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SERMON GUIDE

DEEP PIT

Genesis 37:12-36 | Pastor Tim Porter

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Conversation Questions

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:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever received an extra special gift from someone who was important to you? What was it?

Notes About the Passage: Reminder: Abraham is the father of Isaac. Isaac is the father of Jacob. Jacob had 12 sons, including Joseph (his favorite) and Judah (whom Jesus would come through). In this passage, it is worth remembering that the cloak Joseph's is a symbol to Joseph's brother of their father's favoritism. In ancient times, tearing of one's robe (often accompanied with sackcloth and ashes) was an outward ritual/sign of internal anguish, turmoil, and pain that accompanied sorrow, grief, or loss (ex: v. 29 and 34). The journey from Joseph's home to the land of Shechem was a significant journey of about 50 miles. It was another 20 miles to Dothan.

S: Read Genesis 37:12-36

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 Joseph's brothers and their thoughts towards Joseph? What is motivating their attitudes and actions in this passage?

O: What do you think of Reuben's response?

O: Do you think Joseph's brothers anticipated their father's response?

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 or situation in your life where you have an opportunity to stand up for someone and do what is right, even if your peers are choosing differently? How can you show Jesus and the gospel in that situation?

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