



## Community Group Study Guide

Week of: April 21, 2024

Given by: Steve Gillen

Topic: Joseph and Potiphar's House

Passage(s): Genesis 39:1-23

Introduction to Lesson: Joseph is a Messianic character, foreshadowing Christ.

Ice Breaker: Talk about an example of when God's hand was upon you even in a difficult time.

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Discussion and Application:

Point 1: **Ups and Downs.** What do you know about "prosperity gospel"? Trick question: Are good things due to God's blessing? When has God used difficulty for his good?

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Point 2: **Work.** Ever had a difficult boss? Ever felt like phoning it in? Who was watching? Read Matt. 25:14-30. How did Joseph's work life illustrate "working unto the Lord"?

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Point 3: **Temptation.** Read 1 Cor 10; John 8:44. How prepared are you for temptation? Read Gen 39:8,9: How did Joseph respond? Where did his conviction come from?

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Point 4: **God's Providence.** Do you believe in providence? What does providence look like? Have you ever felt falsely accused? How can you trust God's hand more in your life?

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Going Deeper:

Reflection: Where do you need to better model Joseph this week: in your workplace; in preparing a better response to temptation; in recognizing God's providence during a trial or difficult time?

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List some ways Joseph reminds you of Christ.

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