

# Joseph

## Leader Overview

### Welcome

The story of Joseph is so much more than a man in a colorful coat. Journey with Joseph through many hills and valleys (mostly valleys, actually) in order to learn some important lessons about trusting God, being faithful, forgiveness, and much more.

### Series Overview

*Week 1: Get acquainted with Joseph and his dysfunctional family. Does God really choose to work through these kinds of people?*

*Week 2: Learn about healthy and unhealthy ways to process grief and endure painful situations.*

*Week 3: Journey with Joseph through the dangers of temptation and wrestle with your understanding of fairness as Joseph's life goes from bad to worse.*

*Week 4: Allow Joseph's life to teach you about the importance of overcoming setbacks and being mindful of others in the midst of challenging situations.*

*Week 5: Explore how challenges develop character, and revel in God's faithfulness to Joseph.*

*Week 6: Observe Joseph's attitude when reunited with his brothers. What can you learn from his example?*

*Week 7: Wrap it all up with a conversation about dreams and legacies. What legacy will your faith leave?*

### Discipleship Insights

- Your Life Group will be covering a lot of ground in seven weeks (Genesis 37-50). If your group members commit to reading *ahead*, your conversations will be greatly enriched. At the end of the first session, give your group a forecast of the coming week and challenge them to read on their own time. Follow this pattern each week and watch your conversation blossom!
- We built a memory verse into this study to help your group members grow in their biblical literacy. Make memorizing scripture fun by adding an element of playful competition, or challenging your group members to memorize additional passages.

- There are many practical applications that we can glean from Joseph’s story. Your group will have the opportunity to wrestle with the concepts of:
  - Fairness
  - Temptation
  - Endurance
  - Forgiveness

Some of the questions in this study will require your group members to share openly and honestly. Resist the urge to skip these or assume your group members are “doing fine.” These are some of the most important conversations we can have in the discipleship process.