



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

16-02-2025		Joseph & THOSE dreams	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/>		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> How often do you remember a dream? <input type="checkbox"/> What are your dreams like? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever learnt from or acted on a dream? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are some people more prone to dreams than others? <input type="checkbox"/> What part does our personality/ how we are wired make in our approach to dreams?		
 Read	<u>Genesis 37:5-11</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.5 : Why might Joseph's brother have <i>already</i> hated him? What was it about his age/ position in the family Genesis 37:2 ? His birth-Mum Genesis 29:16-30 & Genesis 35:16-20 ? His Dad's attitude Genesis 37:3-4 ? His personality/ how God had wired him? <input type="checkbox"/> v.6 : Why is there sometimes wisdom in <i>not</i> telling others? See Luke 2:19 . How do you decide whether or not to speak? What would it have taken, knowing how they already felt about him, for Joseph to have told his brothers about his dream? When has it taken you courage to tell someone something? Have you ever felt pressure to 'dial down' who you are (personality, culture, difference..) to accommodate others' beliefs/ attitudes/ understanding? <input type="checkbox"/> v.7 : What would Joseph and his brothers have been doing for the last few days? Why do dreams so often make use of our everyday experiences? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 : How did his brothers react? When have you faced a difficult reaction from family or friends to something you felt you should say or do? <input type="checkbox"/> v.9 : Why was this dream bigger than even Joseph realised? Do you think Joseph understood its meaning? <input type="checkbox"/> v.10-11 : What was his Dad's <i>initial</i> reaction? How did he Dad's reaction <i>later</i> change? How did his Dad and brothers differ in their reaction? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is this NOT a story about "Joseph, follow your dreams"? <input type="checkbox"/> Why was this not so much about Joseph's dreams – and his rise to position, power, privilege – but much more about God's dream, fulfilled through Joseph, for all of humanity?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> See Acts 2:17-21 : <input type="checkbox"/> Why <i>did</i> God speak to some people through their dreams? Why <i>does</i> God continue to speak to some people through their dreams? <input type="checkbox"/> What is prophesy?		

	<input type="checkbox"/> What are visions? <input type="checkbox"/> What are dreams? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do visions look to what has <i>yet</i> to happen (the future), whereas dreams on what <i>has</i> happened (the past)? What stops a holy dream from becoming pure nostalgia?
 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Reflect on your own dreams. <input type="checkbox"/> God's dreams about <i>you!</i> About <i>others!</i> About <i>all</i> of Creation Genesis 1:31 .
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep a pen and paper by your bed and make a note of any dreams you have. Then, later, take time to ponder your dreams. What might they tell you?
 Pray	
 My questions:	

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