

## Building Faith | Genesis 37,39 2022 Summer #9- July 24th, 2022

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) Did anything happen this week to make you laugh or smile?
- 2) Share a temptation (big or small) that you have had to “run from” in some way?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

#### **Read Genesis 37:1-11**

1) How do these dreams placed at the beginning of Joseph’s story show the sovereignty of God?

2) What made the brothers want to reject the idea of Joseph ruling?

3) How could jealousy or favoritism be influencing you or others around you?

#### **Read Genesis 37:12-36**

4) List all the details that had to line up in order for Joseph to end up in Egypt. What does that tell you about God?

5) Which brother tried to save Joseph? Why is it important that his good efforts are in this inspired record (Hebrews 4:13)?

6) Have you ever been tempted to think my actions will not make a difference?”

#### **Read Genesis 39:1-23**

7) Often our God uses our faith to impact others around us. How did those around Joseph experience God’s blessing because of Joseph?

8) How has God used your faith to bless others around you?

9) Who is watching my example and how can I show your character in my actions?”

10) How was Joseph’s obedience to refuse Potiphar’s wife “rewarded?” Was Joseph successful in this situation?

11) What is the world’s measure of success? What is God’s measure (1 Kings 2:1-3)?

12) “Where do I need to remain obedient despite the cost?”

#### **Read Genesis 45:3-11, Luke 23:34, Romans 8:1-2**

13) Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and yet forgave. Jesus was betrayed and yet forgave. Contemplate the stories of Joseph and Jesus. How else are they similar?

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, “When have I challenged your plans because they seemed unfair to me?”
- 2) Lord, “How do these events make me love and trust you more today?”

### For Further study

Memorize Isaiah 55:9.