

Suggested Discussion Questions for 1/15/2023
Message: THRIVING with Joseph pt 1, Genesis 37 & 39

1. If your group did not meet last week due to the weather, discuss a couple of the questions that most interest you about the concept of Thriving and the discussion of it in Col. 2:6-7.
2. Interact on the interplay between thriving and the yeah duck/yucky duck visualization. Consider things like: what are some yeah and yucky ducks in my life (past or present)? How have those impacted my thriving? What did I discover in this message that helps me deal with these “ducky” realities?
3. If you haven’t already, read Genesis 37 & 39. What jumps off the page for you? Why?
4. Thriving for Joseph involved dealing with an oppositional family. How do you see parallels in our world or in your family?

What insight did you find helpful in the message to deal with this?

5. Joseph’s recorded troubles began when he spoke the truth about his dream – a revelation from God? What is going on in your family if/when you speak the truths of Scripture – God’s revelation to us?

How do you see Jesus’ words in Luke 12:51-53 guiding us in our current family challenges?

6. When do you find it easiest/most difficult to live with the conscious reality that God is with you?
7. Why do you think it’s easy for people who don’t get what they want when they want to accuse God of abandoning them?
8. Discuss what you think “success” implies in this text.
9. If you are prompted to embrace Tim Challies response to his adversity (I will grieve but not grumble, mourn but not murmur, weep but not whine) share an area where you may be challenged to grumble, murmur or whine and pray for each other for victory.