

Discussion Guide

Joseph & His Brothers
July 5, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

Last week we began our journey through the life of Joseph by hearing Joseph's story from his own perspective. This week we are looking at the beginning of Joseph's story, where his own brothers conspire to kill him. We see how the root of bitterness takes hold in his brothers' lives. From this, we also learn this importance of replacing envy and selfishness with being others-focused and practicing the fruits of the Spirit.

- How did you celebrate the 4th of July this year? Do you have any traditions you enjoy for the holiday?
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ GENESIS 37:11-36 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- How do Reuben's and Judah's interventions distinguish their individual characters?
 - What does the twenty-shekel price tag indicate about how the brothers value Joseph?
 - How does Joseph's coat function as both a status symbol and a tool of deception?
 - In what ways does the brothers' deception of their father mirror Jacob's own past actions?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- What are the common warning signs in our own lives when envy or bitterness begins to take root, and how can we address these feelings before they escalate into destructive actions?
 - How can we learn to recognize God's hand in our own lives, especially during seasons when we feel abandoned or unfairly treated?
 - How does group pressure sometimes distort our ability to make wise choices?
 - How can we view difficult or "out of control" circumstances through the lens of God's providence?
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KEY VERSE:

James 3:16

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

NEXT STEPS:

- I will ask God to replace my selfishness with selflessness
- I will confess my bitterness toward _____ to God
- The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) I need most in my life is _____.
- I will focus on serving others this week by _____.

