

## **SERMON QUESTIONS**

### **OPENER:**

In the message, Pastor Dave shared three types of mistreatments: abuse, accusation, and abandonment that Joseph, and possibly each of us, have endured in our lives. Briefly share an example of a mistreatment you have experienced and how it impacted you.

### **WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT MY SINFUL NATURE?**

1. How do you respond when you are mistreated?
2. Which reality do you tend to dwell on more: your mistreatment, or God's sovereignty?

### **WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT GOD?**

1. Discuss how God's sovereignty is demonstrated in Joseph's story. Share examples from your life of how you have seen God take what man intended for evil and use it for good.
2. Do intentional evil acts (Gen 50:20) have no consequences to those committing them?  
How might knowing this truth change how you respond to mistreatment?
3. Why is it important to know that God does not create evil?
4. Why do you think that God does not remove the reality of our mistreatment?

### **HOW DOES THE PASSAGE POINT TO JESUS?**

1. Discuss examples of how Joseph foreshadows Jesus in this passage.
2. How did Jesus provide the ultimate example of forgiveness, becoming the greater, ultimate Joseph?

### **HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO RESPOND?**

1. How might God want you to respond to mistreatment in a different & better way?
2. Spend time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you forgive those who have mistreated you.