



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



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Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share...What is a time in your life when a seemingly awful situation—a canceled plan, a job loss, or a major detour—actually ended up leading to something unexpectedly wonderful? Looking back, how long did it take you to realize that the bad thing was being used for something good?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read Genesis 50:15-21 aloud.

- After Jacob dies, the brothers were paralyzed by fear that Joseph was just biding his time to execute revenge for their past cruelty (verses 15-17). What makes it so much easier to believe that damage done to us (or by us) is permanent, rather than trusting that God can make something good out of it?
- When people do us harm, our natural instinct is to play God by holding a grudge or seeking payback. How does yielding ultimate control to God set us free from the burden of carrying resentment?
- In verse 20 we see Joseph didn't minimize their evil intent—they *did* mean to harm him. Why is it important to acknowledge that real evil and unfair pain exist, while simultaneously declaring that God's good purpose is greater than all of it?
- Consider how God reframed Joseph's story. His brothers' jealousy, the pit, the slave traders, Potiphar's wife, and the prison were all meant to destroy him—yet God wove every single piece of evil into a masterplan to save nations from famine. How does this high view of God's sovereignty change the way we view our worst heartbreaks, mistreatments, or betrayals?

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Tell about a time when you experienced real harm or unfair treatment from someone else, but over time, you watched God turn that exact situation into a tool for your growth or the blessing of others?
- How does verse 20 give you hope for the current "evil" or painful circumstances in your life, your family, or our world today?