

FROM BIRTH TO BITTERNESS
(EXODUS 1:1-8; GENESIS 37:1-36 AND 39:1-6)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- What circumstances led Joseph's brothers to envy him?
- What circumstances have caused you to envy someone else?
- How did envy affect relationships within Joseph's family?
- How has envy affected some of your own relationships?
- Envy was nurtured and reinforced as a collective value within Joseph's family. By reinforcing their conviction with one another their response escalated to murder. What are some ways this negative feedback loop could be interrupted or prevented?
- What role does gratitude play in battling envy?
- When our hearts are filled with envy, how can the example or work of Jesus transform them to be filled with contentment?
- What do you need to believe about God in order to not envy what others have?

EXODUS
REDEEMED. RESCUED. RESTORED.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- Has there been a time in your life where you wanted something someone else had? Do you think getting it would have satisfied you? Why or why not?
- Can you be thankful for what God has given to you and envious of what others have at the same time? Why or why not?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Scott & Erin Ribble, Youth Hope, Florida
- Rob Strauss, Elder
- Ross Martin, Director of Worship
- SWAT and our High School Students
- Fox Valley Bible Chapel, Little Chute
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. **James 4:2-3 (ESV)**