

**LOVED WHAT YOU HEARD ON SUNDAY? WANT TO GO DEEPER? THE LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE WILL HELP YOU UNPACK WHAT YOU HEARD ON SUNDAY WHILE DIVING DEEPER INTO GOD'S WORD.**

### **Life Group Study Guide**

1. *Have you ever been lost before? Where were you? How did you find your way back?*
2. *Have you ever felt out of place? Where were you? What were the circumstances? What emotions did you experience?*
3. *What insights, questions, or key observations do you have from Sunday's message?*
4. *On Sunday, Jason made the point that, "**when we know Whose we are, we can thrive wherever we are.**" Joseph, though a slave, was able to achieve success and find favor as he served the Lord. Joseph was learning from his circumstances that the truth was not that he would be great, but rather that God would make him great.*

*The following verse give us insight from others places in scripture how God uses our circumstances & momentary trials to lead us to like Joseph. Read the following verses and jot down any questions, observations, or insights you have.*

- *Matthew 20: 26-28*
- *Matthew 23:11-12*
- *Mark 9:33-35*
- *James 1:2-4*
- *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

- a. *What do these verses teach us about power and influence?*
- b. *How does God use our circumstances? What does Jesus mean when he says the first will become last?*
- c. *What do these verses teach us about our circumstances? What are we to do when things get difficult?*
- d. *What are some of the ways Jesus modeled these verses to us?*

### **Digging Deeper**

1. *On Sunday Jason revealed the three lies that steal our identity and lead us away from God: I am what I do, I am what I own, and I am what others say I am. Which one of these lies affects you the most? What do you need to do to overcome this lie?*
2. *Often times we forget the beautiful truth that we are God's children. What areas of your life provide the biggest threat to you forgetting this truth? What steps do you need to take to protect your identity in Christ?*

# LIFE'S TOUGH QUESTIONS: THE STORY OF JOSEPH

OCTOBER 9, 2016 // GENESIS 39:1-23



## “DO YOU KNOW WHOSE YOU ARE?”

WHEN YOU KNOW WHOSE YOU ARE,  
YOU CAN THRIVE WHEREVER YOU ARE.

**Genesis 39:1-2 (ESV)** Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup>The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.

### THREE LIES THAT STEAL OUR IDENTITY:

1. I AM WHAT I DO.
2. I AM WHAT I OWN.
3. I AM WHAT OTHERS SAY I AM.

### ONE TRUTH THAT DEFEATS EVERY IDENTITY-STEALING LIE:

I AM A CHILD OF GOD WITH HEAVEN AS MY INHERITANCE.

### FIVE PRINCIPLES TO PROTECT MY IDENTITY:

**Genesis 39:3-5 (ESV)** His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup>From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup>So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

1. WHEN THINGS ARE GOING WELL, BE ON YOUR GUARD.

**Genesis 39:6-10 (ESV)** Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup>And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. <sup>9</sup>He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup>And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

2. WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, REMEMBER WHOSE YOU ARE.

**Genesis 39-11:12** But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, <sup>12</sup>she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

3. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A SACRIFICE.

**Genesis 39:13-20** And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, <sup>14</sup>she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. <sup>15</sup>And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." <sup>16</sup>Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup>and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. <sup>18</sup>But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house." <sup>19</sup>As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

4. WHEN YOU DO RIGHT, DON'T EXPECT A REWARD.

**Genesis 39:21-23** <sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. <sup>22</sup>And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup>The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

5. SEEK GOD'S HONOR, NOT MAN'S HONOR.