

Behind the Scenes
Week 2: August 30th
Don't Cross that Line
Genesis 39:1-18

Choose the questions that work for your group; on the reverse side there are Discovery Questions that you can use instead (or a combo)

1. Temptation can sweep up unexpectedly and knock you off your feet. Have you ever felt temptation come suddenly, and if so, what helped you stay grounded?
2. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that temptation makes God “quite unreal to us.” What does it look like in your life when God begins to feel less real, and how do you restore the sense of His presence?
3. Joseph “drew the line and stayed well behind it.” What boundaries have you set—or need to set—to stay far from the line in areas where you’re vulnerable?
4. Success can make us more vulnerable than failure. Why do you think seasons of success or comfort can make temptation more dangerous?
5. Potiphar’s wife tempted Joseph “day after day.” How do you handle temptations that are persistent rather than momentary?
6. Joseph refused not only out of loyalty to Potiphar but out of devotion to God. How does remembering God’s character and presence strengthen your ability to resist temptation?
7. Temptation cuts us off from the strength, the help, the peace, the joy, and the love of the True God. Which of those do you feel you lose first when you give in to temptation, and why?
8. Joseph’s obedience didn’t lead to immediate reward—he was falsely accused and imprisoned. How do you stay faithful when doing the right thing leads to hardship instead of blessing?
9. How can love overpower desire? What practices help you remember what (or who) you truly value when you’re tempted?
10. Where’s your line? If you were to define your line today—spiritually, morally, relationally—what would it be, and what would staying ten steps behind it look like in daily life?

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Simple Bible Discovery Questions

Check In with Each Other: Have each person share:

- Love God: Where did you see God working this week? What makes you grateful?
 - Joys, struggles, breakthroughs with God
- Grow in Grace: What challenges did you face this week? How did you respond?
 - Positive or negative; good, bad or indifferent
- Share with Others: How did you share Jesus' love and truth this week?
 - By your actions; By your words

Apply God's Word:

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What does this passage tell us about God, Jesus or His plan?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How can you specifically live out what you learned in this passage? Fill in this blank:
 - "I WILL _____"
- Who will you tell about what you discovered?