

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



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Weekly Theme: Joseph: Part 7

Verse #1: Genesis 41:1

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: This verse is worth taking in just by itself. Think back to where we left off last week. What happened to the butler and the baker? The butler forgot about Joseph for how long??? How would you feel if you had been in Joseph's place?

Verse #2: Genesis 41:2-4

All Age Discussion Starter: Pharaoh has a dream. How troubling do you think his dream about the cows must have been? If you were in his shoes (or sandals) how would you have interpreted these dreams?

Isn't it good to know that God provides the answers when we turn to him. There are many confusing things in life but we can turn to God's word for guidance, instruction, and comfort when this world is troubling.

Verse #3: Genesis 41:5-8

All Age Discussion Starter: Pharaoh had another troubling dream. The text tells us that he was worried and called on what group of people for an answer to his dreams?

Many times we go to the wrong place looking for answers. We ask friends, look on the internet, and look at self help books before we turn to God and read his word and pray.

No one knows us like our Creator.

Verse #4: Genesis 41:9-13

All Age Discussion Starter: Somehow, I'm not sure how, the butler had forgotten what Joseph had done for him. If someone had told me my life would be spared I would tend to remember that person.

Anyway, the interpretation that God had given Joseph was remembered and told to Pharaoh. This is a good reminder to us all that God's time is different than ours. God could have rescued Joseph immediately, but it wasn't time yet.

Verse #5: Genesis 41:14-16

All Age Discussion Starter: It is a safe assumption that Joseph was wretched when he came up out of the prison. The ESV version says he was brought up out of a pit. Even after spending years in a pit, Joseph was quick to give God the credit for the interpretation he would provide Pharaoh. Are we quick to glorify God even when things are tough?