

Community group questions
Genesis 37-50

Opening question: Share a situation in your life that by looking back at it you saw the hand of God in it.

Scripture study:

- Read Genesis 37:1-11. Summarize this story. What can be said of Joseph? Jacob? The brothers? The family dynamic? From what you know of this story, how are Joseph's dreams played out later (see 42:6; 43:26, 28)? If this is the case, was it wrong for Joseph to share his dream? How does this true account speak to matters of jealousy in our own lives?
- Read Genesis 39:1-10, 19-20. How is it that Joseph is in Egypt? What stands out to you about Joseph? If you were Joseph, what might be confusing to you about this series of events? Why might you struggle to trust God in this situation? How have you seen God grow you in your trust of his purposes for your life?
- Read Genesis 39:20-40:8. What happens in prison? Why might Joseph have hope of being released to only have that hope smashed (see 40:14, 20-23)? Describe to this point all that Joseph has gone through and why some people might become bitter. What are some of the more trying times for you that you might call a crisis of faith?
- Read Genesis 46:1-8 & 50:18-20. What is the bigger picture to what God is doing through Joseph? What is the perspective needed when life doesn't make sense? How can these verses serve as an anchor for our lives? How does embracing 50:20 help us in our daily lives? To what issue or situation does 50:20 speak to in your life presently?