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SERMON GUIDE

## BIG DREAMS

Genesis 37:1-11 | Pastor Larry Szyman

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## SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Deut.6:4-5 (Godly Living)  
"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.


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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations you are making about a passage

**A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**ray that invites God to participate in all that you do

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Share about a memorable or a recurring dream you have had. Did you ever wonder if it had a meaning?

**Note About the Passage:** Jacob is the grandson of the patriarch of the Hebrew people, Abraham. In this passage, we see a family that is dysfunctional in several different ways. Jacob demonstrates strong favoritism to his second youngest son, Joseph, as well as the practice of polygamy. This passage is a snapshot into the reality that God uses imperfect people to accomplish his purposes. It is also helpful to know that there is a pattern in Genesis: when dreams are mentioned throughout Genesis, it is assumed by the speaker and listener that the dream came from God and is a way of God speaking (a "divine revelation").

#### S: Read Genesis 37:1-11

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What do you think of Jacob's favoritism of Joseph? How do you think (and how do you see it) effecting the dynamics of the family?

O: Would it be harder to accept that your future may include bowing down to your younger brother, OR would it be harder to hear your favored brother declaring it? Why do you find it offensive?

O: What do you think of Jacob's response to Joseph's dream?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Is there a specific relationship in your life where you experience jealousy? Do you find it hard to understand why the other person appears more favored than you? How does that jealousy affect your relationship with the person and others? How is the Gospel good news to your sin and your ability to walk away from jealousy?

A: Is there a specific relationship in your life where you experience favoritism towards others? How does that favoritism affect the relationships in your life? How is the Gospel good news to your sin and your ability to walk away from favoritism?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.