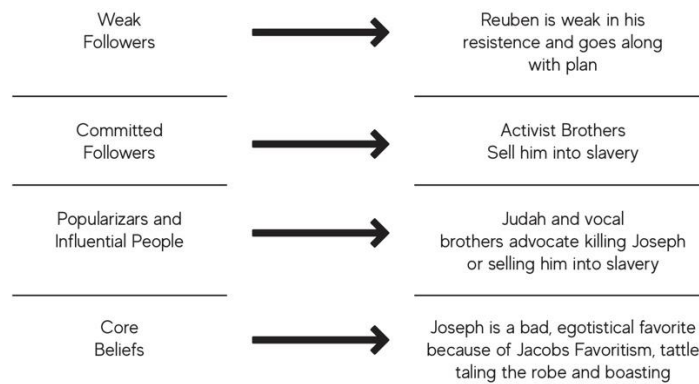




**The New Persecution**  
 Genesis 37  
 Group Discussion Guide  
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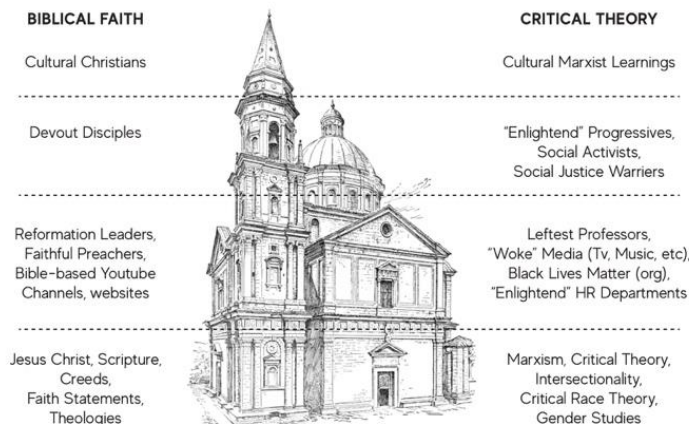
1. Have everyone in the group share and give a personal update: “what is something good in your life right now, for which you are thankful?”
2. Review the story of Joseph from **Genesis 37**. As a group, summarize what happened.
3. Review the chart below to see how persecution developed with Joseph and his brothers. Make sure you review the flow of the influence of core beliefs down through influential people to weak followers.

**Beliefs and Their Consequences**  
 Genesis 37 and Proverbs 21:2



4. Review the chart below, after understanding how core beliefs work their way down through influential people down to weak followers. Discuss how the core beliefs of a Biblical faith work their way down through influential people all the way to weak followers. Lastly, work through the points about Critical Theory on the right and see how many in our culture are now leaning toward cultural Marxism.

**Which Worldview?**  
 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Colossians 2:6-8



5. Finally review the comparison and contrast of the two beliefs systems below. What stands out to you about this chart and why?

Critical Theory	Biblical Faith
1 My identity is based on my gender, race, sexual orientation	— My identity is based on being "In Christ"
2 Truth is based upon the intersection of the ways I identify (my truth)	— Truth can be seen by everyone
3 The traditional family should be rejected	— The traditional family is ideal (or the single life)
4 Women must be freed from tradition manhood (it is toxic)	— God uniquely calls men to servant leadership in marriage
5 Sexual liberation involves consenting people in any sexual behavior, including LGBTQ	— Sex is only for marriage between a man and a woman
6 Any marriage form is good - polyamory, LGBTQ, no marriage, etc.	— Marriage is a covenant commitment between one man and one woman
7 Authority is systemically oppressive	— Authority in Government, Church and Home is God-given
8 Overthrowing any system upheld by a dominant group is inherently valuable	— Upholding peace and stability with godliness is key

6. \*Please note, we will continue to look at Joseph and persecution in the upcoming weeks and how it ties in with our cultural moment. Close in prayer. Ask how can we pray for each other this week.