



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK

Sample Conversations

Joseph relies on Jehovah while imprisoned in Egypt

INITIAL CALL

Question: What happens when we die?

Scripture: Ec 9:5a

Link: Is death the end of it all?

FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE
TEACHING TOOLBOX:



• bhs 63 ¶16

FIRST RETURN VISIT

Question: Is death the end of it all?

Scripture: Job 14:14, 15

Link: What will life be like when God resurrects our dead loved ones?

FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE
TEACHING TOOLBOX:



• bhs 76 ¶14

SECOND RETURN VISIT

Question: What will life be like when God resurrects our dead loved ones?

Scripture: Isa 32:18

Link: How will God bring peace to the earth?

FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE
TEACHING TOOLBOX:



• bhs 35 ¶18

- Song 114 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- “Joseph Becomes a Victim of Jealousy”: (10 min.)
Ge 37:3, 4—Joseph’s brothers hated him because he was their father’s favorite son (w14 8/1 12-13)
Ge 37:5-9, 11—Joseph’s dreams gave his brothers further reasons to be jealous (w14 8/1 13 ¶2-4)
Ge 37:23, 24, 28—The jealousy of Joseph’s brothers impelled them to treat their brother cruelly
- Digging for Spiritual Gems: (10 min.)
Ge 36:1—Why was Esau given the secondary name Edom? (it-1 678)

Ge 37:29-32—Why did Joseph’s brothers show Joseph’s torn, bloodstained robe to Jacob? (it-1 561-562)

What spiritual gems from this week’s Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah God, the field ministry, or something else?

- Bible Reading: (4 min. or less) Ge 36:1-19 (5)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- Apply Yourself to Reading and Teaching: (10 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Understandable to Others*, and then discuss study 17 of the *Teaching* brochure.
- Talk: (5 min. or less) w02 10/15 30-31—Theme: Why Should Christians Have Godly Jealousy? (6)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 126
- “Are You Prepared?”: (15 min.) Discussion by an elder. Play the video *Are You Prepared for a Natural Disaster?* (video category THE BIBLE). Include reminders from the branch office and the body of elders, if provided.
- Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.) jy chap. 113
- Concluding Comments (3 min. or less)
- Song 84 and Prayer

GENESIS 36-37 | Joseph Becomes a Victim of Jealousy



37:3-9, 11, 23, 24, 28



Joseph’s experience illustrates the harmful effects of improper jealousy. Match the scriptures to the reasons why we should stamp down any feelings we may have of improper jealousy.

SCRIPTURE	REASON
• 1Sa 18:8, 9	• Jealous people will not inherit God’s Kingdom
• Pr 14:30	• Jealousy disrupts the peace and unity of the congregation
• 2Co 12:20	• Jealousy harms us physically
• Ga 5:19-21	• Jealousy blinds us from seeing the good in others

What situations might cause us to become jealous?

Are You Prepared?

If a natural disaster strikes your area, are you prepared? Earthquakes, hurricanes, forest fires, and floods can occur suddenly and be very destructive. In addition, terrorist attacks, unrest, and epidemics can occur anywhere and without warning. (Ec 9:11) We should not assume that such events will never occur where we live.

Each of us must take reasonable steps to prepare for a disaster. (Pr 22:3) Although Jehovah's organization provides a measure of assistance in times of disaster, this does not mean that we have no personal responsibility.—Ga 6:5, ftn.



WATCH THE VIDEO ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A NATURAL DISASTER? AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:



How can we prepare spiritually for a disaster?

Why is it important to . . .

- maintain good communication with the elders before, during, and after a disaster?



- prepare an emergency kit?—g17.5 6



- review the types of disasters that might happen and what to do in each situation?

What are three ways we can help others when they experience a disaster?

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

There is an increasing need for help with disaster relief work. If you are willing to volunteer, promptly inform the elders.

- Song 33 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Jehovah Never Abandoned Joseph”:** (10 min.)
Ge 39:1—Joseph became a slave in Egypt (w14 11/1 12 ¶4-5)
Ge 39:12-14, 20—Joseph was falsely accused and put in prison (w14 11/1 14-15)
Ge 39:21-23—Jehovah continued to be with Joseph (w14 11/1 15 ¶12)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (10 min.)
Ge 38:9, 10—Why did Jehovah put Onan to death? (it-2 555)

Ge 38:15-18—How should we understand the actions of Judah and Tamar? (w04 1/15 30 ¶4-5)

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- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ge 38:1-19 (5)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call Video:** (4 min.) Discussion. Play the video, and then ask the audience: How did the sister make her message understandable to the householder? (th study 17) How might the publisher have introduced a publication from the Teaching Toolbox?
- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (1)
- **Initial Call:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Respond to an objection common in your territory. (11)
- **Initial Call:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then leave a jw.org contact card. (6)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 121
- **“Be Like Joseph—Flee From Immorality”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Flee From Immorality* (video category TEENAGERS).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 114
- Concluding Comments (3 min. or less)
- Song 26 and Prayer

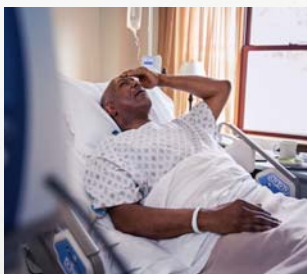
GENESIS 38-39 | Jehovah Never Abandoned Joseph



39:1, 12-14, 20-23

During Joseph's many trials, Jehovah made “everything that he did successful” and granted him “favor in the eyes of the chief officer of the prison.” (Ge 39:2, 3, 21-23) What lessons can we learn from this account?

