

YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS: JUNK ART

Life Group Questions | Sunday, May 31, 2020

It's been a painful week for our country. Take a few minutes to check in with one another. Tune in to your own heart. What ONE WORD would you use to describe how you are. This is a time to listen compassionately—not a time to fix, solve, or set other people straight.

Read Genesis 37:1-24. Read one more time, using your senses to imagine yourself in the story. Talk about the various characters and their emotions/reactions.

What do you think Joseph was feeling as he lay at the bottom of the cistern, scared, bruised, and broken?

Read Genesis 50:20. We cannot properly consider the opening scenes of the story of Joseph without considering the full story. Spoiler alert. We still have many adventures to explore but Joseph ends up as the 2nd most powerful person in the world. He ends up in a place where he saves his family, saves the future nation of Israel. How does this verse speak to you today?

Discuss the following Life Lessons. What resonates with you? Challenges you? What questions do you have? What stories can you share from your own life?

- **Evil exists.** We are all witnesses to the epic battle of goodness and evil. We see it waged on battlefields, in courtrooms, in boardrooms, in homes, churches, neighborhoods and most certainly in human hearts.
- **In God's hands intended evil becomes eventual good.** God takes suffering and evil—the things we want to throw away—and creates something good. God creates beauty out of junk.
- **You'll get through this.** God gets us through stuff, but here's the catch: the journey through stuff takes time, sometimes a long time.

Read Ephesians 2:10. What feels like junk in your life right now? Where do you ache for God's redemption? Where do you see (or trust) that God at work, making art out of what feels like waste?

Close in prayer.