



JOSEPH: DO I KNOW GOD'S DREAM FOR MY LIFE?

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, is there a particular point you recall that caught your attention or you found challenging or confusing?
2. Prayerfully **read Genesis 37:5-28**. This big idea is: living God's dream is your great design. The first point, however, is that God's dreams can be misused and misunderstood. What was wise and unwise about the way Joseph handled his God-given dreams? (see study guide, pg. 11) Share about a time you or someone you know may have mishandled a God-given dream.
3. Derek said "God's dreams are always subject to God's timing," and he quoted Henri Nouwen who said, "to wait is the hardest work of all." How have you had to wait or how are you waiting now for God's dream to unfold in your life?
4. Derek's third point was "God is diligent in the details of our detours." **Read Romans 8:28** and discuss some ways you have seen God work out 'detours' in your life for good.
5. The last point was "It's impossible to live out God's dream, without God's grace." Derek reminded us, "God's grace can penetrate even the most broken life and set you on a course that you couldn't pull off on your own." **Read Hebrews 11:4-34** and discuss how faith allowed each of these persons to apply God's grace in their lives.
6. Share your "difficult question for God" with your group and seek His answers together.

Next Steps: The challenge in this week's sermon was to:

- a) Surrender your life to God
- b) Revisit the question "What is God's dream for my life?"
If you're willing, share your response with your group so you can support one another.

Prayer Time: Following the ACTS method, Ask the group to : A – ADORE or praise God for His sovereignty : C—CONFESS your need to surrender to Him : T—THANK God for His dream for your life and, finally S—SAY WHAT YOU NEED and ask God to give you wisdom and grace to pursue His dream.