



THAT'S MESSED UP

SESSION 1 - PROMISE

SERIES BIG IDEA

Though Joseph lived through so many messed up experiences, the Lord was with him and his life became a model of integrity and grace.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

No matter what we've done or what's been done to us, we're never disqualified from living a life of promise.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis Chapter 37

ICE BREAKER

Use this question to promote conversation. Be careful that the discussion doesn't turn into interpreting dreams, but have fun with this and let people loosen up to talk.

SCRIPTURE

Read Genesis chapter 37. This is a very long piece of scripture so be prepared to read it straight from a bible or the Youversion bible app. If reading from Youversion, and if you have time, take advantage of the various translations available on the app to gain new insights into language differences.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

The main idea of this passage is that God works through us and is with us in all circumstances. Even the messed up dysfunctional ones. Whether our trouble is caused by our own choices or by choices made against us, God can work through all of it and still bring about his promises. Joseph bragged about his dreams, Jacob favored Joseph. His brothers were jealous, yet God was still at work through all of it.

APPLICATION

Many people disqualify their possible goodness because they have made mistakes or because of their experiences. We want this discussion to help people see that God is not only at work through others and their crazy circumstances, but God is also at work in our own dysfunctional circumstances. It's important to land on the Big Idea. No matter what we have done or has been done to us we are never disqualified from living a life of promise.

CHALLENGE

This is a fun way to become familiar with one of the most popular stories in the Old Testament and be prepared for the future weeks of "That is Messed Up."