

May 6th, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

Joseph – Genesis 37

On Sunday we began a new series on the life of Joseph and learned about a lot of the hardship and brokenness present at the beginning of his story.

1. (OPTIONAL) If people from your group were there ask them and have them share:
 - What was the main take away for you from Sunday's sermon?
 - What's going to/has changed for you this week as a result?

One of the heartbreaking things to see in chapter 37 is Jacobs favoritism of Joseph and the negative effect that had on the entire family.

As a group read Genesis 37.2-4

2. What are your observations about how this favoritism plays out in Jacob's family?
3. What are some ways it can play out in our families, or other areas of life that are similar to whats happening here?

Now read James 2.1-4

4. What do you observe in these verses and what's the main idea?
5. Now based on this passage and what we see in Genesis 37 – how would you define "favoritism?"
6. Why do you think James makes the audience he's talking to so clear in v1?
 - What kind of deterrent against favoritism should the Gospel be for those "believers" who embrace it in their own lives?
7. List all of the ways THE GOSPEL should keep us from showing favoritism:
 - in our families (kids/spouses)
 - at work
 - in our communities
8. What's one way you'll apply this to your life this week?
9. Pray for one another before you go.