LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

12.3.25 & 12.10.25

Genesis (chapters 37-50) "Sovereignty Of God"

Lesson Summary:

Pastor Charles' lesson covers a large portion of scripture from Genesis 37-50. Joseph's life shows that even when everything feels out of control—betrayal, slavery, prison, and pain—God is still completely sovereign (in full control) and working out His good plan. Joseph's story teaches us that we can trust God with our lives, our circumstances, and our future because nothing can stop His plan. Leaders There will be a Gospel invitation with a closing song at the end of tonight's lesson—

Key Points:

Big Idea: God is <u>SOVEREIGN</u>, always in control, even when life feels out of control.

Sovereign Defined: God is completely in <u>CONTROL</u> and <u>NOTHING</u> can stop His plan.

How God Shows His Sovereignty:

- 1. Through PEOPLE
 - > FAITHFUL People
 - ➤ <u>UNFAITHFUL</u> People
- 2. Through <u>CIRCUMSTANCES</u>
 - > BAD Circumstances
 - GOOD Circumstances

Reflection question:

• What is one circumstance in your life that is hard or heavy?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Did any of you tonight, FOR THE VERY 1ST TIME, put your trust in Jesus (and what He did on the cross) to save you from your sins and lead your life?

 Leaders, celebrate this in a BIG way; it's why we exist as a ministry! Be sure and log this as a "God win" on the App and/or share this news with Charles/Cam/Mary or TJ...thank you!
- 2. Was there anything Pastor Charles said that was confusing or didn't make sense to you? If so, what was it?
- 3. When life feels unfair or confusing, how hard is it for you to trust that God is still in control?
- 4. Joseph chose to honor God even when no one else was watching. What does it look like for you to honor God when no one is watching...or when it's hard?
- 5. Has there ever been a time when something bad happened, but later you saw God bring something good out of it?

 (Gen. 50:20) You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.
- 6. What's one circumstance in your life right now that feels heavy, and what would it look like to trust God with it?

 (Proverbs 3: 5-6) Trust in the Lord with all your heart...
- 7. Joseph stayed faithful even when things didn't go his way. Why do you think faithfulness matters, even when it doesn't bring fast results?

 (Galatians 6:9) Let us not become weary in doing good...
- 8. God used both Joseph's faithfulness and Judah's failures to accomplish His plan. What does this show you about how big & powerful God really is?

 (Romans 8:28) We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.
- 9. How do you respond when you're tempted to take control and not trust God? What can you learn from this lesson regarding trusting God, no matter what the circumstance is?
- 10. Joseph believed God was with him in prison, in the palace, and everywhere in between. Where do you need to remember that God is with you this week?

 (Hebrews 13:5) God has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.

