**Small Group Study Guide, Week of April 27, 2025**

Genesis 37. “The Providence of God-Joseph the Dreamer”

**Question:** How does God accomplish His plan?

**Big Idea:** Every event is under God’s sovereign control as He is personally involved in our lives.

**Ice Breaker:** Tell of a time when you tattled on someone or when someone tattled on you. What was the outcome?

**Dig:**

1. Genesis 37 presents a LOT of family drama. List as many sordid details as you can in terms of the ways parents, children, and siblings interact in unhealthy and/or sinful ways.

1. How would you describe Joseph at this stage of his life? Did he deserve the jealousy his brothers had for him? Why or why not?
2. The history of Joseph in Genesis 37-50 is full of irony. What ironies do you find in this chapter? From what you already know about the chapters to come, what other ironies do you anticipate based on the events in this chapter?

**Apply:**

1. My mother used to say, “God is in control of the drama of your life.” The older I get, the more I see her wisdom. As you reflect on the drama in your own family, how do you see God at work? In what ways do you still struggle to see Him at work? What lessons do you take from this study to help you?

1. To what extent are you responsible for the effect in your life of other peoples’ sins against you? How will you respond?

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