



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**May 11, 2025**

**Genesis 39:1-23**

**“God’s Presence in Trial and Temptation”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. The Lord was present with Joseph in abandonment, temptation, and disappointment. Recall some specific ways that you have felt the nearness of the Lord in difficult times.
2. It can be easily recognizable that the Lord is near when things are going well, and we are tempted to feel God is not present when bad things happen. How does this text subvert that notion?
3. Read Hebrews 13:5. The best thing God can give you is Himself. In what ways is the church challenged to believe this? In what areas of your life might you be struggling to believe this?
4. Read Genesis 39:8-9. How does Joseph view this potential sin? How might that perspective help us in our temptations?
5. How can the presence of the Lord help us in our temptations?
6. In Genesis 40 (next week’s sermon), Joseph will see many “prosperous” things come out of the trials in chapter 39. However, Joseph does not know that any of this will happen. While great things happened to him in Egypt, we are not promised all of those things. What might this say about simple, quiet, faithful obedience to the Lord? Think about this in terms of your community at IDC. In what ways might we be challenged to obey within the church/growth group, and yet may not see anything in return on Earth?