

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Joseph's Story
Week of August 1, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH: You are a part of God's story.

GETTING STARTED

1. What are / were some of your favorite stories growing up? Why do you love them?

GOING DEEPER

2. The sermon on Sunday was built upon the story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50). What parts or events in Joseph's story did you relate to the most?
3. Think about a difficult season or event in your own story. How would that difficult time have been different if your perspective had been to see what you were going through as part of something bigger?
4. At the end of Joseph's life, Joseph forgave his brothers with the words, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." Can you think of an example in your own life (or someone close to you) when God used something negative for good?
5. Sometimes, it is hard to see that we are a part of God's story when we are going through something difficult. What role can our community play when someone in the group is in a difficult season? How do our communities / relationships shape our stories?
6. On Sunday, we were challenged to see God's Word as a story rather than isolated pieces of advice. What are your experiences and emotions when it comes to reading God's word? How could this perspective change the way that you interact with God's Word?

TAKING IT HOME

7. As we talked about on Sunday, stories are important because they shape our identity. Who is a member in your community group that you do not know as well? Ask someone in your group for coffee and hear their life story!