

# LIVING THE DREAM

## Your God Given Dream | Discussion Notes

As an icebreaker, start by sharing stories of any funny, or maybe scary, dreams.

This series we're looking at the dreams we might have for our lives. Get into groups of 3 and ask the following questions:

- Have you had dreams for your life? Things you hope will happen or items on your bucket list?
- How has the last year changed your dreams?

## JUST FOR YOU

Read Genesis 37:1-8. In this passage we see that Joseph had a dream about him, his gifting and his future.

Joseph had unusual gifts of leadership and management which meant that God has a dream just for him, the perfect fit for his gifts. Sometimes it is easier to see the gifts other people have than it is to see our own, so spend some time encouraging each other with what gifts you see in them. There are a few ways you might want to do this:

- If you have a group of over 4 or 5, you could break into smaller groups and go around the group, taking it in turns to encourage one person at a time.
- Encourage people to shout out what gifts they see in other people in a random order, making sure that everyone is covered before moving on
- Select one person at a time and ask people to put in the chat what gifts they see in that person

For some of us we're already using our gifts and can see how God is using them. Ask people for examples, perhaps from work or in church, where they feel like they are using gifts God has given them.

## BIGGER THAN YOU

Read Genesis 37:9-11. This passage might need a bit of explaining so feel free to read this out: "In this passage we see a second dream Joseph has. Joseph's dad is Jacob who himself had a similar dream of his brother bowing down to him but that dream never actually came true. What we're seeing here is that Joseph is fitting into something bigger than just his own life - he is taking part in God's dream to bring everyone back into relationship with him! In fact, it isn't until Jesus that we see God's big dream that Joseph was a part of coming to pass.

- What do you think God's dream for Bristol looks like?
- Have you ever thought of being part of something bigger? Have you thought about your life as part of God's dream for the world?
- What role do you think Metro plays in God's plan for Bristol? And what role do we play in that?

As always, one of the best things we can do together as a Hub is just to pray. Spend some time, either in big groups or in threes, sharing prayer requests and then praying.