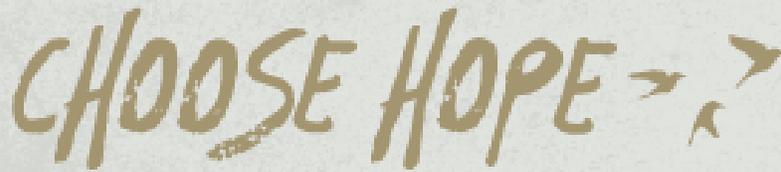


MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

When Your Future Seems Unclear

January 5-7, 2019



CHOOSE HOPE →

ICEBREAKER

How would you define Hope?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discover God's Dream For Me

- How does God instill hope in all of our lives?
- Have you ever had some feeling, idea, maybe a vision or direction that God has been nudging you toward?
- Does God still speak through dreams and if so, how do we know if that dream is from God? (What can we learn from Jacob dream, Ananias to pray for Saul for healing, Peter being told to preach to the gentiles and The Apostle Paul that he was to go to Macedonia?)

Be Ready For Setbacks

- *Read Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28*
- What can you determine is God's will for your life when things don't seem to be going your way?
- For every pit, God has a _____ on the way.

Let God Temper My Dream

- How do we let God temper our dreams, what methods does he use?
- How is God tempering you?
- What does God's dream for you look like if: (fill in the blank with what God desires for us)
- You have influence but not _____
- You are capable of retaliation but choose _____.
- You pass up power to increase God's _____.
- You freely notice _____.
- You are able to wait for God to Honor your _____ in his time.

PRAYER

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, help us to be obedient children, but also help us to cast out of our hearts and minds all things that might hinder us in a whole and holy love for you. As you have loved the world, help us to love. As you have given yourself for us, help us to give ourselves to you. In Jesus Name, Amen!

CHALLENGE

If you're feeling discouraged over an apparent detour, remember Joseph. God may be orchestrating something unexpectedly good, despite the reversal of your plans. Right now might be a good time to review God's promises for you in scripture.