**Chapter 3: JOSEPH – FROM SLAVE TO DEPUTY PHARAOH**

**Icebreaker Question**: What’s the best promotion you ever received? How did you earn it?

1. Jacob’s tendency toward favoritism was passed down from his own parents and contributed to his son Joseph’s alienation and betrayal. What are some practical lessons families can learn from their stories? Are there any “family history” issues you need to overcome or avoid? Any items you want to preserve for your family? Perhaps there’s a “victory” story you’d like to share.

2. As a teen, Joseph had two dreams that indicated he would one day rule over his brothers. Discuss Joseph’s character qualities that demonstrate why he was God’s choice for a leader. Which of these character qualities are important in a leader today?

3. What positive impact did Joseph’s godly character have on those he worked under? How might your workplace prosper under the influence of godly character?

4. List the injustices Joseph suffered. What sustained him? Have you ever suffered unjustly for doing the right thing? If so, what sustained you?

5. Twenty years after his brothers sold him into slavery, they came to Joseph to buy grain. Do you see evidence they had changed over the years?

6. How was it possible for Joseph to forgive his brothers? Why do you think he chose to do it the way he did?

7. Ponder the whole life story of Joseph. As a group, discuss the ways God’s sovereignty came to light. How does God’s sovereignty impact your personal faith in Him?

8. Is there anything you’re struggling with that is testing your faith in God’s sovereignty? If comfortable, share with your group how they can pray for you in this area.

In the time remaining ask your group members to share any of their personal reflection insights from their journal entries. Conclude your time in prayer.