



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Plot Twist | Week 2

Last Week

How did last week's lesson on the dysfunctionality of Joseph's family make you feel about your own experience with family dysfunction?

Opener

Let's talk about a time you had big dreams that you were convinced would happen but something else happened instead. How did you react? How has your perspective changed now?

Questions

Why do you think it may have been a bad idea for Joseph to share his dreams with his family? Have you ever had a similar incident in your life?

What does it look like to know that life will throw "blitzes" at you? Why is it good to accept in advance that life might not go as planned? How do you avoid simply being a pessimist while knowing that there is a possibility of disappointment?

Is it easy or hard to accept that perhaps your dreams may not align with God's plans for you? How does this make you feel? Does it help to know your plans may conflict with God's?

Does anyone have a story to share where they spent a lot of time preparing for one thing only to find out God had other plans?

Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

- *Read the verses out loud together*
- *Share your observations*
- *Discuss Application*
- *Close in Prayer*

Next Steps:

What can we do to improve our gratitude in knowing God has a plan worked out for us?