph in temptation. Verse 6-10 shows that it is not a one time event, but day after day. How do you refuse to let your mind rationalize temptation? In what ways in your life have you given into temptation because you rationalized it? How does temptation mess with your thought process?

Question 2: Read Genesis 39:9. Another principle from this passage on how to triumph over temptation was to refuse to let your heart resist God. Verse 9 says, Joseph responds to the temptation about seeing it as wicked and a sin against God. Having temptation in its proper perspective is seeing it first and foremost as an offense against God. Temptation is never God's fault, but always our fault when we give into it. How have you tried to blame God before for your own sinful choices?

Read James 4:7-9, 1 Corinthians 10:13

How do these verses speak to you as it relates to triumphing over temptation?

Question 3: Read Genesis 39:11-13. The next principle is to refuse to let your feet remain close to sin. Look at what Joseph does, he sprints away from the situation! Notice the circumstances when temptation was the strongest. Nobody else was around! What are practical ways you run from sin? What is your standard operating procedure when you are faced with temptation?

Read 2 Timothy 2:22

How does this passage help you understand your responsibility to flee from sin?

Application:

1. There are times where not giving into sin, you will be punished for obedience! **Read Genesis 39:20.** Joseph gets put into prison because he refused to sin. How do you count the cost of fleeing sin but focus on the eternal reward? **Galatians 6:9**
2. How can you confess sin and evil in your life today? Ask God to forgive you and to cleanse you. To ask him to help you resist temptation and to obey his commands.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?