



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	09-02-2025		Joseph & THAT coat
Start	□ What were you wearing when you were 17 years of age?		
Discuss	 What piece of clothing did/do you have that is/was so you? 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? Why can 'big family' dynamics be such a blessing? And yet be so challenging? 		
Read	<u>Genesis 37:1-11</u>	Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
P	 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? v.2: Who was Joseph working with? Why were some described as his 'brothers' but others as his 'stepbrothers' when <u>all</u> 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 <u>you</u> 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? 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? 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 something 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? v.5-7: How did Jospeh come across to his stepbrothers? When you were 17 what were you people skills like? 		
Go further	 Why might today Joseph have been considered neurodiverse? Following the story, Genesis chapters 37-50, when did Joseph display his: Blunt-speaking? Individual fashion sense? Struggle to read social clues? 		

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