



Joseph: A Life of Triumph

Triumph Over Betrayal
Genesis 42:1-38



Study Description

In Genesis 42:1-38, Joseph's story unveils the theme of triumph over betrayal as he encounters his brothers who had previously sold him into slavery. Joseph navigates a complex path of testing and eventual reconciliation, mirroring Jesus' redemptive response to betrayal, emphasizing forgiveness and restoration as the ultimate triumph over treachery in both narratives.

Share: (5 Min)

- What has God been doing in your life since the last time we met as a group?

Head: (10 Min)

- How did Joseph's brothers betray him, and what were the consequences of their actions?
- In what way did Joseph test and reveal his brothers' character during their encounters in Egypt?
- In what ways do we see the impact of betrayal in our world today?

Heart: (10 Min)

- How did Joseph respond emotionally to the presence of his brothers after all those years?
- How do you think Joseph felt seeing his brothers again, and what emotions might he have experienced during their interactions?
- How can we deal with and heal from the emotional wounds of betrayal?

Hands: (10 Min)

- What practical steps did Joseph take to address the needs of his family during the famine, considering the betrayal he experienced?
- What steps can we take to overcome bitterness and resentment after experiencing betrayal?
- How can we extend grace and forgiveness to those who have betrayed us?

Prayer (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three and pick a question. (15 Min)

1. What sort of temptations are you facing in your life currently?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
4. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?