

- I. Joseph is faithful in suffering
 - A. Joseph's suffering is obvious in this text, but where do we see his faithfulness? What parts of his story show faithfulness to God through all of the trials in his life?
 - B. How does God respond to the suffering in Joseph's life? What is his response to suffering in our lives?
 - C. What does faithfulness in suffering look like for us when *we* suffer? How can we, as a church, be faithful to God through times when *others* suffer, in our church or around us?
- II. Joseph is faithful to be holy
 - A. To be holy is to be set apart by God. At what times in his life is Joseph tempted toward sin? How does he respond, and what are the results?
 - B. What is the result of holiness in our lives? What is the cost, and what is the benefit? Or, why does God make his people holy (why set them apart at all—why not simply love them in sin without requiring change)?
 - C. How is God calling you to be holy? How can we encourage each other in holiness?
- III. Joseph is faithful to the promise given
 - A. Where in this story do we see Joseph's faith in the promises of God? What promises had God given to him? How does he respond to these promises?
 - B. In what way is Joseph's life a promise fulfilled in Christ? In other words, in what way is Jesus a new and better Joseph?
 - C. What has God promised us, as individuals and as a church? How should we respond to these promises?