

# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

## What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do / Week 2

### BEFORE GROUP

#### BOTTOM LINE

When there's nothing you can do, God is with you.

#### SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 37:18-22 NIV, Genesis 37:32 NIV, and Genesis 39:2a, NIV.*

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To have students understand that when circumstances are out of our control, we can be sure God is with them. The idea is for students to know that even if things in their lives don't feel fixed or better, they can have confidence in God being present.

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

This week may feel like there isn't a resolution by the end. Try to avoid resolving the tension this week creates by tying everything up in a bow. Remember, the idea isn't to try to make everything sound "fixed" by the end of our time together, but to reassure students of the reality of God being with them, even when circumstances don't go how we like or when we are left with more question marks than answers.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.*

### DURING GROUP

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a situation where you felt things were out of your control. (Examples: being stuck in traffic, when the electricity goes out, etc).
2. What are some words you would use to describe what you felt in that situation? What's the worst part of being in that situation?
3. In your own words, describe Joseph's situation. What do you think were some thoughts Joseph had while in the cistern? What would be some of your thoughts?
4. One of the worst parts of Joseph's situation was his being alone. Why do you think situations that feel out of our control are more difficult to handle when you feel alone?
5. If you weren't alone in that situation, how would it have changed how you felt about it?
6. What are some ways we can be reminded that God is with us?
7. **For upperclassmen:** Why do we often want to have perfect resolutions, even when we know they don't always happen?
8. **Don't skip this:** What could help you get through situations when you feel stuck?
9. If one of your friends were in that situation, what would you say to them or remind them?

#### TRY THIS

Leaders, this week will present a lot of tensions that may not be resolved, challenge your students to read and memorize this verse or find something that can remind them that they're not alone and that God is with them.