

Water of Life Community Church

JOURNEY INTO DESTINY

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

WEEK #11

GENESIS 50

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Joseph's brothers did a lot of damage to him. They sold him into slavery but Joseph had become ruler over Egypt. The story is a magnificent depiction of grace and forgiveness. His story brings hope to our brokenness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ MATTHEW 6:15.

- a. We have all had people in our lives who have hurt us. Give an example of receiving God's grace to forgive someone. How impactful was that situation? How has that helped you move forward?
- b. It can be challenging to extend forgiveness. What has been the biggest challenge for you in extending forgiveness?
- c. If the Holy Spirit revealed a memory of unforgiveness in your heart, what is the obstacle holding you back to release that forgiveness?
- d. Describe how it makes you feel knowing that in this scripture God the Father tells us to forgive in order for us to receive His forgiveness? What has changed your perspective?

2. READ GENESIS 45:3-8.

a. What have you learned about yourself during a time of processing through pain?

Describe how that has helped you move forward.

b. When we process, it allows us the time to see from a new perspective. After a time of processing, what part of the hurt was your responsibility? Describe how you took responsibility and the outcome.

c. Describe a powerful lesson have you learned about forgiving yourself.

d. When you forgive yourself, what changes?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Refusing to forgive is like drinking poison. It can eat away at your heart and soul. Think about anyone in your life who you may need to forgive for hurting you or someone from whom you may need to ask forgiveness.
- Lay your heart down before God so that He can give you the strength to forgive. If you allow Him to do some deep soul surgery, you will be completely amazed at the healing power of God. Minister to others in need.

TAKING IT HOME

As we have read through the life of Joseph, we've seen how he learned to give and receive forgiveness. Forgiveness is central to our belief system as Christians. God has forgiven us. He wants us to receive that forgiveness and give it away to others. How well do you do it?

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MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”