

# The Jesus Story: Chapter 2

## Joseph in Charge of Egypt

## Pastor's Message Growth Groups

### Scripture

Primary Verses: Read Genesis 41

Have everyone read the verses out loud. It's best not to comment during the reading.

### Observations

Take a moment and simply summarize the story of Joseph. Highlight his God moments. (Genesis 37-40)

Genesis 40 – What event prepared Joseph for interpreting the king's dreams?

Genesis 41:15 – What was the reputation of Joseph? What reputation do you have as it relates to being used by God? Be sure not to over complicate the answer. The smallest thing you are good at, can be used for God's purposes.

Genesis 41:16 – What lesson in humility has Joseph learned in this passage? Why do you think this is significant?

Genesis 41:33-40 – How has this plan come full circle for Joseph? How did God control the plan he had for Joseph?

### Application

Pastor Troy mentioned that, "The providence of God trumps the plans of man." What plans of yours has God trumped and how did it make a difference?

What events in your past has God used to prepare you for his Work today?

Many people are control freaks. Are you one? If so, how does it feel to know that God has a plan for you? If not, how is it to trust God with the direction of your life?

How has God prepared you for the work he desires to accomplish in the church?

Joseph refused to get bitter at his life circumstances: slavery, falsely accused, and jailed. What circumstances, although negative have shaped you as a person of influence and useful in ministry today?

### Prayer of the Week:

Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. NIV  
Heavenly Father, help me to follow your path and not my own.

### Group Flow

#### Catch Up

How was your week?

#### Scripture

Read the primary sermon verse(s) out loud

#### Observations

Make observations about all listed verses

#### Application

How should these verses change your life?

#### Prayer

Close the group with this prayer

Have some extra time?

Check out these related verses:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Proverbs 16:25

Psalms 33:6-11

Proverbs 16:3