Introduction: God is on the move in our world, in our city and in our personal lives. Our culture tells us to focus on ourselves, however, the truth is that life "is not about me." We are here to love God and love others. We all go through struggles or "pits" at some point in our life. When we are in the pit, that is when we can learn to love God. We can't play the victim. We need to remember that Jesus can help us out of the pit. God needs us to love and serve others. God is on the move and he needs us to help carry out his vision.

Scripture: Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."" Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Genesis 37-50 Lessons from Joseph

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are ways our world sends us messages that encourage us to be selfish?
- 2. The phrase that can change everything, "It's not about me" should be freeing to us. In what ways have you experienced this freedom, or have there been times that the phrase could have been a help to you?
- 3. How does Jesus' command to love God and Love others readjust your focus and priorities for daily living?
- 4. Think about Joseph's life. What would it be like to know God was talking to you through dreams? In what ways do you dream big?
- 5. When have you experienced life in the pit? What did you learn from that experience? Do you view pits as punishment or protection?
- 6. In what ways do you play the victim role?
- 7. Joseph experienced success as God "schooled" him and he learned it wasn't about him. How does serving impact you?

Take the next step: Thank God for never giving up on us and continuing to love us. Ask God's forgiveness for our selfishness. Ask God to help you to get to know him and to love him. Ask God help you show his love to others by serving them.