

## GO DEEPER

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### **Read Genesis Ch 39:21 - 4:23**

Share any observation you have from the text. What stands out to you? Pay special attention to repetition, contrast, cause & effect, progression, transitions, etc.

Where do you see God in this story?

What questions do you have about this text?

### **Talk About It**

What big patterns are you seeing in the Joseph story so far? What do you think these mean? What might they be teaching us or pointing towards?

What role do dreams play in this story? How does this fit with or challenge how you tend to view dreams? Why does this matter?

What does Joseph's willingness to run the jail tell us about his character?

Joseph asks the cup-bearer to remember him and show him faithful-love (hesed).

Was this a reasonable request? Why/why not?

Why did the cup-bearer fail to do this?

What lessons should we learn from this?

Pastor Adam talked about how we can find encouragement in hard times when we see God answering other people's prayers and working in their lives.

Why is this sometimes hard to do?

Why should we choose hope over bitterness?

How can you live this out in your own life right now?

A major theme of this chapter is that God is the one ultimately in control.

Where/how do you see this being taught in the text?

Do you think it was hard or easy for Joseph to believe this? Why?

When is it easy for you to believe God is in control? When is it hard?

If God really is the God of the future, why is this a source of hope?

What does it practically look like to live in the hope of God's future now?

**Close** by reading Psalm 80 as a prayer together.

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