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GOD the life of *Joseph*

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- How would you describe people's natural reaction to mistreatment or injustice?



**PREPARE YOUR
HEART & MIND**

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

**GROW IN THE
WORD**

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker were thrown into prison for offending him. Joseph ended up in charge of the two officials during their imprisonment when the two officials experienced unique God-given dreams. Joseph offered to interpret the dreams (v. 1-8).

- What do you learn about Joseph's attitude and behavior in the midst of being unjustly stuck in prison? Notice how he treated the officials and his reply to them in verse 8.
- How would you describe how Joseph has handled his experience of false imprisonment so far?
- In what ways can you imitate Joseph in the midst of your own experiences of mistreatment?

The officials shared their dreams with Joseph, and Joseph interpreted them both. Joseph predicted that the cupbearer would return to his position but that the baker would be executed. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him so he might be rescued from prison (v. 9-19).

- What stands out to you in how Joseph recounted his unjust suffering in verses 14-15?
- Why might the chief baker end up being executed? Consider what type of offense he might have caused in verses 1-2.

Joseph's predictions came true at the exact time that he described. The cupbearer was restored and the baker was hanged. The cupbearer did not remember Joseph (v. 20-23).

- What might Joseph have felt upon realizing that the cupbearer had forgotten him?
- To what degree can you relate to the feelings of disappointment, abandonment, or betrayal that Joseph might have felt?
- In what ways can knowing that God is aware of and working through your circumstances be an encouragement to you?

UPCOMING EVENTS

FATHER DAUGHTER ROUNDUP

Saturday, April 22 | 5 - 8:30 pm

Dads, register now to join us for Texas-sized fun and an evening for you to invest in your relationship with your daughter. We've got an evening of fun activities planned!

MISSIONS PRAYER GATHERING

March 26 | 12:15 pm | 111 Ivywood

Join us as we pray over the people in Asia and specifically our mission partners serving there. You can find this quarter's prayer guide online or in the Foyer on Sunday.