

# Table Talk MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 6, 2019

## Genesis 35:9-12, Genesis 37, 41:37-49; Matthew 5:10-12 — Joseph and His Brothers

This week's lesson focused on Joseph and his brothers. We looked at how Joseph's life was a part of God's master plan to carry out the covenant promise handed down from Abraham, Isaac, and now to Joseph's father, Jacob. Through the turbulent circumstances in Joseph's life, we see that God redeems suffering, and turns our loss into gain. For those who follow Christ and trust His promises, we have hope in the midst of pain.

**NEXT STEPS:** During the next week as you have time to talk with your child, consider discussing the following:

- Joseph had it pretty rough with his brothers. What did you learn about how God used those tough times to keep His promise?
- There are a lot of believers suffering pretty severely around the world. How do you think God's promise to redeem our suffering might give those believers strength to still follow Christ?
- Share with your child how you have trusted God's promises in a time when your family may have been suffering.

# Table Talk HIGH SCHOOL

October 6, 2019

## John 13:31-35, 15:12-13—Known By Their Love

We concluded the series with a study on what it means to be known or defined by our love for others. We talked about some people in the news and some throughout history who are well known because of something they either still do or something they did. We challenged the students to consider what they are known by, and what it would take for them to be known for showing the love of Christ to the world.

**NEXT STEPS:** Each week we close a lesson by looking at ways for your teenager to apply what he or she has learned in his or her life. This process of applying the Bible to life is especially important in the final lesson. Remember that real change takes place when we apply the Bible to our day-to-day life. With that in mind, see if you can engage your teenager by offering the some of the following challenges this week:

- Ask your teenager about the lesson this week and ask if there was any application associated with the study.
- Ask about some family member who is or was known for something like a skill or a favorite food or maybe even a passion for God. Relate that to how Jesus wants His children to be known for their love for others.
- Think about some ways that you can help engage your teenager in actively showing love to others. Is there a ministry opportunity near you or some ministry work you could help your teenager begin in your area? Encourage your child to get involved in loving others because of his or her love for God.