

Communities Questions and Discussion

For the week of: **March 27, 2011**

1. Joseph had some pretty wild dreams! What are some of the craziest or funniest dreams that you remember? Have you ever had a dream that you were convinced “meant something” for your life? What was the dream? What do you think it means for your life?
2. This week, we talked about not allowing the past to defeat us because God can defeat anything. What, from your past, have you seen God redeem or overcome? How did God give you victory? Do you find yourself thinking about things that are still claiming victory over you?
3. Joseph had a lot of reasons to be angry with God for his upbringing. His brothers hated him; His mother died at a young age; He was sold into slavery. If you were in Joseph’s situation, would you be angry with God? Would you be obsessed with revenge on your brothers? How have you gotten over revenge in the past? What can we learn from Joseph’s life? How can we apply those lessons to our own life?
4. Joseph’s brothers plotted to kill “the dreamer” (Genesis 37:19-20). Sometimes it seems like other people or circumstances are out to kill our dreams. Later in Joseph’s story, we see that God used Joseph’s unfortunate circumstances to fulfill his dreams. Do you find it easy or difficult to believe that God will overcome our unfortunate past or present circumstances and fulfill our God-given dreams? Why or why not?
5. Check out Psalm 11:3-4. *“³ When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”* *“⁴ The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.”* The Lord is in control of everything that comes our way – today and always! What is standing in the way of you trusting God in *all* situations?