

The United Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton
With St. Michael's, All Stretton and All Saints, Little Stretton
SMALL GROUP NOTES

"Growing together in faith, hope and love; sharing the Good News of Jesus with all"

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Gen 42 v 1-13 THE BROTHERS BUY GRAIN.

Welcome/icebreaker

Have you ever known a truly bitter person?
What do you think was at the heart of that person's bitterness?

Worship

The Lord's my shepherd: Jesus take me as I am:
Faithful one so unchanging: Change my heart O God.

Word (verses):

v. 1 - 4

1. Would you have let Benjamin go to Egypt with his brothers?
2. Do you think the brothers would think their father was yet again favouritising one of his sons?
3. How could they overcome any feelings of jealousy?
4. Have you ever felt jealous? How did you overcome it?

v. 6 – 13

1. Joseph's last memory of his brothers was staring in horror at them as the slave traders carried him away. Do you think he acted fairly or unfairly towards them?
2. How would you have acted?
3. Joseph would remember his boastful dreams about his brothers bowing before him. This time he kept quiet. Are there times when we need to keep quiet, even when we are right?
4. Can you see God's hand in this reading?

Wind/Prayer

Consider the relationships in your life. Are there matters of resentment or hurt that remain? What steps can you take towards reconciliation?

Works/witness

As you look back on your life, praise God for his leading, guiding and presence with you. Prepare a 2 minute testimony which you could share with someone.