

Welcome - What's your favourite adventure story and why?

Word - recap on last week and the True North series

This week our compass for the journey = CHARACTER

- How would you describe character?
- Why is character so important if we are to remain True North in life?

Looking at the life of Joseph we can see 3 areas where character can be tested and formed

1. Through how we handle adversity

Read Genesis 37 v.12-36

- What impacts you from this story?
- In what ways does adversity/difficulty test and also strengthen our character?
- Where have you seen resilience in other people's lives?
- Where do you wish you could be more resilient in your own life right now?

2. Through how we handle temptation

Read Genesis 39 v. 6-20

- What impresses you about how Joseph handled this temptation?
- '*Your conscience is like a wheelbarrow it goes in the direction you push it*' discuss this quote by Billy Graham, in what ways can this be true?
- What can be the impact when we give in to temptation? For us, for others, for God?
- How can we help each other keep our compass True North when it comes to temptation?

3. Through how we handle success & power

- '*Nearly all men can stand adversity but if you want to test a man's character give him power*' - discuss this quote by Abraham Lincoln.
- Why is humility such an important trait in developing good character?

Finish by praying for each other.

Is there an area you are being tested in right now, maybe adversity, temptation or success & power?

The Bible records 'the Lord was with Joseph' - pray this over each other.

Pray for leaders - political, community, business, church leaders

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour,"

1 Timothy 2:1-3 NIVUK