



February 23-24, 2008

Biblical Character: Joseph

Basic Reading: Acts 7:1-19

In-Depth Study: Genesis 30:1-24, 37-50

Read:

Read the Bible verses listed above and listen to the sermon.

Observe:

After prayer and study of the text and the sermon:

1. If you were describing this Old Testament character to someone, how would you describe him/her? Please focus on his character (who he is) as much as his deeds (what he did).

2. What were his/her strengths? (verses)

3. Where in the text do you see evidence of this character's brokenness?

4. Where in the text do you see evidence of the glory or image of God in this character?

5. How is the love of God evident in this character's story?

6. What were his/her idols (power, comfort, control, approval)?

2. How did this character's story speak to that need?

7. In what ways do you identify with this character?

3. What beliefs or belief system most influenced this character's life and actions?

8. Where do you see redemption, which is a picture of Christ and the Gospel, in this character's story and what was God doing to make this character whole?

4. What do you learn from this about yourself and God?

Apply:

1. What spiritual need do you have or what spiritual need do you see in your closest relationships that aligns with this character's needs?

5. How did this character or his/her story inspire or warn you?

6. What actions or change in behavior does your study of this character motivate you to take?

Depend: Write a prayer of dependence on God that includes a gospel understanding of your own brokenness and of the love that God (through Christ) has for you.