

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



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**REVIEW:** Please read Genesis 37:1-28 before your Life Group and write down at least one aspect of the story that caught your attention.

1. It is clear from Sunday's message that Joseph is a man who is broken by God. It's been said there are 3 types of people:

*\*Those who have experienced brokenness and become bitter toward God.*

*\*Those who have experience brokenness and become dependent on God.*

*\*Those who have not yet experienced brokenness.*

THE QUESTION: Which one of these three best describe you and why?

2. Sunday Pastor Jim said that we "live in a microwave world but serve a crock pot God." What did you think about that statement?

3. God's first step for Joseph to eventually walk in the dream was to strip him of everything for the purpose of learning to depend on God for everything. COMPLICATIONS!! Read John 15:1-5 focusing on verse 5 and describe how Jesus confirms this truth.

*\*How do you personally practice dependence upon God on a daily basis?*

4. Have you ever experience a time, like Joseph, when your dream seemed to be dead or dying? How did you respond? Compare that with Genesis 39:1-5 and how Joseph responded when he became a slave in Potiphar's home and his dream seemed to be dead.

## GOING DEEPER

1. Read **Genesis 39:7-12**. It would have been easy for this young man to say, "I'm going for it. After all, where is God?" But he didn't do that. Instead, he obeyed God's laws and passed the character test. Why is character development way more important than success? Explain.

*\*Can you name a successful person in this world who's lack of character led to their demise?*

*\*Bonus Jeopardy Question: Can you name a Bible character who on one hand was highly successful... but lacked character and it led to their destruction? Explain*

2. Read **Genesis 41:33-40**. Pastor Jim said that if we are to grow and serve God and others effectively in our lives we have to Grow first in dependence upon God, second in character, third in competence, and these lead to success. Joseph is placed as the second in command in all of Egypt. Quite a jump from the prison. But there is no such thing as an overnight success. Here is my question and I'd like your thoughts:

*\*Joseph is using his administrator gift to oversee Egypt. He is "COMPETENT" for the job. Do you think it's possible that while he was a slave in Potiphar's house or an inmate in prison for 13 YEARS!!! Do you ever think he thought: "I'm wasting my time. I'm learning nothing." When in reality he was learning more than he could have ever imagined. Now please think this one through: Have you ever been in a time when you felt like nothing is moving forward, I'm learning nothing, this is a waste of my abilities... but later on you looked back and realized that you learned more in those times than in most other times of your life? If so, explain.*

**CLOSE:** What is the number one application or truth you need to take home and implement in your life?

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**