

Joseph - God's Good Purposes

Genesis 37 (page 31)

Discussion:

When do you find it difficult to believe that God is really working out his purposes for good? What kind of things make you question whether God is really in control?

Introduction:

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

1. The terrible evil of humanity...

2. ...God uses for his good purposes

Questions for discussion: (existing small group leaders please lead the discussion)

1. What do you find most shocking or surprising about the story of Joseph? Do you have any questions or queries about the passage or the talk?
2. What will help us to have real confidence that God really is working out all things for good?
3. How do you think knowing Jesus makes a difference to how we relate to the suffering and evil that we see in the world around us?
 - How can we help one another to remember this?
4. Have you seen God's purposes worked out for good in your own life? Share with your group or in pairs.

Take some time to pray