

February 23 – March 1, 2019
Community Group Questions

Living redemptively through difficult times

Genesis 50:12-21

Opening Prayer: Have someone in your group give thanks to God for who He is and to ask His blessing on your time together.

Warm up: Are you someone who tends to A) let things happen or B) make things happen?
(*Tip: Goal is a brief A or B answer*)

Read: Genesis 50:12-21 (*Tip: Have people take turns reading one verse at a time*)

Discussion Questions (*Tip: start with observation and work your way down to application*)

- (Observation)
 - What were Joseph's brothers concerned about and why now?
 - What are some of the ways they described what they did to Joseph?
- (Interpretation)
 - Why might the brothers have found it so hard to believe Joseph wasn't out to get them?
 - What was different about the brother's perspective compared to Joseph's perspective?
 - Explain in detail how God's sovereignty works? (joke question 😊)
- (Cross-Reference)
 - How did God's promise to Abraham in Gen 12:2 factor in to Joseph's understanding of the situation?
 - Eph 2:8-10 - Why should we be intentional about living on mission?
- (Application)
 - What are ways we can learn how to enter redemptively into the circumstances that God brings our way?
 - What are some ways we could preach different aspects of the gospel to ourselves every day?
 - Do you have any unreconciled relationships in your life right now? If so, what is a next step you can take to move in the direction of reconciling?

Prayer and Share:

- Go around the room one by one and answer:
 - How are you personally doing this week?
 - What is one thing we can pray for you personally today?
 - (*Tip: Some will dodge being personal and you will need to press them kindly to share something personal*)
- Have the person next to them pray for the one who just shared. Then that person will answer the questions and the person next to them will pray, and so on. If someone in the group is highly uncomfortable praying, you as the leader can pray in their place.
- (*Tip: As the leader you will need to manage the time and move those folks who are more talkative along.*)