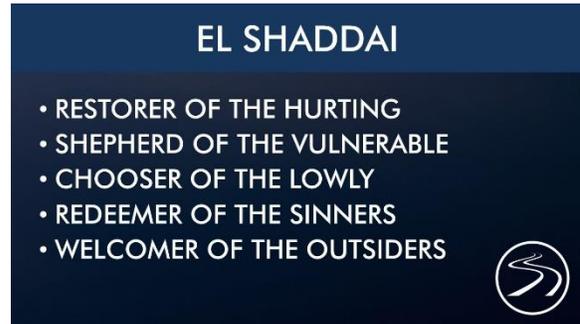


Genesis 48-49 – El Shaddai
November 29, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. When you were a child, what was your view of God and what did you like about Him most? How has your perspective of Him changed over the years?
2. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
3. Sometimes there are parallels between certain people in the Bible and a lot can be learned by examining them. There are two prominent Josephs in the Bible, one in the book of Genesis, and the other in the New Testament (the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus). Read the following Scripture passages and see how many parallels you can discover:
 - a) Joseph in the Old Testament: Genesis 37:2-8; Genesis 37:36; Genesis 39:7-9; Genesis 45:9-11; Genesis 50:18-21
 - b) Joseph in the New Testament: Matthew 1:16; Matthew 1:19-20; Matthew 2:13-14
 - c) How did both Josephs contribute to God's plan of salvation?
4. Read John 4:4-42
 - a) What stands out to you in this story?
 - b) Review the descriptions of God in the sermon outline above. How do you see Jesus ministering in each of these ways to the Samaritan woman and her village?
 - c) Which of these descriptions of God have you personally experienced the most? In what ways?
 - d) Which description of God do you feel you need to experience more of? Why?
 - e) Who do you know who is like this Samaritan woman, in need of an encounter with Jesus? What aspect of God do you think they might be open to hearing about?
5. Spend some time praying that you would know El Shaddai better. Ask that you would experience Him as Restorer, Shepherd, Chooser, Redeemer, and Welcomer. Pray that others who don't know Him at all would come to know Him. And pray for any specific needs in your group.