



## **Joseph: Genesis 1-11**

**Summary:** Joseph shows himself faithful to God, trusting in his sovereignty, even in difficult times.

### **Ice breaker:**

As a group try to retell the story of Joseph from beginning to end and then count how many details as a group you can remember.

Opening Question: Summarize your understanding of God's providence?

### **Think about:**

1. Compare the sin of Adam and Eve with the sin of Joseph's brothers. Then compare the sin of Joseph's brothers with that of Cain. Then compare Joseph's rejection and story to the life of Jesus. What similarities do you discover?
2. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, his boss' wife and his friends in prison. Instead of becoming bitter, he trusted God. How can we avoid becoming bitter when we are betrayed?
3. What character traits do you see in Joseph that made Potiphar trust him?
4. How was Joseph able to resist the sexual temptations of Potiphar's wife?
5. Twenty years after his brothers sold him into slavery, they came to Joseph to buy grain. How does Joseph's story serve as an example of forgiveness, trust and restoration? What is the hardest thing you have ever had to forgive?