

Life Group Discussion Guide

August 11 – The Life of Joseph – Christ and Culture

Icebreaker:

Using Joseph as a model for how to interact with culture was the basis for this sermon. What characters from Scripture would have been the WORST choices for such a lesson?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Ask for help summarizing the main plot points from Joseph's life from Genesis 37-39.
 - What stands out to you from this text?
 - Together, take a moment to define (but do not analyze) the three "camps" from the sermon.
- 2. Reflecting on the three "camps" mentioned in the sermon, which of the three camps (Christ against Culture, Christ of Culture, Christ above Culture) do you most identify with in your current stage of life? Why do you think that is?
- 3. When you feel yourself at war with the world, often identifying with the "Against Culture" camp, Pastor Zach reminded us that that "interpreting dreams is God's business." What does this mean?
- 4. Joseph faced vastly different circumstances throughout his life, from slave (against culture) to a ruler (above culture). How did his faith in God influence his actions in these different situations? How can this inform how we approach cultural and political situations today?
- 5. In the "Christ of Culture" view, Joseph maintained his ethics while working within a secular culture. What are some ethical challenges you face in your daily life, and how do you strive to maintain your Christian values in those situations?
- 6. Joseph sought to maintain peace even in difficult circumstances. How can we pursue peace and understanding in conversations with those who hold differing political views? What practical steps can you take to be a peacemaker this season?
- 7. How does the understanding that Christ is above culture help you maintain perspective during divisive times? How can this perspective help you to avoid becoming too entrenched in worldly conflicts?

8. The sermon encouraged keeping our eyes on Jesus and avoiding "friendly fire" within the church. How can you ensure that your focus remains on Christ and not on divisive issues? How can you contribute to unity within your church community during this political season?

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus:

- **Shepherding Elder Ordination:** September 8, 4:00 5:00 PM at the Overland Park Campus.
- **Grief Share:** beginning September 10, 6:30 8:30 PM at the Blue Valley Campus. Cost \$10.
- Night of Prayer Armor of God: September 23, 6:30 7:30 PM at every campus.

Overland Park Campus:

- Men's Breakfast: August 24, 8:00 9:30 AM.
- Financial Peace University: beginning September 29, Sundays at 9:00 AM or 6:00 PM.

Lee's Summit Campus

- Life Group Tailgate: August 26, 6:30 8:30 PM.
- Back Snacks: Ongoing food insecurity ministry for a LS middle school.

Olathe Campus

- Women's Bible Study: beginning in September. Revelation by Jen Wilkin.
 - o **Tuesdays:** 6:30 − 8:30 PM. Or **Wednesdays:** 9:00 − 11:00 AM.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturdays, 7:00 8:30 AM.

Blue Valley Campus

- **Sunday Summer Nights Game Night:** August 11, 6:00 8:00 PM.
- **Summer Cookout:** August 25 following Second Service.
- Women's Bible Study Training: September 7, 9:30 AM. Learn the ALL method.
- Women's Game Night: September 13 at 7:00 PM.

Hispanic Ministry Campus

- Marriage Night: August 23
- Life Group Evangelistic Training: September 11 and 18
- "Food in the Park". A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage: September 15
- Women's Bible Study: September/October

Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

KU Campus Christians – For more info, contact Jill Inman at kjinman@sbcglobal.net.

• Provide and serve a meal to KU Students on Monday nights. Great opportunity for a Life Group service project! Sign up here: <u>KUCC Meal Sign-Up for 2024-2025</u>

International Students, Inc. – For more info, contact Lindsay Blanchard at lindsayjblanchard@gmail.com.

• Home Goods Giveaway to bless international students and scholars relocating to the KC area. Accepting donations of new or gently used small appliances, kitchenware, linens, and furniture.