



With You

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Genesis 37-40

study questions

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.



INTRODUCTION

The life quality of being able to live with complete certainty that God is with you is an amazing thing. We find it in unexpected places. Sometimes it's present in the worst possible circumstances, and sometimes we see it in young people who haven't lived long enough to have such wisdom. The point is, when we absolutely know that God is with us, regardless of circumstances, incredible life-changing things happen and people notice.

Young Joseph, son of Jacob, was such a person. What we see and learn from him would certainly change everything for us too, if we live it out in the uncertain times of the twenty-first century.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a time when you could not see how God could be in your circumstances and yet somehow knew that he was there? Have you ever met someone like that?
2. **Have a couple of people read Genesis 37:2-28 & 39:1-23 out loud as the rest of the group follows along.** How might Joseph's story have gone if he had measured God's faithfulness based on his circumstances?
3. When God is "with you," what does that guarantee about your circumstances?
4. Why is it difficult to see God when our circumstances are difficult?
5. Have you ever had an experience that left you wondering where God was? Why and how did it affect you that way?
6. Have you ever noticed someone responding with incredible faith in the face of bad circumstances? How did that impact you?
7. How can your friends in your community group pray for you this week? Is there a circumstance that you need to know God is with you in?

MOVING FORWARD

It helps to be together with friends who are God-followers. Joseph didn't have that for years. Yet somehow he knew for certain that he had his Heavenly Father with him, in the most ridiculously difficult circumstances.

We are God's gift to each other! In one situation you'll see him more clearly in the circumstances and, in another, your friends will see him for you. Together we learn what trusting God, and not our surroundings, means.

In the message, Dwain challenged us to take this week, starting even with one day, and decide to make decisions and respond to all people and circumstances as though God was with us for certain.

How can your group pray for you as you take up that challenge this week?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

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