

MILESTONES
WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE
"Detours"

READ

This was the second week of our "Milestones" message series. Matt talked about Joseph and the detours that he faced throughout his life. He went from being his father's favorite, to being a slave, to being in charge of a large estate, to being a prisoner, to overseeing the prison, to being forgotten, to serving the King of Egypt, to a famine, to rescuing and reuniting with his family. His life was a roller-coaster, but his faith was not. He trusted God's faithfulness, and in the end God used Joseph's struggles to save his people. Even as a slave, Joseph resolved to be the best slave that he could be. And as a prisoner, he resolved to be the best prisoner that he could be. He focused on the things that he could control instead of the things that were beyond his control. And because of this, God was able to use Joseph to do incredible things.

DISCUSS

Just for fun, tell us about the worst detour you ever had to make while traveling.

What has been your biggest life-detour?

Do you feel that you are presently in a life-detour?

We learned that Joseph depended on God's faithfulness during his life's detours, and that this led him to serve a greater purpose that God had for his people. Do you feel that detours that you have experienced, or are experiencing may be serving a greater purpose?

When you are in a life-detour or crisis, do you tend to focus on the things that are within your control, or the things that are beyond your control?

If you are in the midst of a detour right now, what are the things that are within your control? What do you hope that God can accomplish through this detour?

PRAY FOR YOUR GROUP

Pray that we navigate life's detours with faithfulness and wisdom. Pray that we will look for the bigger picture of how God is working through these detours. Pray specifically for anyone in your group who is presently struggling through a detour.

PRAY FOR FCC

Churches also experience detours. Sometimes things don't go as planned. Sometimes God leads us in a direction that isn't necessarily what we had in mind. Detours are inevitable. Pray that we, as a church will have the wisdom and faithfulness to thrive in the midst of whatever detours the future may hold.

PRAY FOR OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

Please pray for those who have not yet heard of the hope found in Jesus. In partnership with Lifeline Christian Ministries in the US, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras and Ecuador, we pray for those serving. We also pray for those in need of shelter, food, medical help, acceptance and love. We pray for wisdom and guidance as we look towards partnership in sending short- term teams into the field to serve in those areas. As Jesus prayed in John 17:18, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.