



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 4: Joseph and Potiphar's Deceiving Wife—Genesis 39

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?
How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?
How is this the world's story?*

PRAYER

O God of peace and justice, we place at your feet those whose memory we treasure, and those people and names that we will never know. Teach us to lift our eyes above the suffering and agony of this broken world, and give us the grace and mercy to pray for those who wish us harm. As we remember the days gone by, may we place our faith in Your imminence; for You and You alone are the source of presence and ongoing both hope, now and forever. In Your precious Son's name, Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

In your lesson today there were seven ways to help move past envy. Choose three of the ways from the list and choose how you will live them out before your group gathers again. As you practice three of these helpful ways, take time to journal your experience and come ready to discuss these with your group.

- Remember that envy is a sin.
- Remember you are God's creation.
- Come clean with who you really are.
- Be generous.
- Celebrate others.
- Remember you can only control your own circumstances.
- God is your audience, no one else.

BECOMING MY STORY

Proverbs 14:30

1 Peter 2:1-2

James 3:14-16

Isaiah 26:11

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 39, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 39?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 39?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 39 and read them this week, journaling as you go.