

Stewardship: Genesis 39:1-6
Sermon Discussion Guide

1. Have you ever lost an important possession? What was it like to lose it? Share about that experience.
2. Have you ever had an experience where someone else gave you responsibility for something that wasn't your own? (i.e. house-sitting, pet-sitting, managing someone else's finances, etc). If you're in that situation, how do you feel? (unmotivated, careful, honored, etc)
3. Read Genesis 39:1-6. Joseph's life was defined by him being asked to manage and care for people, households, and even a nation that was not his own. What do you think about how God uses Joseph in this passage?
4. Where in your life are you in situations like Joseph, managing and caring for what is not necessarily yours? How might God call you to be a steward like Joseph?
5. A Christian understanding of generosity and stewardship starts with a belief that everything we have, own and are responsible for ultimately belongs to God. Giving is not about figuring out how much of our stuff we should give to God, but a surrender of our whole life as belonging to God. When you hear this, what reaction do you have? How has this been true in your life and how has this been difficult to live out?
6. At the end of the day, stewardship is about the opportunity of allowing God to work through and in us. As you think about your next few weeks, months, and years of life, how might God want to work through and in you?

Take some time to pray together after you take some time to share and discuss.