

## **GROUP QUESTIONS: Genesis with Pastor Mindy**

-Don't forget to sign up to volunteer at Pride!

-If you would like more information about LGBTQUIA+ topics check out <https://www.genderspectrum.org/about>

1. What was the least favorite job you ever had?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Pastor Mindy talked about re engagement with the text (or spirituality, faith etc) after a period of shifting or deconstructing. Does this experience ring true with you or anyone you know? If willing, share what those experiences have been like for you and/or your loved ones.
4. When reading the Genesis story who do you find yourself identifying with? Whose experiences/responses/feelings/thoughts feel most familiar or understandable to you?
5. Pastor Mindy said that we often appropriate stories from the Bible for the benefit of our current life situation. What are some stories or verses that you have found to be helpful?
6. Citing the work of biblical scholar Austen Hartke, Pastor Mindy talked about the potential ways transgender people may find resonance in the story of Joseph (ex. the coat of many colors being a non gender conforming piece of clothing). Pastor Mindy said we all read the text looking for what stands out to us and what we identify with. She suggested this is one of the ways the bible stays relevant in our lives. Discuss your responses to these ideas.