

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 10: The Silver Cup

Discussion Questions

Joseph tested his brothers to see if their hearts had changed over twenty years. What past relationships in your life might benefit from a similar examination of whether genuine heart change has occurred?

The brothers were willing to stake their lives on their innocence regarding the cup, yet they carried hidden guilt about Joseph. How do we sometimes defend our innocence in small matters while avoiding confession of deeper sins?

Judah acknowledged that God had found out the guilt of your servants, connecting their current crisis to past wrongdoing. When have you experienced consequences that made you recognize unconfessed sin from your past?

Joseph was sent ahead to Egypt not for revenge but to preserve life, revealing God's bigger picture. How does understanding God's sovereignty in difficult circumstances change the way you view your own hardships?

The sermon asks whether it is ever too late for heart change or to right a wrong. What does Scripture teach us about the possibility of redemption and reconciliation, regardless of how much time has passed?

Time does not erase sin and guilt, only Jesus does. Why do we sometimes assume that old sins no longer matter simply because years have gone by without addressing them?

The brothers voluntarily returned to face Joseph after the cup was discovered, showing integrity despite the cost. What does this reveal about the importance of facing consequences rather than running from them?

Joseph continued to conceal his identity even while testing his brothers. When might God be working in hidden ways in your life to bring about transformation that you cannot yet see?

First John 1:8-9 warns against claiming we have no sin while promising forgiveness through confession. What unconfessed sins might you be carrying that need to be brought into the light?

The brothers tore their clothes in devastation when the cup was found, showing genuine grief. How does authentic sorrow over sin differ from mere regret about consequences?