

Joseph and Leadership

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Fear, Forgiveness and Summing Up

In this concluding study of our Joseph series we will first look at the passage where Joseph meets his brothers and forgives them. Then we will move to the end of Joseph's life and attempt to sum up.

Joseph forgives his brothers

It is a good idea to quickly skim over the previous three chapters back to the time Joseph was put in charge by Pharaoh. Just get the main points of what happened.

1. What has happened in the years since Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream?
2. How do you assess Joseph's character now?
3. Was Joseph totally fair on his brothers?

Read Genesis 45: 1-15

4. As Joseph's brothers now stand before him now how do you think they felt?
5. How did Joseph feel?
6. When Joseph reveals who he is how do his brothers react?
7. What do the brothers think will happen to them?
8. Why does Joseph forgive them?
9. How does Joseph see the hand of God in his story?

Read Genesis 50: 15-26

10. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid when Jacob died?
11. How does Joseph treat them?
12. Looking back over Joseph's life what were the key features?
13. As his life neared its end what happened?
14. Could his life be considered a success: a) in the world?
15. and b) before God?
16. Can we still consider it a success when we know what happened to the Israelites in Egypt in the future?
17. If you have time think how you might learn from the story of Joseph?
18. How can you apply Joseph's story to your own life?

Resources

The sermons on Joseph are now appearing on the benefice website, and are worth listening to before, during or after your study:

<http://www.wychertvale.org/joseph-autumn-2017/>