

# “Meant for Good” Small Group Guide (Week 1)

## Week 1: Dreams and Detours

### Main Scripture Passage:

 Genesis 37

### Key Verse:

 Genesis 37:19-20

### Main Idea:

 God’s purpose for our lives may take unexpected turns.

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### Key Points from the Sermon:

1. God’s dream for Creation – “Good” (Genesis 1)
2. Human beings struggle with “good” because of Sin (Genesis 3-11)
3. God begins to work to restore “good” (Genesis 12-36)
4. The Joseph Story is a microcosm of God’s restorative project and a foreshadowing of the gospel.
5. God gives Joseph a royal vision of the future (37:5-11)
6. That vision is derailed by the actions of his brothers (37:12-28)
7. Despite the tragic detour, God is still working.

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

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### Discussion Questions:

1. Begin by asking the group, “How is it with your soul this week?”
2. How do you think the Joseph story fits within the story of Genesis and the whole Bible?
3. Have you ever felt like God gave you a dream or purpose? How did it unfold?
4. How do you think Joseph felt when his brothers betrayed him? Have ever experienced something similar?

5. What are some “detours” that you have faced in your life that seemed negative at the time but later proved to be a “good?”
  6. How can we trust God when life doesn’t go as planned?
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### **Prayer Focus:**

- Pray for trust in God’s plan, even when life takes unexpected turns.
  - Ask God to help us remain faithful during times of uncertainty and disappointment.
  - Pray for those who feel betrayed or rejected, that they would find healing and restoration in Christ.
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### **Action Steps for This Week:**

- Reflect on a time when life didn’t go as planned. Write down how God has used that detour for good.
- Identify an area in your life where you need to trust God more. Surrender it in prayer.
- Encourage someone who is struggling with disappointment by sharing how God has worked in your life.