

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 5, 2025

Icebreaker Questions

- What was something you dreamed of becoming as a kid?
- What's a song or quote that keeps you motivated?
- If your life was a movie title right now, what would it be?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

Pastor Bill's sermon emphasized that God has a unique, divine dream for every individual's life, just as He did for Joseph. Joseph's journey from favored son to slave to ruler demonstrates that divine dreams often involve seasons of wonder, warfare, work, waiting, and ultimately winning. Pastor Bill encouraged us to stay faithful and trust God's timing, even when circumstances seem to contradict the dream. Joseph's powerful words in Genesis 50:20, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..." illustrate how God redeems pain and uses it for greater purposes.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passage of Scripture

Read Genesis 37:5-8, 50:14-21

Discussion Questions

- In what ways have you seen God work through disappointment in your life?
- How has hardship developed your faith or character?
- Do you see your job or current life stage as part of God's divine plan? Why or why not?
- How can the story of Joseph encourage you to persevere during your waiting season?
- How do you maintain humility and gratitude when things go well?
- What do you think is God's divine dream for your life right now?
- Is there a dream you've let go of that God might want to resurrect?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing