



May 8, 2022

Series - Worst Thing, Best Thing

Text - Genesis 38:1-30

Title: When Grace Breaks Through

Outline

The story of two characters who experience God's grace break through:

- 1) Judah
- 2) Tamar

Potential Discussion Questions

- What impacted you the most from the sermon? Another way to ask this might be, what *surprised* you about Genesis 38? (Facilitators, although your group's discussion time is for applying the word to one another, not rehashing the sermon, this opening question may bring out something the Lord has been working on in people's hearts since Sunday morning.)
- Many Christians are familiar with famous Old Testament stories like this. But few Christians see the amazing ways that these stories point to Jesus. So you might consider reading the passage and asking the question, "How does this point us to Jesus?"
- How might Genesis 38 be speaking into our current cultural circumstances? (Facilitators, beware that this could lead to a complex discussion, so if you go here, make room afterward for turning everyone back to personal gospel application through the next question).
- Both Judah and Tamar needed a breakthrough of God's grace. For Judah, he needed to wake up to his callous heart and own his sin instead of putting it on another. For Tamar, she needed God to meet her in the midst of injustices that had been done against her. How do you need a breakthrough of God's grace?

Next Sunday's Sermon Passage Genesis 39:1-23