

# DISCUSSION GUIDE:

## INTRODUCTION:

In this passage Joseph begins to experience terrible hardship. Think back on times of hardship and suffering you have experienced. What helped you to endure these circumstances?

Review Genesis 37:12-36 and the sermon's big idea. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 aloud with your group.

Watch Week 2 YouTube Video Lesson with your group.

Answer the following questions as a group:

1. How does 1 Peter describe Jesus' suffering? What does this suffering accomplish on our behalf?
2. Remember last week's memory verse (Genesis 50:20). How is God able to work through evil and suffering? Why might this be difficult to accept? What encouragement can this provide?
3. Looking back a few verses, who exactly is Peter talking to in this passage (look at 2:18)? Why do you think Jesus' example was helpful to this particular group? In what ways might they have related to Jesus?
4. Jesus' suffering accomplishes far more than anything we ever could. He only is the savior. But still, the Bible tells us that Jesus is an example for believers to follow. In the following passages what ways are we told to emulate Jesus?

1 Peter 2:21-25

Philippians 2:5-11

5. Looking at the examples of Joseph and Jesus, what are some ways Christians can endure through our suffering? How might God's character encourage you when suffering?

## MEMORY VERSE:

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:21 NIV)