



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



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Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share...What is a skill, a hobby, or a bizarre piece of trivia that you learned years ago that you thought you would *never* use, but it ended up saving the day later? How did it feel to realize that none of that preparation went to waste?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read Genesis 41 aloud.

- After two full years of being forgotten, Joseph is suddenly shaved, given new clothes, and rushed into Pharaoh's presence (verse 14). When Pharaoh says he hears Joseph can interpret dreams, Joseph immediately responds: "*I cannot do it... but God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer* (verse 16)." After years of suffering and neglect, why is it remarkable that Joseph's first instinct is to give God the credit rather than market his own skills? How do we keep God at the center when sudden opportunities come our way?
- Notice the strategy Joseph outlines in verses 33-36. He doesn't just interpret the dream about the seven years of abundance and seven years of famine; he provides a highly practical administrative blueprint to save the nation. Why does God expect us to couple our spiritual faith with practical wisdom and discipline? What happens when Christians have "faith" for the future but refuse to do the hard work of planning and stewardship?
- Joseph received his breakthrough, as he went from being a Hebrew slave and a prisoner to the prime minister of Egypt in a single day. How does this remind us that God is never late, and that a single moment of His favor can instantly help to bypass years of human obstacles?
- In verses 50-52, Joseph names his two sons *Manasseh* ("God has made me forget all my trouble") and *Ephraim* ("God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering"). Notice that Joseph doesn't say God took away his suffering but rather made him *fruitful in the midst of it*. How does this reshape the way we view our own painful chapters or "lands of suffering"?

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Tell about a time when you experienced a sudden breakthrough after a long, grueling season of waiting. Looking back, how did the "dungeon season" prepare you to handle the responsibilities of the "palace season?"
- How does it comfort or challenge you to realize that God uses seasons of abundance (the "seven good years") to prepare us for seasons of lack (the "seven years of famine")? How are you actively stewarding your current resources, time, and spiritual strength for what may lie ahead?