"Meant for Good" Small Group Guide (Week 2)

Week 2: Out of the Pit

Main Scripture Passage:

Genesis 39

Key Verse:

Genesis 39:21-23

Main Idea:

Integrity and faithfulness matter, especially in times of trial.

Key Points from the Sermon:

- 1. Joseph is faithful and positive despite his circumstances (39:1-6)
- 2. Joseph is tempted and tested, but does not sin (39:7-18)
- 3. Faithfulness does not always lead to an immediate reward (39:19-23)
- 4. The true test of faith comes in the midst of difficult trials.
- 5. Staying faithful requires a focus on the long-term "good" God is working.

Reflection Question: What stood out to you the most from this week's sermon?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Begin by asking the group, "How is it with your soul this week?"
- 2. Compare and contrast Joseph's faithfulness with that of some of the people we've met so far in the Genesis series: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob/israel.
- 3. What does this story teach us about integrity and faithfulness?
- 4. How did Joseph resist temptation in Potiphar's house? What can we learn from his example?
- 5. Compare Joseph's resistance to temptation to that of Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11. What are some ways we can prepare for testing? See also James 4:7-10.
- 6. How do you respond when you are falsely accused or treated unfairly?

7. In what ways have you seen God's presence in difficult seasons in your life?

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for strength to resist temptation and remain faithful to God.
- Ask God to give us integrity in all areas of life, even when no one is watching.
- Pray for those who may be facing false accusations or injustice, that they would experience God's presence and peace.

Action Steps for This Week:

- Set personal boundaries to resist temptation in areas where you feel weak.
- Identify one way you can be more faithful in your daily walk with God, even in small things.
- Reach out to someone who is facing trials and remind them that God is with them.