

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Whiplash

**Week 3: Overcoming Temptation**  
**Genesis 39:6-12**

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Joseph faced tremendous temptation and was victorious in resisting. Every one of us deal with temptation and the example of Joseph can provide us a path to victory.

**Kicking it off:** Jeff shared of his failure when tempted with a free hot fudge sundae. What food would you struggle to resist most?

### Discussion:

1. Reread Genesis 39:6-7 *Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused.*

What made this situation exceptionally tempting for Joseph?

2. Reread what Joseph said to Potiphar's wife in Genesis 39:9a *"No one is greater in this house than I am."*

Joseph reflected on all he had to lose by falling to temptation. How can we do the same in facing our own temptations?

3. Reread Genesis 39:9b *"My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife."*

Joseph recognized that failing in that temptation would cause Potiphar much pain. Our sin also causes others pain. How does falling to pornography bring pain to others?

4. Reread Genesis 39:9c *"How could I do such a wicked thing?"*

The Egyptian culture viewed adultery as normal (so long as you didn't get caught), yet Joseph knew it was evil in God's eyes. What is evil in God's eyes, but normalized in our culture?

5. Reread Genesis 39:9d *"How could I sin against God?"*

How can we increase our awareness of God's presence in the moment we face temptation?

6. Reread Genesis 39:11-12 *One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.*

Do you have an example of a "drastic measure" you've taken in your fight against temptation?

**Wrapping It Up:** Jesus taught us to pray: "lead us away from temptation" (Matthew 6:13). Let's pray for this.