

A Wonderful Week!

by Wayne Goff

The five lessons taught in the adult/teen class last week on the life of Joseph were excellent lessons which are **absolutely** applicable today! **Envy, Temptation, Wisdom, Forgiveness** and **Reunion** are subjects our church, our city, our nation and our world so desperately need! Studying these topics as they literally played out in the lives of Jacob and his twelve sons make the subjects *come alive!* We can see ourselves in these stories, and we can see others around us in them as well.

Thanks must be extended to Andy Kleinlein, Adonis Bailey, Jim Stauffer, Josh Kleinlein and Jason Shackelford for their dedicated study on these subjects. The outlines they provided were full of rich information. They did an excellent job! The audio of the lessons are still available on our web site. If you have not availed yourself of these lessons, then please do so for your own benefit.

The teachers of the smaller classes also provided a wonderful atmosphere for learning — using story telling, crafts, and classroom illustrations to make the story of Joseph come alive in every way! May God bless them for their sacrifice of time, knowledge, and effort in what they did. God knows how hard these teachers worked.

On the evil of Envy, Andy referenced a quote from Socrates which stated: “Envy is the daughter of pride, the author of murder and revenge, the bigger of secret sedition, the perpetual tormentor of virtue. Envy is the filthy slime of the soul; a venom, a poison, a quicksilver, which consumeth the flesh and drieth up the bones.” The Bible’s message confirms the same truths. Envy is easily ingested, but it poisons the soul wherein it resides. How sad that some have destroyed their own lives by their hatred of others!

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