



SBSG – Sermon Series – Unfair: Betrayed

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Series: Strengthening Your Marriage

Opening question: Have you ever been betrayed by a friend or loved one?

Sermon Synopsis: Sometimes the people closest to us can hurt us the worst. Most of us have been blindsided before, and things can seem dire. Yet, God never gives up on us. Where is God when somebody else's actions leave us in peril?

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Passage(s) from the sermon: Genesis 37:12-36 39:1-6a, Galatians 6:9 (NRSV)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

Discipleship Point: God can bring blessing out of betrayal

What helps you persevere when you've been betrayed`?

Prayer

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about your life not someone else's.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**