

No Filter #1:

Life is NOT Fair

Word

Scripture Reference

Genesis 37:1-36

Discussion Questions

1. If you look at your own life from an unfiltered lens, you'll see that the choices you make do not always result in what you expect. More often than not, you find that you had to deal with a lot of unfairness, even when you make the right decisions. Share with the group about a time when you thought life has been unfair to you, and discuss how you handled that situation.
2. The Bible shows us a clear picture of the unfairness of life through the life of Joseph. Read Genesis 37:1-6. Who is Joseph? Describe who he is in the eyes of his father and siblings. What kind of character did he have? Why did his brothers hate him so much? Do you think their attitude towards Joseph is justifiable? Discuss.
3. We usually think that life is unfair because we find that we do not have a choice in certain areas of our lives, one of which is not having a choice over our family background. Whether you like it or not, you do not have a choice of which family you are born into. Take a moment to think about things that you appreciate about your family and in how you were brought up. Was there any point in your life when you wished you were born into another family? What did you see in other families that you wish you had growing up?
4. How does favoritism in the family make it unfair for the other members in the family? How can it be avoided? Do you agree that your family background has no bearing to your responsibility of living an authentic life? Discuss.
5. Secondly, life is not fair for us because we cannot control other people's attitudes and their perception of you (v. 3-11). What did Joseph dream about, and how did his family react when he shared his dreams with them? Discuss how other people's perception of you affects your attitude in life, especially when it seems that you can never do right in their eyes? How

should people's perception of you encourage you to continue to live Christian life authentically?

6. Lastly, we think that life is not fair because we have no control over the circumstances of our lives (v.12-35). What did Joseph's brothers do to him because of their hatred and envy toward him? According to the scriptures, how did becoming a slave in another country at such a young age affect Joseph's character? Do you think that adverse conditions can justify a Christian's decision if he/she chooses not to live an authentic Christian life? Share with the group about a time when being in a certain circumstance exposed your true character.
7. How does Joseph's circumstance in verse 36 tell you about God? How can this give you hope even when circumstances are not in your favor?

Walk

1. Life may have been unfair to Joseph because of his family background, because he couldn't control his brothers' perception of him, and because of the circumstances in which he unexpectedly found himself; but he remained living an authentic life as a believer. How would you emulate the life of Joseph in your situation?
2. Have you ever complained that life is unfair? If you find yourself doing so, think about what happened to the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. Do you think it's fair that God would allow His Son Jesus to die in your place, so that you, a sinner deserving of hell, can go to heaven? Life is not fair, but remember that it is exactly because life is not fair that you can have salvation and eternal life.

Worship & Prayer

Pray for...

- Wisdom and grace for the 2015 GCCP Board of Elders and Deacons.
- Wisdom for God's people to recognize the guidance of the Holy Spirit in them.
- Good knowledge and heart preparation for new batch of baptismal candidates.
- For more worshipers to take the initiative to join a Life Group and walk with others.
- For the Children and Youth Ministry to effectively reach this generation.
- Bible truths to be every Christian's non-negotiable core values.