Genesis 39:1-23 – A Successful Man Lands in Prison

Big Idea: God is with us

1. What does this chapter (and particularly Joseph’s success) reveal about success for believers? How should this influence how we view or interpret success in our own lives and the lives of others? What is difficult about experiencing or (not experiencing) and interpreting success in our context?

2. How does Joseph’s success actually become the context for experiencing temptation? How can or where does success lead to temptation in our lives? How do we need to be on guard as we experience success?

3. In what ways is God with us in temptation? What difference does that make for us as we encounter temptation?

4. How can this passage/sermon help us be better equipped when facing temptation or to help others facing temptation?

5. The text makes clear that God was with Joseph even in hard places and dark times. Why might we be tempted to doubt that God is with us? What tempts you to doubt God’s presence with you?

6. When has been a season in your life when you had to trust by faith that God was with you? What did you learn or how did you grow in that season?