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## GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week Of: October 4-10, 2020

Text: Genesis 39:1-23

## GETTING STARTED:

If you are familiar with the Joseph of Genesis, in a sentence, share the part of his story that is most memorable to you.

## DIGGING IN:

(Read Genesis 39:1-6)

1. V:1 makes the claim that "the Lord was with Joseph." Discuss whether that promise makes up for the fact that Joseph was hated by his brothers, kidnapped by them, and taken as a slave to Egypt?

2. What connection do you see, if any, between suffering and the presence of the Lord?

3. Read as much of v:6-23 as needed to be able to discuss the second emphasis in the chapter of the Lord being with Joseph (v:21, 23) even though he was now in prison accused of attempted rape.

## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Share with the group a time when you felt like you had been dealt a "bad card," and do you still feel that way.

2. If someone had told you that the Lord was with you at that time, how would you have reacted?

3. What help did you receive, if any, for handling the "bad card" you were dealt?

4. What have you learned about handling a "bad card" that comes your way?

## PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Ask for the Holy Spirit's help to "bloom where you are planted" the next time a bad card comes your way.