

The Heart of the Matter

13. Why do you think the account of Judah and Tamar is recorded in the Bible?

14. Three women are listed in the genealogy of Jesus Christ: Tamar, a Canaanite; Rahab, a prostitute; and Ruth, a Moabite. What characteristics of God does the acceptance of these women demonstrate?

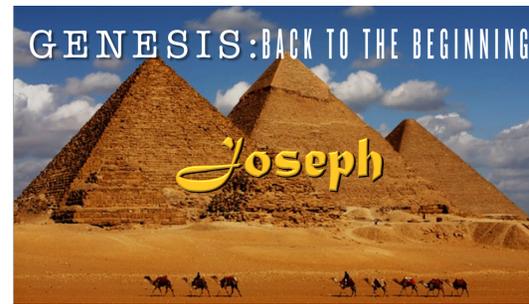
15. Have you ever been blinded in your sin? How did God open your eyes?

16. The Scriptures teaches “be sure your sins will find you out.” What preventative measures can you take to keep from falling into sin and rebellion? What steps do you need to take right now?

bethel community
CHURCH

7601 W. Foster Ave.
Chicago, IL 60656

www.bethelcommunity.org
office@bethelcommunity.org



Life Group Study Guide

Has Sin Blinded You? Genesis 38:1-30 For the Week of August 12, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Have you ever been unable to recognize someone you knew very well?
3. Are there any twins in your family or twins that you know? What are they like?

LIFE GROUP is a small group ministry of
BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, CHICAGO, IL
Some questions adapted from: The NIV (c) Serendipity Bible, 1996, Serendipity House, and Bible Study
Fellowship International @ www.bsfiinternational.org

Digging Deeper

4. What effect do you think Judah's friendship with the Canaanites had on his morals?

5. What are the implications of verses 7 and 10 concerning God's justice?

6. Even though Moses wrote Deuteronomy well after these events, what Old Testament law did Onan disobey? (Deuteronomy 25:5-10)

7. Why did Judah keep his last son from marrying Tamar?

8. Why might Judah have been vulnerable to a moral failure? (v12) Did his situation give him the right to sin against God?

9. What do you think was Tamar's motivation in this account with her father-in-law Judah?

10. How did Tamar ensure her plan?

11. When did Judah realize that he was in trouble?

12. What are the theological implications of Tamar giving birth to twins?