



## **HEROES**

### **Joseph**

Of all the great stories in the Bible, none is more riveting than the story of Joseph. Join us as we dig into his story of betrayal, isolation, redemption, and forgiveness – and see how God might want to work through your own story!

#### **Scripture:**

When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.

**Genesis 39:1-2**

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

**2 Corinthians 4:8**

#### **Ice Breaker and Intro Question:**

1. Eddie shared how the story of Joseph is extremely captivating and hard to put down. What's a show or book that you've had trouble putting down or turning off?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

#### **Discussion Questions**

3. Joseph had so many difficult chapters in his story! He was sold into slavery by his brothers and thrown into prison for not sleeping with his master's wife. Eddie shared that when life is at its worst, God is still at work. How have you seen this to be true?
4. Read Genesis 39:1-2 together as a group. How was God still at work for Joseph?
5. Eddie also shared that Joseph resisted the path of self-pity. Why is this path so tempting? How do you struggle with this?
6. Eddie shared two truths about forgiveness:

1. Don't wait until you're "over it" to forgive.  
Why is this so hard to do? Have you ever had a situation like this?
2. The bigger your forgiveness, the bigger your impact.  
How have you seen this to be true?
7. Have someone read 2 Corinthians 4:8 out loud. Give some space for silent prayer & then read it one more time. Have the group pray short phrases out loud, if willing, and then have someone close your time with a simple prayer.