



## Small Group Discussion Guide

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- I. Read [Genesis 37:1-11](#)
  - a. God's Story continues from the life of Jacob to the lives of his twelve sons, especially Joseph. Like Jacob and Esau, there are some sibling rivalries among Jacob's sons.
    - i. What do you perceive to be the root of their family problems?
    - ii. Why are the brothers jealous of Joseph?
  - b. God is working in Joseph's life by speaking to him through dreams.
    - i. Where else in scripture do we find God speaking through dreams?
    - ii. Does He do this today? Explain your answer.
- II. Now read [Genesis 37:12-36](#).
  - a. Joseph is betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery.
    - i. How did his predicament compare with the dreams he had while at home?
    - ii. What doubts about God might his circumstances promote?
  - b. What scriptures do you turn to when you are tempted to doubt your faith in God? Be specific.
- III. Read [Genesis 39:1-6a](#).
  - a. In Egypt, Joseph is betrayed again. What was the secret to Joseph's success under Potiphar?
  - b. Suggest ways that God might bless His people today to make them prosper.
  - c. Now read [Genesis 39:6-18](#). Analyze Joseph's response to temptation.
    - i. What did he do right? (Note [1 Cor. 6:18-20](#))
    - ii. What might fleeing sexual morality look like for us today?
- IV. Finally, read [Genesis 39:19-23](#).
  - a. How does Joseph fair under the prison warden?
    - i. How do we explain his success?
  - b. How could we compare his experiences to ours today?
  - c. What hope does God give us through Joseph?
  - d. Read [Psalm 1:1-3](#) and note what a godly person does and does not do, and how God blesses him.

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