

Behind the Scenes
Week 3 Behind the Scenes: September 6
Genesis 41:1-16 Trusting Through Trials

Choose the questions that work for your group; on the reverse side there are Discovery Questions you can use instead (or a combo!)

1. How have you experienced abundance becoming difficult to manage, and what made it challenging?
2. Joseph's life keeps "falling upward," dropping lower only to rise higher. Where have you seen God use a downward season in your life to prepare you for something greater? Think of losing a job only to get a much better one or...
3. Joseph spent thirteen years in slavery and prison, yet Scripture never shows him bitter or self-pitying. What can help you guard your heart from bitterness when circumstances feel unfair or prolonged?
4. When Pharaoh praised Joseph's abilities, Joseph responded, "I cannot do it... but God will give Pharaoh the answer." What makes it hard to give God the credit in moments when your gifts or success are being recognized?
5. Many people live with abundance yet feel anxious, empty, or discontent. What do you think causes discontent even when life is materially full?
6. Joseph trusted God in both the dungeon and the throne room. How do you maintain the same faith and dependence on God in seasons of success as you do in seasons of struggle?
7. Paul said he "learned to be content whatever the circumstances." What practices help you learn contentment rather than simply wishing for different circumstances?
8. The bedridden woman said, "It's better higher up," keeping her eyes fixed on eternity. How does focusing on eternity reshape the way you view your present challenges or blessings?
9. Pharaoh asked, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the Spirit of God?" What qualities in Joseph's life reveal the presence of God, and how might those qualities grow in your own life?
10. Circumstances often rule our emotions, producing anxiety or discouragement. What circumstances tend to rule your heart most easily, and how might trusting God shift your response?

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Simple Bible Discovery Questions

Check In with Each Other: Have each person share:

- Love God: Where did you see God working this week? What makes you grateful?
 - Joys, struggles, breakthroughs with God
- Grow in Grace: What challenges did you face this week? How did you respond?
 - Positive or negative; good, bad or indifferent
- Share with Others: How did you share Jesus' love and truth this week?
 - By your actions; By your words

Apply God's Word:

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What does this passage tell us about God, Jesus or His plan?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How can you specifically live out what you learned in this passage? Fill in this blank:
 - "I WILL _____"
- Who will you tell about what you discovered?