ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 27/07/08
"The Patriarchs: Joseph" – Simon Ash

Read: Genesis 37:1-36

1. Do you think we live in a 'better' society than 10, 100, 1000, or 4000 years ago? How can we – as individuals - make a difference to society today?

2. Read Exodus 20:5, Numbers 14:18 and Deuteronomy 5:9. How do you think these verses apply to the world around us?

3. Read Genesis 37:13 (in several different translations if possible). Compare it with Isaiah 6:8. What can we learn from the attitudes of Joseph and Isaiah?

4. Joseph was tested by God (Psalm 105). Can you describe a time when you were being tested? How did you respond? What did you learn?

***Bonus activity**: If you want to dig deeper this week, in your own time, try reading chapters 34, 35 and 38 to see the wider family context of what was going on among the sons of Israel.*