



CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #2 - When Life Isn't Fair



GETTING STARTED

What's the most "unfair" thing you can remember happening to you as a kid? (Did a sibling get a bigger cookie, or someone get away with something you didn't?)

THIS WEEK'S THEME

When have you experienced something unfair that was completely outside your control? How did you respond at the time?

How do you usually react when life feels unfair — anger, self-pity, comparison, trust, prayer, or something else?

Read Genesis 37:17-28; 39:1-21 & Romans 8:38-39

What stands out to you most about Joseph's story? What parts of his experience feel "unfair"? How did Joseph respond to the unfair things that happened to him?

How might Joseph have recognized that God was with him even when life didn't seem fair?

Hans said, "God didn't keep Joseph out of the pit, but God didn't leave him there either." How have you seen God bring growth, redemption, or healing from an unfair situation in your own life? Why do you think it's so hard to believe that God is still with us when things go wrong?

What practices or truths help you hold on to faith when life feels unfair?

What does it show us about the kind of relationship God wants with us? How do Paul's words in Romans 8:38-39 encourage you when you're in a "pit" season?

What would it look like for you to "hold the rope" this week — to cling to God's presence in an unfair situation?

TAKING IT HOME

Identify one area of life right now that feels unfair. This week, pray daily: "God, help me to sense Your presence in this place. Remind me that You are faithful in the pit."

PRAY

God, we give thanks that you are faithful even when life isn't fair. When we find ourselves in the pit — hurt, overlooked, or discouraged — help us remember that You haven't left us there. Give us faith to trust you in every season and courage to keep holding on. We believe you are present in our pain and not finished with our story. In Jesus' name, Amen.