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Series Title: The Joseph of Arimathea Challenge
Key Scriptures: Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-7, Luke 23:50–56, John 19:38-42
Recorded Sermon: https://youtu.be/8BxeZSTCtCo?si=UStfLc6Y0NpBSrE7
Date + Speaker: March 15, 2026 | Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter Questions:

1. What was one small win or blessing from your day — even if it felt ordinary?
2. What's one thing you're looking forward to in the next few days?
3. If you could have dinner with any Bible character *besides Jesus*, who would you pick and why?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the ten challenges (mindset, character, generosity, influence, courage, compassion, preparation, cooperation, work, welcome) stood out to you the most, and why?
2. Joseph stepped forward when many disciples stepped back. Where do you see opportunities in your life to "step forward" for Jesus?
3. Joseph used his influence for the Kingdom. Where has God given you influence — even in small ways — that you may not have recognized before?
4. Generosity was costly for Joseph. What does costly generosity look like in your world today?
5. Joseph showed courage in a moment of fear and uncertainty. What helps you act courageously in your faith when the environment around you feels intimidating?
6. The women at the tomb modeled presence and faithfulness. What does it look like to "be present" for others in a Christlike way?

Diving Deeper:

7. Joseph was “waiting for the Kingdom of God.” What does active, expectant waiting look like in your spiritual life?
8. Character is described as “the same when people are watching or not.” Where is God inviting you to grow in private integrity?
9. Joseph prepared a tomb long before he knew it would be used for Jesus. What spiritual disciplines or habits are preparing you for future Kingdom assignments?
10. Compassion requires action, not just emotion. What barriers keep believers from acting compassionately, even when their hearts are stirred?
11. Joseph and Nicodemus worked together to honor Jesus. How does cooperation strengthen the Church, and where do you see disunity weakening it?
12. Joseph rolled the stone himself — he didn’t outsource the hard work. What “stone-rolling” tasks has God placed in front of you that require perseverance?
13. If you were to choose one of the ten challenges to intentionally practice this week, which one would it be, and what is one concrete step you can take?