

FROM **DREAM** TO **DESTINY**  
FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

## The Pit Test

**Focus** God has a dream and a destiny for every person, but there are some tests we must pass before we can fulfill our destiny.

**Open** What is one dream you have for your future that gets you excited whenever you think about it?

**Read** Every person has a God-given dream and destiny. Many people live *with* the dream instead of living *in* their destiny. The key to knowing God's dream for your life is knowing God—the One who can reveal and fulfill it (Numbers 12:6–8).

Before we can fulfill our destiny, we must pass some tests as Joseph did in the book of Genesis. Last week, we discussed the pride test, which often leads us to the second test—the pit test. While pride *can* bring us into the pit, we often end up in the pit for reasons beyond our control. Regardless of the reason why we're in the pit, the way we pass the pit test is by crying out to the Lord. When we call upon the name of the Lord, no matter what pit we're in, God is gracious, merciful and faithful to bring us safely out of it.

- Talk**
1. Can you recall a time you walked through a season that felt like a pit test?
  2. Read Psalm 119:71 and Romans 8:28. How does God use hardships and pits for our good? Can you think of a time when this has been true for you?
  3. Read Psalm 107:6, Psalm 120:1 and Psalm 118:5–8. Tell about a time you cried out to the Lord and how He helped you.

4. Read Psalm 94:17–19 and Psalm 34:17–19. What do you think God is trying to show us through these verses?
5. Even in difficulty, we find comfort and hope when we cry out to God. What are some of the various ways God comforts us when we cry out to Him?

**Live**

1. Read John 14:26–27. In addition to His peace, God has given us the Holy Spirit as a Comforter. Whether we're in a pit test or not, how can we actively invite God's peace and the Holy Spirit into our lives?
2. Read Jeremiah 18:4–6. Whether being molded like clay or walking through the pit test, the things God brings us through are for a higher purpose. The pit test is a necessary part of the journey from our dreams to our destiny. Why is keeping the big picture in mind always important?

**Pray**

There is a good possibility that someone in your group this week is going through a pit test. Take time to ask each other if anyone is going through a particularly challenging season. Gather around them, and spend some time praying for them as a group.