

The Men of Genesis

Joseph 1

Read Genesis 37

Context: *Jacob now has 12 sons who will make up the 12 Tribes of Israel. Joseph is the favorite son and this is very obvious to the family.*

What happens at the beginning of the chapter? How old is Joseph and what does this mean to you....that he is so young?

What are the dreams about? How do the brothers react? Re-tell the story in your own words.

Consequences: *How do you Christ in this story? How is Joseph a pre-telling of the Christ story? Look into the New Testament for parallels.*

Read Gen 50: 15-21 - what does this teach you?

God's faithfulness: *Is it amazing that He was too rejected by His family and 'brothers'. He was put into prison (death) and was separated from His Father for a time and yet forgave.*

Our Response: *How we respond to His goodness...*

What kind of assurance does this give you? How are we to look to Him so that we can forgive our enemies too?

Prayer:

Reflect this week asking the Holy Spirit to motivate us to respond to His amazing grace in our lives and remember that we were like the brothers of Joseph. Ask that the Holy Spirit would be our source of forgiveness and our source of love.