



## Sermon Discussion Guide

February 27, 2022

### *Joseph: A Story of Overcoming Faith!*

#### Gather



... with your family

... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call  
(eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, FaceBook Watch Party)

#### Grow



Processing today's message...

- **Aha!** – What did you learn? What challenged you?
- **Uh-oh!** – What concerns did it raise?
- **Hmmm!** – What do you need to think about some more?

#### Dig a little deeper...

- 1) Let's be honest... How do you most often respond to discouragement or disappointing circumstances?
- 2) Can you name a time when something really good came out of really bad circumstances?
- 3) Read Gen. 37:1-10. What rough edges did Joseph have in his life that needed work?
- 4) Read Gen. 39:19-23. What did Joseph learn in Potaphar's House that prepared him for leadership? What did he learn in jail?
- 5) Read Gen. 50:19-20. What do we ultimately learn from Joseph's Story?
- 6) Which word spoke to you personally from Joseph's story of how to thrive in Discouraging Circumstances?
  - Don't give up on God
  - don't give in to temptation
  - don't miss out on God's bigger purposes

#### Go – How can you BLESS your neighbor this week?



- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- Eat
- Serve
- Share Your Story

# **Building on A Firm Foundation**

## **Joseph: A Story of Overcoming Faith!**

**Big Idea:** In tests, God is building a testimony! In our challenges God is building our character and a deep mature faith.

### **How to survive and thrive in discouraging circumstances?**

2 ways People handle Discouragement:

- 1) It makes them Bitter
- 2) It makes them Better

#### **1. Don't Give Up on God!**

#### **2. Don't Give In to Temptation.**

*"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith"*  
(1 Peter 5:8-9).

#### **3. Don't miss out on God's purposes in our Problems.**

#### **2 Principles Joseph Learned in his pain:**

- 1) Joseph found meaning even in these very disappointing circumstances.
- 2) In his disappointing circumstances God was preparing Joseph for something greater.