

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Chapter 3

Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

STEP ONE: Tell the Story... Recap what you heard or read this week.

First: Encourage someone who thinks they can recite the main points of the story to do it out loud for the group! This helps you recall the Story

Second: Then take turns, one person at a time, a sentence or two at a time, telling the story again out loud. YES, again! Revisiting God's Story a couple of times allows the Holy Spirit to write it on our hearts, not just in our heads. If someone skips something, feel free to help them, but remember that getting every detail right is not the main goal of storytelling.

STEP TWO: Talk about what you saw in the Story

- 3) **WHAT DID GOD DO?** God's actions reveal WHO He is, as He interacts with our world. In Joseph's story God is not front and center, like the last two weeks, but in the background. But, God's grand plan is still evident & occurring. Where is God at work behind the scenes, and WHAT does He do?
- 4) **WHO IS GOD?** As you identified what God has done, now share how that shows you WHO He is?



- 6) **WHO AM I?** Where do you see yourself in this story? What character do you identify with & why? How do you feel about yourself identifying with that person?

- 7) **WHERE IS THE GOSPEL?** There is a thread all throughout the Bible pointing to our need for a Savior, and God's plan to send us Him. Where do you see that thread here, so when you "tug" on it, you see Jesus? Where is the "Good News" in this story?

- 8) **SOMETHING NEW?** Did you learn something new through engaging with this story or hearing the message Sunday? Something you had not seen before?

- 9) **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?** Growth as a disciple hinges on obedience, and there are two types of obedience to God: (1) obeying in action where we DO what God asks of us... (2) obeying in faith where we actively BELIEVE what God's Word says to us about Him or us. Where might you feel led to say "God is telling me to obey Him by _____ ..."

STEP THREE: Close in Prayer

Share any final insights and then pray together in THREE specific ways.

- D) Thank God for His Story and the insights His Holy Spirit led you to, in your time together.

- E) Pray over each other's "next step" obedience observations: Either **(a)** for faith to consistently BELIEVE something about who God is, **(b)** what He can do, **(c)** about who you truly are or **(d)** the courage to do what the Holy Spirit is calling you to do,

- F) Identify by name, at least one person far from God, that doesn't know Him, and pray that they have the opportunity to hear His Story for them!