



The Bible for Grown-Ups
WEEK 4: Joseph – God has not forgotten you.
(Genesis 37:1-36 NIV)

As children, many of us received a leather-covered book full of long words and difficult names we couldn't pronounce. We were told everything in it was true and we should do our best to abide by its teachings... Then we grew up. What was oh-so-simple then is...well, it's not simple.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] What do you imagine is the most widely known children's story from the Bible?
2. Why do you think we don't always see or notice what God is doing in our lives? Do you think the act of observing in the moment would change our actions or emotions?
3. What emotions do you imagine someone who thinks God has forgotten them might be experiencing? How might someone confront those emotions in a positive manner?
4. What is one thing you have learned from the journey that brought you here to Southview on this day? When you look back at what led you here, do you feel you can begin to see God working in your life?
5. Do you think we have to be able to see Him working to understand where we are being led? Why or why not?
6. NEXT STEPS: This week, consider taking a few minutes to look back on your life, and how God might have been working to bring you to where you are today. As you look back, consider taking those lessons forward this week and know God is working even when you can't see.
 - Did you ever have a hard time from which you learned something?
 - Do you have knowledge that you were able to pass on to someone else?
 - Were you ever in the right place to help someone else?

MOVING FORWARD

What will God do through you?

“So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.”
—Genesis 37:28 (NIV)