

Legacy
From Prison to Power
Genesis 39
7.14.13

Reminders – For more info, see our website or the City.

- Christmas in July
- Exodus Kids Extreme
- Deacons

Remember

- Read Genesis 39.
- What stands out to you in the story?
- What do you remember from Sunday that was helpful? Challenging?

Deepen

We see two ways to view power in this story. Potiphar's wife uses her power for herself. Joseph uses his power for others. How do you struggle with the use of power in your life?

How does Matthew 20:25-28 address this?

How should our view of power be transformed in light of the gospel? How can the Church be a counter-cultural community in our use of power?

Transform

Read Phillipians 2:1-11

What do you notice about Jesus' use of power?

What is the command for followers of Jesus in this passage? What are we supposed to do?

How might the wrong use of power destroy a church? A Community Group? A relationship?

How might the right use of power bring life to a church? A Community Group? A relationship?

Read Genesis 39:21-23

Talk about how you might process being punished for doing the right thing. How might Joseph being put in prison be more challenging for him than being sold into slavery?

When you think about the steadfast love and favor of the Lord, what comes to your mind?

How can we work to remember that even in the middle of difficulty the steadfast love of the Lord is with us?

Additional Info

Leader: If you want to pursue these questions, it might be best to do this with the ladies and men separately.

We see two ways to view sexuality in this story. Potiphar's wife sees sexuality as something to be demanded and discarded. Joseph sees a Godward orientation to sexuality and that guides his choices. What does 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 say about sexuality?

Women:

- How are you tempted to use sexuality to exert power over men?
- How do you need to have your view of sexuality confronted with the truth of the Bible?

Men:

- Are you prepared to reject sexual temptation as Joseph was? How would you explain horizontal reasons? Vertical reasons?
- How can our group encourage one another to remember "But one day"?