

Dreams pt. 3: Genesis 39

Small Group 5/8/2024

The objective in this lesson is to show that as we live out our dreams, God is changing us as people and Christ followers. Character development is happening. Trusting in God as he leads us into a calling causes us to be formed spiritually. This is what happens here with Joseph. In chapter 37, Joseph appears as an immature brat- his brothers hate him, he is prideful, etc. But here, he has shown immense growth- he is trustworthy to Potiphar, a successful worker, and lives in obedience to God even when it costs him. In what ways might God be forming *us* as we live these things out?

Scripture: Genesis 39. Maybe have a few people read it since it's a longer passage.

Questions (more than usual, ideally try to get to the last few):

1. If you remember from earlier, how did Joseph respond when he first got the dream? What character traits did he display?
2. What has happened since the first story of him getting the dream? Do you think Joseph was expecting that (getting sold into slavery and eventually imprisoned)?
3. How would you describe Joseph in this story? What's different about him?
4. Why do you think Joseph is different here? Does it have to do with the difficulties he has faced?
5. What phrase was repeated 4x in the story, first in verses 2-3 and then in verses 21-23? (The Lord was with Joseph)
6. What does it mean for God to be *with* us? What can we do to make this happen (e.g., Scripture, prayer, etc.)?
7. Think back to four years ago. How does your character look different now vs. then? Have you matured? Grown?
8. If you could see yourself in four years, how would you want to look different? Maybe you would want to be more trustworthy? Loving? A listener? Someone who prays a lot?
9. What steps would you take to become this person?