

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Sept 15th – Living the Dream – Genesis 39:1-6

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

Has there ever been a time where you thought you were alone, and you found out that you weren't alone! Whether it was a good situation, or even a scary situation. How did your thought process and perspective you handle the situation?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Genesis 39:1-3. The journey that God was continuing to take Joseph on, he was about to go through several things where he would need reminded of God's presence. In a few different ways, God has to remind Joseph that the He was with Him (v. 2, 3). What situations have you been in recently, where God has had to remind you of His presence? Have there been instances where even other people have sensed that God is with you (v.3)? What would your life look like if other people noticed the way you talked, acted, thought, to say to themselves, "the Lord is with them."

Question 2: Read Genesis 39:3-6. Joseph knows that the presence of God is real and is continuing to bless Joseph's life even when things we not going the way he wanted it to! **Read John 9:1-7.** Verse 3 specifically says, "Jesus answered, it was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the work of God might be displayed in him. Have you ever asked God "why is this happening to me?" Have you ever allowed God to answer with what Jesus said, "so the work of God might be displayed...?" Joseph's life was not going the way he wants, but God's presence was with him so that God could work through His circumstances!

Question 3: Read James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-9, 1 Peter 4:12. One of the main purposes of trials is to produce Godly character through faith! One of the main themes of these verses with to produce joy. How is it possible to have "joy" amid trials? How do these circumstances help produce Godly character?

Application: Write down what God is speaking to you through these application principles.

- God's blessing can be revealed in my brokenness.

- God's peace can be revealed in my pain.
- God's Son can be revealed in my suffering.

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?