

Sermon Discussion Guide
Summer on the Mount – Week 8
Comeback Story
August 29, 2021



Big Idea

God does some of his best work through the lives of people who carry regrets.



Icebreaker

What is your favorite comeback story?



Discussion Questions

1. Joseph went from favor (**Genesis 37:3**) to betrayal (**Genesis 37:23-24**) and imprisonment (**Genesis 39:20**) before finally being made governor of Egypt (**Genesis 42:6**). How did Joseph's life story up until this moment impact his interactions with his brothers? How might God be using your life story for this moment?
2. Read **Genesis 42:6-7**. Joseph found himself in a position where he could have revenge but chose not to take it. Why do we typically enjoy stories of vengeance? Why do you think Joseph chose grace instead?
3. Read **Genesis 44:33-34**. This is the first biblical account of someone volunteering to suffer in place of another. Based on the context of this passage, what do you think Judah's motivation was? How does this relate to the cross of Jesus (Judah's descendent)?
4. Judah had previously chosen the wide gate along with his brothers but now made the decision to go through the narrow gate like Joseph. Do you have a spiritual role model whose example helped you stay on the narrow path?



Concluding Questions

Read **Matthew 7:13-14**. What kinds of destruction might we face when we take the broad road? If you're willing, share how you've experienced that personally. Why is it difficult to stay on the narrow road? What are some ways to help ensure we do?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Seeking and staying on the narrow road
- Extending grace over seeking revenge
- Afghanistan
- Lebanon (& Youth For Christ)