



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 37:1-22

**Title:** Joseph- Pre-Figure of King Jesus

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**Discussion Starter** – In what ways so far have you seen the life of Joseph pre-figuring the life of Jesus?

- 1) Genesis 36 completes the Bible's narrative on Esau's life. What warning can we take from his life? (Luke 9:25)

**Read Genesis 37:1-11**

- 2) Describe Joseph's dreams. What was God communicating to him?
- 3) Why do you think God give Joseph these dreams? What context should be provided by the promise of Genesis 12:1-3 to Joseph and Jacob as they consider these dreams?
- 4) Were these dreams prophetic? How would they ultimately be fulfilled?
- 5) What family dynamics were in place that created walls between Joseph and his brothers?
- 6) What is revealed about Joseph by the way he responds to his first dream? (Matt 7:6 and 20:27-28)
- 7) How did his brothers and father react when Joseph told them?
  - a) What risk do we invite if we try to implement God's calling before His time and our preparation?
- 8) Has God revealed a calling on your life? If so, what calling has God given to you?
  - b) What is required before the call of God on our life comes to fruition? How is it achieved?
  - c) For whose benefit has God given you the gifts that you possess?
  - d) What part does Godly character play in our lives as we are being prepared to embrace God's call on our lives?
  - e) How is God preparing you to fulfill your calling?

**Read Genesis 37:12-22**

- 9) How did jealousy affect Joseph's brothers? What risk do we take if we allow envy or jealousy to remain unchecked in our lives?
- 10) What does the extent of vengeance displayed by Joseph's brothers reveal to us about the depravity that is common to mankind?
- 11) Read Matthew 5:21-22. The canker of the brother's envy is common to all men. How do Jesus' words shed light on this problem? What is His solution?
- 12) What did Reuben's response reveal about his understanding of his authority over his brothers?
- 13) Why perhaps was Reuben not more forceful in forbidding his brothers from their plan to kill Joseph?
  - f) What evil is God calling you to make a stand for based on His truth?
  - g) How do you think we should go about the process of confronting evil?
  - h) What in God's Word can compel us and stand in His authority and not live compromised lives?