SUMMIT CHURCH
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY

LIFE groups

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 1, 2026 | GARMENTS Week 1: The Favored Cloak



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER_____

1. What's a candy you remember from growing up that you **don't see** much anymore?

2. What's something you remember a friend or sibling getting that **made you wish you had one too**?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Share something from the service or message that **stood out, challenged or encouraged you**.
2. READ **Genesis 37:3–11** together. What do you notice about the **relationships** and **dysfunction** within Joseph's family?

3. Joseph's family was deeply broken, yet God had a **purpose** for his life. What does that suggest about God's ability to work even in family pain? How might that **give hope** to someone whose family situation is still difficult?

4. What helps you **trust God** when you can't see how things fit together, or when you're **unsure** what he's calling you to?

5. READ **Genesis 37:18–28** together. How did **jealousy grow** into the brothers' **decision** to sell Joseph, and what does that reveal about how envy works?

6. Where are you most tempted to **compare** your life with someone else's? What might it look like to **celebrate** what God is doing in another person's life instead?

7. How should what Jesus has done for us through **his sacrifice change** the way we see ourselves and others?



GOING DEEPER

READ **John 21:15–23** together.

1. What is something that **jumps out at you** from this passage?

2. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes **Peter's love** for him before **calling him** to **follow** and **serve** him?

3. In **verse 15**, Jesus asks Peter if he loves him “more than these.” What do you think Jesus had in mind, and what are some things in our own lives that might **compete** with our love for Jesus?

4. What do you think caused Peter's question about John, and where does Jesus redirect Peter's attention toward?

5. In **verses 18–19**, Jesus describes a path Peter wouldn’t choose, and then calls him to follow. What **similarities** or **differences** do you notice with Joseph’s story? How might it connect with you?

6. Jesus tells Peter to follow him, **regardless** of what happens to John. What would it look like for you to **take a step toward Jesus** without regard to anyone or anything else this week?



YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose one. *If you want to go deeper, try both.*

☐ Where do you most often **compare yourself with others**? This week, each time that comparison shows up, thank God for **one specific thing** he has **given** you.

☐ Read these *three passages* this week: **Ephesians 1:3–8, Romans 8:14–17, and 1 Peter 2:9–10**. What does each passage tell you about **who you are in Christ**? After reading these passages, how might **these truths** change the way you see yourself and the people you tend to compare yourself with?



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take time to **share** burdens and **pray** for one another.