

## **Joseph in Context: The Big Story of Genesis**

In our morning plenary sessions we will be learning from the life of Joseph. Day one puts Joseph's life in the context of the big story of Genesis from the beginning of everything to a coffin in Egypt. Day two shows the disintegration of a family through his father's favouritism and his own dreams of power resulting in his brothers' murderous resentment. Day three tracks Joseph's training, testing and rise to power in work and ethics, in suffering and endurance and in witness and rule. In day four a family is reconciled through Joseph's redemptive treatment of his brothers.

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### **I. 1.1-2.3 The Creation and Organisation of the Universe**

A. The Word creates: men and women – God's Image

### **II. 2.4-4.26 The meaning of human life and death [a. Heavens b. Earth]**

A. The Word defines morality: temptation, sin and salvation

B. Cain and Abel

### **III 5.1-9.29 The nature of human beings [a.Adam b.Noah]**

A. The faith of Noah

B. The judgement of the Flood

**IV. 10.1-25.11 The Rise of the Hebrew nation from the Gentile nations [a) Noah, Shem b) Terah]**

- A. Abraham and his sons – Ishmael and Isaac
- B. The death of Abraham

**V. 25.12-35-29 The development of the Hebrews into Israelites [a) Ishmael b) Isaac]**

- A. Isaac and his sons – Esau and Jacob
- B. The death of Isaac.

**VI 36.1-50.26 The Israelites become a blessing to the Gentile world through Joseph [a) Esau b) Jacob]**

- A. Jacob and his 12 sons
- B. The deaths of Jacob and Joseph