



THAT'S MESSED UP

SESSION 4 - REDEMPTION

SERIES BIG IDEA

Though Joseph lived through so many messed up experiences, the Lord was with him and his life became a model of integrity and grace.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

God wants us to see that he's at work redeeming whatever we've been through.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 41:1-45:28, Romans 8:28

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use the first question is to loosen everyone up. The second question is meant to begin focusing on God and his plan to work all things for His good.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Things to keep in mind with Romans 8:28 – It is not a promise for a cure or a promise to make us rich or famous – it is a promise that God will work through the Christ follower's bad situation to bring glory to God. The phrase "good" is not about God making us healthy or rich – it is to make us holy, more like Jesus. God's purpose is to help us be like Jesus. It may help to back up a few verses to help see this passage in its context.

LIFE APPLICATION

This is a time to share how God is working in and through your life. Help people see that the "bad stuff" in our lives can be redeemed, even when it looks dark or when it doesn't look like that we'd prefer it to look like. Finally, try to get your group talking about areas where they need prayer. It may be good for you to have few Scripture verses on hand to use as a comfort or encouragement.

CHALLENGE

Challenge the group to name their emotions and to find Scriptures that may be of help to them by using openbible.info as a resource. Close the group in prayer by asking for God to work good out of our messed-up situations.