

Small Group Questions: Joseph / Overcoming Adversity

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Read

Romans 5:3-5

Reflect

We all face adversity in our lives. It can be caused by our own choices or those of another. In this message about the life of Joseph, Pastor Adam Martin teaches that no matter what causes our problems, God will use them for our good.

Three Things Joseph's Story Teaches Us about Adversity:

1. Sometimes we encounter adversity in our lives.

- a. In what ways are you experiencing adversity now?
- b. Have you ever experienced adversity caused by someone else?

2. Sometimes we create adversity in our lives.

- a. Tell of a time that your personal decisions led to challenges in your life.
- b. Pastor Adam gives three questions that will help you determine if you should say something to someone else. When is a time in your life that these questions would have been useful to use?
 - i. Does this need to be said?
 - ii. Does this need to be said now?
 - iii. Does this need to be said by me?

3. God always uses the adversity in our lives.

- a. What is a challenge you have faced that God has used for your good?
- b. How does thinking of this help you cope with challenges in the present or future?
- c. Do you have an offense against someone that you need to let go of? Take few moments in silent prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer to this question before sharing.

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?