

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide



From the Joseph in the Waiting Sermon Series

Our Text for the Week of 7.19.20: Genesis 39

Expectations for Greater Faithfulness

The life of Joseph is one of many fascinating stories in the book of Genesis, beginning in chapter 37 with Joseph, his 11 brothers and their father Jacob. In chapter 39, we find Joseph stuck in indentured service to an Egyptian official named Potiphar. The circumstances were not good, but with the right expectations, Joseph was able to experience the goodness of God with a new definition of success.

Faithful Expectations:

God with you does not mean the end of temptations

God with you does not mean the end of trouble

God with you does not mean the end of tragedy

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt alone.
2. What are your expectations when God is with you?
3. How do you define success? How did Joseph experience success?
4. Why are we surprised when we face temptations or trouble?
5. Why do we often seek comfort and what is easy?
6. How do you deal with false accusations?
7. Describe a time when you felt God's presence during a difficult situation.
8. Are you ready to live for God regardless of circumstances?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to be more aware of God with me this week?

How will I live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: