GROUP GUIDE

Highlands Fellowship

Bucket List: Dream Great Dreams

Genesis 37:1-11

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**Main Point**

For a younger generation to see visions of what could be, an older generation must desire to dream new dreams and be willing to reject what has always been the norm.

**Introduction**

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

What dreams do you have for your life?

What dreams do you think God might have for your life?

Have any of the dreams God has for you become reality? Did you have to go through anything challenging in order for that to happen?

**Understanding**

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

ask someone to READ GENESIS 37:1 - 11.

What do you learn about Jacob in this passage?

What stands out to you about the Bible’s description of Joseph?

What do you learn about Jacob's other sons?

From verse 2, there is a difference noted between Joseph and his brothers. How would you describe that difference? How does this help you understand why Jacob treated Joseph differently?

In this week's message, "favor" was defined as "God’s grace channeled through human abilities generating influence."

When it comes to dreaming great dreams, why is it critical to know that any favor we receive, any dream becoming reality, comes from God? What happens if we dream big dreams but don't acknowledge God's favor?

In this week's message, the question was asked, "What would you do for God if you knew you could not fail?"

Does spiritual success mean the absence of difficulty? Why not?

What does a person have to know and believe about God to step out in faith and endure difficulties before seeing a dream from God become reality?

ask someone to READ GENESIS 37:11 again.

Why did Jacob not automatically scorn Joseph's dreams as the other sons had?

When someone you know has a dream, are you more likely to shoot it down and discard it like Joseph's brothers did or do you take time to consider how you might come alongside to help? Explain.

**Application**

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

In this week's sermon, we learned the following four principles for dreaming great dreams for God: decide to flourish where you are, know your favor is from God, know you will face some fire, and have strong faith. Which of these is most difficult for you currently? Explain.

In what areas do you struggle to submit to God’s sovereign plan? How might you embrace more of an attitude of submission to God this week?

**Prayer**

Lord, we thank You for the favor of our relationship with Jesus. We ask that You help us dream great dreams and practice our faith in the challenging opportunities that come into our lives. Let us, like Joseph, live our lives so that we are a testimony to Your power, that we represent You well in all our actions.