



The Vibe of the Small Group:

Read the “Vibe” statement about your small group. Take a moment to discuss it. Two important components of the small group that are important to bring up.

- These small groups are sermon based, meaning they are to discuss the sermon and scripture from the sermon.
- Commitment to attendance is vital, and the goal of the group is 3x per month.

Opening Prayer (to be read by facilitator)

Dear God, help us in this dialogue to be humble and to suspend judgment. Remind us that we are all created in Your image. Give us the courage to remain curious about one another by asking questions and seeking to understand. Thank You, God, for this opportunity to come together. May our time together help us grow closer to one another and closer to you. AMEN

SBSG – Living the Dream: Week 2

Sermon Title & Synopsis: Living the Dream - This sermon explores how God is present even when life doesn't look like we expected. Through Joseph's story, we're encouraged to embrace the life in front of us, serve others, and allow God to shape us in the process. We may not be where we're going, but we can live with purpose right where we are.

Opening question: What's one thing you expected life to look like by this point that turned out differently than you imagined?

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Bible Passage Context

Before this passage, Joseph is the favored son of Jacob (Israel), the youngest of his brothers except for Benjamin, and the one to whom his father gave a special richly ornamented coat. His brothers, jealous of their father's favoritism and angered by Joseph's dreams suggesting he would one day rule over them, seized him, threw him into a pit, and then sold him to a caravan of Ishmaelite (or Midianite) traders instead of killing him. They dipped his coat in goat's blood and deceived Jacob into believing Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. The traders then carried Joseph down into Egypt, setting the stage for his sale to Potiphar.

Read: Genesis 39:1-6 (CEB), When Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, Potiphar, Pharaoh's chief officer, the commander of the royal guard and an Egyptian, purchased him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man and served in his Egyptian master's household. ³His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made everything he did successful. ⁴Potiphar thought highly of Joseph, and Joseph became his assistant; he appointed Joseph head of his household and put everything he had under Joseph's supervision. ⁵From the time he appointed Joseph head of his household and of everything he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's household because of Joseph. The Lord blessed everything he had, both in the household and in the field. ⁶So he handed over everything he had to Joseph and didn't pay attention to anything except the food he ate.

Bible Passage Questions

- What changed in Joseph's life after he was sold to Potiphar, and what stayed the same?
- Why do you think Potiphar came to trust Joseph with everything he had? What does the story tell us about Joseph's character?

From the Sermon

- Where in your life are you tempted to wait for your circumstances to change before fully engaging?
- Reflecting on your own dreams and goals, how can you use them to serve and support others?

Digging Deeper on Your Own: Read the entire story of Joseph from Genesis chapters 37-50.

Practicing Gratitude and Prayer

What is something that you're grateful for and is there anything your small group can be praying for this week?

Close in Prayer