







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

09-02-2025		Joseph & THAT coat	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What were you wearing when you were 17 years of age?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What piece of clothing did/do you have that is/was so you? <input type="checkbox"/> When have you felt under pressure to 'dial down' who you are in order to fit in or be accepted by others? e.g. What you wear? How you speak? Your personality? Your culture? Your heritage? <input type="checkbox"/> Why can 'big family' dynamics be such a blessing? And yet be so challenging?		
 Read	Genesis 37:1-11	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1 : Where were Joseph and his extended family from? Where is that today To what extent does Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, western Jordan, southern Syria & Lebanon feel like the 'promised land'? What will drive this extended family/ people to migrate from Canaan to the world's then dominant superpower (Egypt)? How have/ do economic crisis, violence, injustice, slavery, oppression, climate catastrophe, and famine move people around the world? <input type="checkbox"/> v.2 : Who was Joseph working with? Why were some described as his 'brothers' but others as his 'stepbrothers' when <i>all</i> 10 were his 'stepbrothers'? What does this say about how some were viewed/ treated? What is/ might it be like to be in a <i>big</i> family? How can the youngest viewed? What's it like to be the youngest? What were you like when <i>you</i> were 17 years of age? What do you know now that you wish your 17 year old self knew back then? What is/might it be like to be a step-mum/dad? <input type="checkbox"/> v.3 : What does favouritism do? To families? To workplaces? Churches? Society? When have you seen/ felt the effect of favouritism? Why did Jacob give such an elaborate, bejewelled 'coat of many colours' just to Joseph? <input type="checkbox"/> v.4 : How did Joseph's 'working in the field' step-brothers react to <i>that</i> coat? What were they really reacting to? When have you reacted to <i>something</i> only later to realise <i>this</i> was really about <i>that</i> ? Why did they blame <i>Joseph</i> ? Was the solution for Jacob to love Joseph less or the others as much as he loved Joseph? <input type="checkbox"/> v.5-7 : How did Joseph come across to his stepbrothers? When you were 17 what were your people skills like?		
Go further 	<input type="checkbox"/> Why might today Joseph have been considered neurodiverse? <input type="checkbox"/> Following the story, Genesis chapters 37-50, when did Joseph display his: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt-speaking? <input type="checkbox"/> Individual fashion sense? <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle to read social clues? 		

	<input type="checkbox"/> Different attitude to sex? <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitivity to taste/ smell? <input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to principles, even against the odds? <input type="checkbox"/> High-functioning analytical skills? <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to be neuro-diverse today? e.g. autistic, ADHD etc... <input type="checkbox"/> What can church be like for those who are neurodiverse? <input type="checkbox"/> If everyone is made 'fearfully and wonderfully' in the image of God, how can neurodiversity be a gift? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we become inclusive for those who are neurodiverse?
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a conversation with God as you review your wardrobe. What item(s) of clothing are just so you? What item(s) take you back to another time/ emotional state, good or bad? Choose to wear clothes/ an outfit that you feel most confident in.
 Pray	
 My questions:	

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