**Homegroup Notes - Sunday 11th July 2021**

**Theme:** Lessons from the Life of Joseph

**Readings:** Genesis 49v33, 50 v15-22, Life of Joseph actually Genesis 37-50

**Sermon Points**

Lesson 1 - We do not have to be defined by our past

Lesson 2 - God fulfils His promises in His time and His Way

Lesson 3 - The Journey is as important as the Destination

Lesson 4 - Forgive others

**Questions**

1. How has your family background and upbringing influenced you in positive ways? Give Thanks.

2. How have you managed the not so positive aspects of your family background and upbringing? If you recognise negative impacts, what further steps could you take to mitigate these impacts? How might use of scripture, prayer, prayer ministry with others, the Holy Spirit and counselling be part of those steps? Pray for God's wisdom

3. Think about promises you have received from God in the past (whether from scripture, Gods still small voice, prophecy, a sermon) and how they have been fulfilled. Give Thanks

4. Are there promises from God yet to be fulfilled? How might the life of Joseph and past experience help you to hold on to these unfulfilled promises?

5. What are the key things you have learnt about God and yourself over your spiritual journey over the last year or so? Notice in what circumstances these learning took place (often it is in the hard times that we learn most and grow in our faith, remember the pearl in an oyster grows as a result of an irritant)

6. How does the life of Joseph help you in forgiving others? Are there people in your life that you struggle to forgive? Bring this to God is prayer asking for the grace to forgive.