

# TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

## GOD IS PRESENT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

### JOSEPH SERIES — LESSON 1 (GENESIS 37)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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#### 1. Why was it wrong for Joseph to “brag” to his brothers and his father about his dreams from God?

- God was showing Joseph through dreams what He had planned for him. However, Joseph might have forgotten that he was supposed to be glorifying God, and not himself!
- God also wants us to do His work and give Him the praise. When we brag, we are saying that we are better than other people. It shows that we put our trust in ourselves, but not God.
- We need to remember that we are not any better than anyone else; we are all sinners who need Jesus. However, it is not wrong to share with others the blessings God has given us in our lives. Just remember to give HIM the glory, and not yourself!

#### 2. Why did the brothers dislike Joseph?

- None of us would want someone to tell us that they will rule over us.
- Joseph’s brothers knew their father Jacob loved him more, because of the special robe Jacob had given to Joseph. So, when Joseph told his brothers that God was going to make him more powerful, it was too much for them!
- How would you feel if someone told you they were going to rule over you?



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

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### 3. Instead of killing Joseph, how did his brothers get rid of him?

- They threw him in a deep well and sold him to traders as a slave in Egypt.

### 4. How can we celebrate success without bragging that we are better than someone else?

- **James 1:17** talks about how every good and perfect gift comes from God. It's important that we give God the credit and glory for anything we do well.
- What is something good you've done that you can praise God for?

### 5. How is God the King of your life and working to grow your faith and trust?

- Take a moment and think about a difficult time in your life. Did you...
  - Lean on God?
  - Pray more?
  - Go to church?
  - Cry out to God?
- Sometimes we pray for things and we don't seem to get an answer. Maybe the answer was no, but we ignored the answer. Sometimes God answers with something that is better than what we asked for. Regardless how God answers our prayers, it is always for His purpose and our good.

### 6. Joseph had dreams. Where do we turn to hear from God?

- What are some ways God speaks to us?

## LESSON 1 PERSONAL QUESTIONS

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### 1. Like Joseph's brothers, is there anyone in your life you dislike, or feel jealousy towards? What can you do about it?

- The Bible tells us that it is wrong to dislike or be jealous of someone. Since it is wrong and we still do it a lot, we have to realize that we can't fix ourselves. We need to ask Jesus to fix us.

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## LESSON 1 PERSONAL QUESTIONS CONTINUED

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2. What do you think Joseph thought about while he was in the well?

3. What do you think about when you are in a “pit” or difficult time?

- Do you look to God, to yourself, or feel sorry for yourself for the mess you are in?
- Do you look to God for help?

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