

WHEN GOD GIVES A TEST
(The Gospel According to Joseph- Part 5)

Life Group Questions for the Week of May 26, 2019

JOSEPH TESTS HIS BROTHERS- Genesis 43:15- 45:7

TRUTHS ABOUT TESTING:

1. DISCIPLES OF JESUS WILL _____

1 Peter 4:12-19; Hebrews 12:4-12; 1 Peter 1:6-7

2. GOD'S TESTS _____ WE ARE

1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 John 2:3-6

They separate the real _____

3. GOD'S TESTS _____ WHO WE ARE

1 Corinthians 10:13; Proverbs 4:18-19; Romans 1:18-32; Matthew 26:31-75

They strip us of _____

4. GOD'S TESTS OFTEN ONLY MAKE SENSE

IN THE _____

Fill-in: BE TESTED; REVEAL WHO; from the fake; REFINE; pride; REARVIEW MIRROR

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Share a time when your trust in God was tested. What were the circumstances? How did things turn out? What did that experience teach you about God or about yourself?

3. What were several options Joseph had in dealing with his brothers 20+ years after they had sold him into slavery?

4. What challenges of repentance and reconciliation do you see in Joseph's example with his brothers?

5. What does this passage teach us about unconfessed, unforgiven sin?

6. Describe true conviction and true repentance.

7. Perspective means a lot when we find ourselves in a big or small test. How is Paul's perspective in 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 contrary to how most of us would normally think when facing challenges or trials?

8. If you were facing a great test or challenge, what would you want someone to do (or not do) in their attempt to comfort or help you?