

NEON

Week 1: Neon Sign #1—God Always Sees the Bigger Picture

Connect

Where do you fall in your family birth order? What were the differences of when mom was watching the kids vs dad watching the kids?

Grow

1. Summarize **Genesis 37, 39-41**. What part of Joseph's story really stuck out to you? What in his story do you relate to?
2. Jon told us that the phrase "God was with Joseph" is used 7 times in the book of Genesis. What does this show you about God's character?
3. Do you believe God is always with you like he was always with Joseph? Why or why not?
4. Read **Genesis 41:41-44**. If you had that kind of power / authority with Joseph's history, what would you do? Would you respond in revenge or forgiveness?
5. Read **James 1:2-4 (MSG)**. "God allows short-term pain for long-term gain" because He's more concerned about your character than your comfort. Where have you seen this to be true in your life?
6. Jon used the example of a car mirror to show our pain is closer than it appears. When you look in the mirror who is it that you see who hurt you?
7. Think of one person who has hurt you. Have you forgiven them? What do you need to do today to stop looking back and start looking up?

Pray

Thank God that we get to live as forgiven people. Pray that He will show you who you need to forgive and that you will be obedient in that forgiveness.

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Read through Joseph's story in Genesis this week. Reflect on where God has leveraged your pain for good. Share that with someone in your group.