

**The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture**  
**Week 02: Joseph Sold into Slavery**  
*Discussion Questions*

How does Joseph's story challenge our understanding of what it means when life takes an unexpected turn backward, and how might God be using those moments to fulfill His promises?

In what ways do we see the progression of sin in the brothers' actions, from jealousy to conspiracy to deception, and what does this reveal about the nature of unchecked sin in our own lives?

How does knowing that God revealed to Abraham that his descendants would be enslaved in Egypt change the way we view Joseph's slavery as part of God's sovereign plan rather than a defeat?

What does it mean to trust that God's faithfulness is carrying our story forward even when circumstances make us feel like His promises have failed?

How do we distinguish between the enemy's attempts to steal, kill, and destroy versus the painful but purposeful redirections that God allows in our lives?

In what ways might Reuben and Judah's alternative plans to killing Joseph reflect how we sometimes compromise between doing what is right and what is convenient?

How does Jacob's grief over Joseph mirror the pain that sin causes not only to its direct victims but also to those who love them?

What does Joseph's obedience to his father, even when he didn't see what was coming next, teach us about faithful obedience in uncertain circumstances?

How can we learn to see the bigger picture of God's promises when our immediate circumstances feel like they contradict everything God has spoken over our lives?

What practical steps can we take to repent, obey, and trust God's faithfulness when our lives feel like they have taken a step backward?