***Joseph – Not How You Pictured It***

***Recapping Questions***

These questions focus on the lesson; it may help to reread passages in their entirety. This section lets you fully understand what is happening and what God tells us through the accounts.

**What pattern do we see repeated in Joseph’s family that keeps leading to struggles?**

**What were some of the major events in Joseph’s life?**

***Discussion Question***

To drive discussion, you should not answer the questions in this section with a yes or no. The goal is to reflect and discuss biblical views on what is going on in your life and the world around you. Take your time thinking through each of these questions.

**How did Joseph respond to the trials he faced? What does Joseph say to his siblings that shows the way he viewed what had happened to him?**

**What is the “Good” that Paul is saying God accomplishes through everything that happens to us?**

***Application Questions***

The goal of studying the Bible is to learn how to live more like Christ; if we never take what we learn in God’s word and put it into practice, then we are just wasting our time. This section helps you determine how God’s word will change your life.

*28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,*

* *-Romans 8:28-29*

**What are some boundaries we should have in place as we seek to be forgiving? How can we practice the sort of radical forgiveness that Joseph does?**

**Think about your life. How might God be able to use some of the trials you’ve faced to be a “good” to your life?**

***Prayer***

Paul tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). You need to constantly communicate with God, talking to Him about the things around you. Take a few minutes and prayer as a group for the following items.

**How can we pray for you and others in your life this week?**

**Pray that we would trust in God to use everything that happens to us for our good.**

**Record your group’s prayer requests so you can continue to lift them in prayer.**