

## Dreams (pt. 1)

We are starting a new Sunday School series about the life of Joseph. Joseph's life story in the Bible gives us a telling picture of the way in which God calls us to live out our "dreams". By dreams, I mean the things that God is calling us to do. We all have dreams in different senses. These can be big-picture and also less significant. God imparts on all of us a calling, dream, gut feeling, or sense of destiny (whatever you want to call it) that is not unrelated to the talents, passions, and desires he has also given us. These dreams are one way that he will use us to bless the world. We might have a dream (again, doesn't have to be a literal "dream") about a certain career we feel called to. People that God is leading us to minister to. A new club, team, or movement that you will start. Social reform. He may even call us to pursue certain people in our lives. *Whatever it is*, whether you have many or just one, God gives all of us *dreams*...

### Scripture: Genesis 37:2-11

Questions:

1. What's going on in the story? What sticks out?
2. What did Joseph's dreams tell him? How do you think he responded to them? (He probably responded in pride, thinking he was going to be this great leader. He seems to boast about it to his brothers which isn't a great response. He lacks humility)
3. How do his brothers respond when he tells them his dream?
4. Does God speak to us in dreams now? Have you ever experienced this?
5. If not a dream (probably not), then what is something that you think God might be putting on your heart? This could be that he wants you to share the gospel with a certain friend, go to a certain school, or join a specific club. Does anyone have a vision or longing, a sense that you want God to use you in a certain way?
  - a. (this may be confusing and it may help to have leaders give examples of what it looked like for them. Reading the introduction to this lesson may be helpful.)
6. How do you think you should respond to this dream, or sense of calling? How can you live into what God is calling you to do?

I hope that these questions kickstart a fruitful conversation about dreams and the life of Joseph. Note that this lesson and series may be more suitable for the older students, just since it's a bit of a more mature topic. But don't let that hold anyone back. Praying that this is clear and leads to some cool times for y'all!