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GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

God Directs Our Steps

Sunday, January 22, 2023

THE BIBLE - Genesis 39

QUESTIONS

1. Vs. 1-6a - Joseph's situation has gone from bad to worse. How did Joseph respond to his situation? The passage says, "God was with him", yet it didn't "seem" like it. What does this passage teach us regarding how believers should deal with disappointing circumstances? How do you see "God was with him" in your life? (see Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20).
2. Vs. 6b-10 - Satan comes after Joseph attacking his purity and integrity. Joseph saw that this would be sinning against his master and also sinning against God. How does our sin affect others? How does our sin affect our walk with God?
3. Vs. 11-15 - Temptation came to Joseph day after day, yet he continued to walk with purity and integrity. Joseph finally flees the temptation. When temptation comes what can we learn from Joseph? See II Timothy 2:22; I Corinthians 10:13.
4. Vs. 16-23 - In these verses, we see that Joseph is punished for doing the right thing, yet the Bible says, "the Lord was with him and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper". How is God's hand guiding him during this time? God often works the greatest in our lives through the most difficult circumstances. (see James 1:2-4). How has God worked greatly in your life through difficulties?

FURTHER STUDY NUGGETS

1. When tempted, if we could see the consequences of our protentional sin, it could help us to flee the temptation. Joseph's account would be quite different if he had fallen to the temptation. Sin always has consequences. Dwell upon Galatians 6:7-8.
2. Joseph does not seek vengeance or become bitter. Regardless of his circumstances, he continues to serve God and others. See Proverbs 16:9; Romans 12:17-21.

THE FIVE

5 Verses For Discussion During Week
(Discipleship partner, around dinner table, on way to school in car, etc)



Monday
Romans 8:28

Tuesday
I Corinthians 10:13

Wednesday
Romans 12:21

Thursday
Matthew 5:11

Friday
James 1:12

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Proverbs 16:9 "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."