## "God meant it for good"

STUDY 2

Reading: Genesis 37:12-24



"Here comes this dreamer"

## **Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions**

Tuesday 18th/Wednesday 19th October 2016

"Who would have thought that God would choose to work out His plan through a family like Jacob's, rife with favouritism, jealousy, immorality and vengeance? Yet it is precisely what He did" (Liam Goligher).

1) Bearing in mind what has happened in the past; what are Jacob's motives in sending Joseph to his brothers in verses 13-14?

Jacob is obedient to his father; despite the danger that he faced from both inside and outside his family:

- 2) What is the basis of the brothers' hatred towards Joseph that we see in verses 18-20?
- 3) In verses 21-22, what are we to make of Reuben?

We noted in our series introduction that there is no direct mention of God in chapter 37:

- 4) How are we beginning to see God's providence in this story?
- 5) How does a belief in God's providence affect the way you see things in your life today?

Joseph is seen as being a 'type of Christ'. By a 'type' we mean an Old Testament picture of the person and work of Jesus.

6) What have we seen in the first twenty-four verses of Genesis 37 that point to Joseph being that 'type'?