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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



The “Darkroom” SERIES OVERVIEW:

In order for film to be developed into a photo, a photographer must take the film into a darkroom where the film is taken through a meticulous chemical process. As followers of Jesus, God takes each of us through times, often difficult times, in order to develop us into the image of His Son. In our next series, entitled The Darkroom, we are going to take a look at several people throughout the Bible who had to go through a “darkroom” experience that would prepare them for God’s call on their lives. In the process, our hope is that we will all discover what they learned and apply it to our lives.

THE “DARKROOM”

WEEK 2



Icebreaker:

What was your favorite sport to play growing up as a kid? Share a memory from your glory days playing that sport.

Discussion Questions:

What stood out to you from Rob’s message on Sunday?

How often do you assume “If life is good, then God must be near?”

Read Genesis 37:26-28

Have you ever felt as though God has been absent from part of your own story?

Has there ever been a time when you didn’t feel loved by someone whom you know does love you?

What gives you confidence that God loves you?

Read Genesis 39:1-10

What are some kinds of temptations you find really hard to resist?

What role have you allowed God to play in how you handle temptation?

Have you ever done what you thought was the “right thing” in a situation, only to end up in trouble or a victim of someone else’s sin?

How does that make you feel about “fairness” and “justice”?

Read Genesis 39:20-23

Which is easier for you to believe: when a close friend says he or she will always be there for you, or when God says it?

How can you know that God is always with you, no matter what you're going through? (Matt. 28:19-20, John 14:16-17, Heb. 13:5-6) In what ways does this encourage you?

Have you ever been in a situation in which you weren't patient enough to let things play out and be handled the "right way"?

Do you think it's okay to complain to God when things aren't going well?

Read Genesis 41:37-40

When have you experienced a situation that seemed bad at the time but turned out to be a blessing in disguise?

Is it easy or difficult for you to see God at work in your every-day life?

Do you tend to notice God more when life is good or when life is bad?

Why do you think God chooses to work through people instead of just making things happen?

Read Genesis 45:3-5

Consider a time when you questioned why God allowed something to happen to you, only to see later on, at least in part, that God was using that seemingly negative circumstance for good. How did that make you feel about God and his plan for your life?

What are some troubling things going on in your life right now that you hope God will eventually use for good and one day allow you to understand?

Do you find it difficult to trust God to guide the decisions you make in life?

In what area of your life do you need to be reminded that God is near?

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

What questions do you still have?