

Sermon Notes



Title: *What Happened When Joseph Arrested His Brothers in His Third Encounter With Them*

Text: Genesis 44:1-34

Theme: Joseph put pressure on his brothers to see if they were really changed. In many ways God does the same in your life. You cannot transform yourself. Only God can do that. But as you behold Christ in the word of the Gospel, you will be transformed into His image.

I. The Brothers Are _____ and Charged with _____ (1-6)

II. Joseph's Personal Possession is Found in _____ Sack (7-12)

III. The Brothers _____ to _____ Benjamin (13-17)

IV. Judah's Bold and Impassioned _____ for Benjamin's _____ (18-34)

V. Applications

A. The Gospel of Christ _____ your life. It is a transformation that begins at the very _____ of your life and works its way through every _____ of who you are.

B. We should not assume or expect that everyone's _____ in coming to faith in Christ is _____, but for everyone who believes in Christ there is a radical _____ of the heart.

C. Jesus' _____ and life _____ on our behalf before the King and Judge of the universe.

To read for week read: Genesis 45:1-28

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. How did Joseph set his brothers up to be taken into custody (vv. 1-2)?
2. Where were the brothers when Joseph had them arrested (v. 4)?
3. With what offense did Joseph's steward charge the brothers (vv. 4b-5)?
4. How did the brothers of Joseph react when they were arrested and charged (vv. 7-10)?
5. What was to happen to the person who might be found in possession of Joseph's property (v. 10)?
6. Was Joseph's cup found? Where (v. 12)? How did the brothers initially respond to this (v. 13)?
7. What did the brothers do when Joseph's cup was found in the possession of their brother (vv. 14-17)?
8. Who took the lead in pleading for Benjamin's release (v. 18)?
9. What did Judah say would happen if Benjamin did not return with them (v. 22)?
10. What does Judah offer for Benjamin's release (v. 33)?
11. How does Judah's plea mirror the work of Christ on our behalf?
12. In what ways do you see change in Judah's life from what you know about his previous character and conduct?
13. Why does your life need transformation? What kind of transformation does it need?
14. In what matters and in what areas do you see the LORD at work to effect change in your life?
15. What was your experience of being initially changed by the Gospel of Christ when you first came to faith?