

**Vision: Christ – Community – Compassion**

**Mission: We will reach the world one person at a time by creating biblical disciples in relational environments**

**Disciple:**

Matthew 4:19: “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

- One who is making Jesus Lord and Savior = *Come, Follow me...*
- One who is being transformed in attitude, behavior, and character = *And I will make you...*
- One who is on mission with Jesus = *Fishers of men...*

**RELATIONSHIP BUILDING:**

- **Testimonies:**
- How did we do with our challenge assignments from last meeting?
  - Pray earnestly as a family about becoming more obedient and trusting
  - Pick one thing God reveals to you and put it into practice
- **Prayer time:** Take time to simply praise God and ask him to open hearts and minds to receive His message and to put His message into action
- **Ice Breakers:**
  - Who were you jealous of as a child?
  - What was your favorite clothing item when you were in grade school?
  - Pick your own

**Leader Notes:**

- **BIBLE STUDY:** You **DO NOT** need to cover all questions. The idea is to cement the concepts in the sermon by diving deeper into the biblical truths conveyed. Relationships are key in a Life Group!

Week of: 5/2/2021 – Dysfunctional Families – Joseph & The Brothers

**Scripture References:** Genesis 37:3-4; Proverbs 6:16-19; Genesis 37:8; Genesis 37:18-20; Genesis 37:26-27; Genesis 39:2-5; Genesis 39:8-10; Genesis 39:22-23; Genesis 40:23; Genesis 41:15-16; Genesis 41:37-40

**Note to Facilitator:**

These questions will be useful to set the tone for the discussion. Personal story sharing and conversation between people are far more important than covering questions.

**Questions:**

- Exceptionally, Joseph forgives his brothers despite their utter betrayal. Should forgiveness have limitations?
- What does this story tell us about forgiving our own betrayers?
- God works “behind the scenes” throughout the Joseph story. Joseph trusts that God will take care of everything, and ultimately he’s right.
  - How does this influence the way we think about God’s influence over our lives?
- In what ways is Joseph’s suffering similar to that of Jesus in the New Testament? In what ways is it different?
- What did this Bible story help you discover about God?
- What did you discover or learn about man/mankind?
- What lessons can you put into practice (obey) from the Joseph story?

**Leader Notes:**

- Challenge the group to apply the learnings of God’s word and the sermon in their lives
  - Pray about who you need to forgive and take steps towards doing that
  - How can you be a good steward of your “suffering”?
- Ensure Next Meeting Time/Date is mutually understood and agreed upon
- Close in Prayer