

Based on a True Story - Joseph

June 11-12, 2016

Community:

1. What were some of the “major” conflicts that you had growing up as a kid?
2. Is there a part of your life where it seemed like God wasn’t working, but then it became clear that He was after all? Explain what happened.

Core:

1. Looking at the story of Joseph in the Bible, how do you think his life points towards Jesus?
2. Even as Joseph was being sold as a slave, the Bible reads, “*The Lord was with Joseph.*” How is God “*with us*”—even in the hard times? Do you turn towards God or away from Him in hard situations?
3. **Read Genesis 40:14 and 40:23.** Have you ever felt forgotten before? Have you ever felt like God has forgotten you? How did that situation work out?
4. **Read Genesis 42:1-3 and 45:1-8.** If you were Joseph, how would you have treated his brothers? What is your typical response towards someone when they’ve wronged you?
5. **Read Romans 8:31-39.** How can you be *more than a conqueror*? What do you think that means?

Challenge:

Read Genesis 45:5. Take some time this week to look at parts of your life where you thought that God might have left you and then search for the good that God brought about during or after those hard times.

- 1) What evil has come against you in your life and how did God use that for good?
- 2) How has God taken the awful things that have happened to you and used them to preserve life?