



## Week Two | Grieving Relationships | 03.05-06.2022

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Series Recap:** Loss is a regular part of life but we can forget that loss is not limited to saying goodbye to people. Learning to grieve helps us face lost expectations, lost relationships, and lost hopes helping us lead lives of freedom and forgiveness. Good grief starts with going to a good God who offers a better life.

### » Opening (3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

### » Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: How easy is it for you to make new friends?
- Digging Deeper: What relationships have you had to grieve the past few years?

### » Observation | Read or summarize Genesis 39:1-40:4 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | **The best goodbyes hurt and help at the same time.** (12 minutes)

- Knowing that goodbyes are inevitable, how can we maintain hope while navigating loss?

### » Grows in Faithfulness | Reread Genesis 39:1-4; Psalm 25:8-10 (12 minutes)

- How do humility and loyalty in the face of adversity allow opportunities for God's blessings?
- Joseph's master knew that God was with Joseph. How does God's faithfulness display itself in the lives of believers today?

### » Grows in Integrity | Reread Genesis 39:6b-10; Ephesians 6:10-20 (12 minutes)

- How does Joseph's integrity benefit his masters: both God and Potiphar?
- How does the armor of God promote and maintain integrity in our lives and relationships?

### » Grows in Patience | Reread Genesis 40:1-4; Isaiah 25:6-9 (12 minutes)

- How does Joseph's focus on his fellow prisoners mirror God's focus on Joseph during this time?
- How do God's promises strengthen our ability to patiently endure?

### » Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What new relationships or changed relationships is God asking you to embrace right now?
- Close by praying for one another to allow healing to occur in relationships that have ended and to be open to new relationships.