

LifeGroup Study Sheet**Oct 13th – Living the Dream – Genesis 41:46-57 (part 6)**

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

The story of Joseph in this passage has him learn how to forget the pain of past events even if you don't forget the actual event itself. Have you ever been through something where over time you forgot the pain of something that happened, even if you don't forget the actual thing that happened? What was it?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Genesis 41:46-57. God allows Joseph to truly focus on his mission and on his relationship with the Lord. One of the best ways to stay focused on the Lord is to keep your eyes on His Word. **Read 1 Peter 4:12-13.** How does this verse put into perspective our response while we go through suffering? How do you focus on Christ when you suffer? Why is that important in the middle of hardship?

Read Romans 8:16-18.

How does suffering connect us to Christ? How can you practice this reminder of what suffering should do to our perspective of life?

Question 2: Read Genesis 41:50-51. Joseph started to have children of his own while he was in Egypt. The firstborn son Joseph has is called Manasseh. God allows Joseph to "forget all the hardships" he had gone through! What an incredible story. How is it possible for God to allow Joseph to forget all the bad things that had happened to him?

Read Isaiah 43:25. How does this passage of what God does to remembering our sin relate to what God was doing through Joseph in forgetting his hardships? How is it possible for us to do the same thing? Do you hold onto past things that have happened to you? Do you become bitter because of it? What does the Lord want you to do with those thoughts?

Question 3: Read Genesis 41:52. Joseph had a second son named, Ephraim. God allows Joseph to see that "God has made him fruitful in the land of his affliction." Why do you think the Lord allows Joseph to produce the most "fruit" he had ever produced in his life during being in Egypt? Of course, in this example it was

physical food, but God was also producing spiritual fruit through Joseph. Have you ever thought about the amount of spiritual growth God wants to do through you amid suffering? Have you seen this in your own life? Have you resisted spiritual growth in your life because you are only focused on the suffering?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?