- Our trials do not mean that we have lost Jehovah's favor.—Ps 34:19
- We should try to discern how Jehovah is blessing us and be thankful.—Php 4:6, 7
- We should look to Jehovah to sustain us.—Ps 55:22



- Song 8 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Jehovah Delivers Joseph”:** (10 min.)
Ge 41:9-13—Joseph came to the attention of Pharaoh (w15 2/1 14 ¶4-5)
Ge 41:16, 29-32—Jehovah gave Joseph the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams (w15 2/1 14-15)
Ge 41:38-40—Joseph became the ruler second to Pharaoh in Egypt (w15 2/1 15 ¶3)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (10 min.)
Ge 41:14—Why did Joseph shave before seeing Pharaoh? (w15 11/1 9 ¶1-3)

Ge 41:33—What can we discern from the way that Joseph spoke to Pharaoh? (w09 11/15 28 ¶14)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah God, the field ministry, or something else?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ge 40:1-23 (2)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **First Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Discussion.
Play the video, and then ask the audience: What shows that the husband and wife prepared together for this return visit? How did the brother make the scripture application clear?
- **First Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (11)
- **First Return Visit:** (5 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Offer a publication from our Teaching Toolbox. (13)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS


- Song 128
- **Be Like Joseph—Endure Despite Unjust Treatment:** (6 min.) Begin by playing the video *Become Jehovah's Friend—Endure Despite Unjust Treatment* (video category CHILDREN). Then invite children to the platform, and ask them: What unjust treatment did Caleb and Sophia experience? What do you think they learned from Joseph's experience?
- **Local Needs:** (9 min.)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 115
- Concluding Comments (3 min. or less)
- Song 124 and Prayer

GENESIS 40-41 | Jehovah Delivers Joseph

41:9-13, 16, 29-32, 38-40

Joseph suffered as a slave and a prisoner for about 13 years before Jehovah delivered him. Rather than becoming bitter, Joseph let this experience refine him. (Ps 105:17-19) He knew that Jehovah never abandoned him. How did Joseph make the best of his situation?

- He showed industriousness and trustworthiness, giving Jehovah a basis to bless him.—Ge 39:21, 22
- He took an interest in others instead of plotting revenge against those who mistreated him.—Ge 40:5-7

 **How does Joseph's experience help me endure my problems?**

Until Jehovah delivers me at Armageddon, how can I make the best of my situation?



- Song 120 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Joseph Shows Great Self-Control”:** (10 min.)
Ge 42:5-7—Joseph kept his composure when he saw his brothers (w15 5/1 13 ¶5; 14 ¶1)
Ge 42:14-17—Joseph tested his brothers (w15 5/1 14 ¶2)
Ge 42:21, 22—Joseph’s brothers expressed repentance (it-2 108 ¶4)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (10 min.)
Ge 42:22, 37—What good qualities did Reuben display? (it-2 795)

Ge 43:32—Why was eating a meal with the Hebrews detestable to the Egyptians? (w04 1/15 29 ¶1)

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- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Ge 42:1-20 (2)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Second Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Discussion. Play the video, and then ask the audience: How did the brother properly introduce the scripture? Why and how did the brother introduce the *Teach Us* book?
- **Second Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation. (15)
- **Bible Study:** (5 min. or less) lvs 38-39 ¶18 (8)

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 94
- **“Try to Get the Whole Picture”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Enhance Your Bible Reading—Excerpt*. **Encourage the audience to view the entire video** (video category JW BROADCASTING).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 116
- Concluding Comments (3 min. or less)
- Song 79 and Prayer

GENESIS 42-43 | Joseph Shows Great Self-Control

42:5-7, 14-17, 21, 22

Can you imagine the strong emotions that Joseph may have felt when he unexpectedly came face-to-face with his brothers? He could have immediately identified himself and then either embraced them or taken revenge. But he did not act on impulse. What will you do if you are the victim of injustice from family members or others? Joseph’s example teaches the value of exercising self-control and remaining calm rather than following our treacherous heart and acting on imperfect impulses.



How can you imitate Joseph in situations that you encounter?

Try to Get the Whole Picture



When reading Bible accounts, try to get the whole picture. Learn about the context, the people involved, and the factors that may have contributed to their actions. Use your imagination to see the sights, hear the sounds, smell the aromas, and feel the characters' emotions.

WATCH THE VIDEO *ENHANCE YOUR BIBLE READING—EXCERPT*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

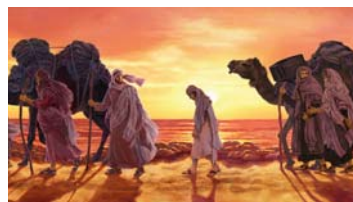
- What factors may have contributed to the tension between Joseph and his brothers?

- What may explain some of the hotheaded reactions of Joseph's brothers?

- What can we discern from the Scriptures about Jacob, Joseph's father?

- What beautiful lesson did Jacob give his sons on how to settle differences?

- How did you benefit from watching this video?



Be Like Joseph—Flee From Immorality



Joseph provides a good example for us if we are tempted to commit sexual immorality. Each time the wife of his master tried to seduce him, he refused. (Ge 39:7-10) His reply: “How could I commit this great badness and actually sin against God?” indicated that he had already given thought to Jehovah’s view of marital faithfulness. Then when the situation became critical, he fled instead of lingering and giving the woman a chance to weaken his resolve.—Ge 39:12; 1Co 6:18.

WATCH THE VIDEO *FLEE FROM IMMORALITY*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What situation did Jin encounter?

- What discerning question did Jin ask himself when Mee-Kyong asked him to help her with her math homework?

- How did Mee-Kyong’s request affect Jin?

- How did Jin get help?

- What did Jin do to flee from immorality?

- What lessons did you learn from the video?

