

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Whiplash

Week 4: Impacting Others
Genesis 40 & 41

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Life can often feel like a roller coaster, filled with unexpected twists and turns. Through our study of Joseph, we can see how God equips us to survive life's turbulent ups and downs. This week, we focus on how we can spiritually impact others.

Kicking it off: Joseph had some pretty amazing dreams (and he was also able to interpret them for others, too). Do you tend to remember your dreams? If the answer is yes, share one of the most unusual or funny dreams you've had recently.

Discussion:

1. Joseph definitely had a number of divine encounters when meeting people. Where do you think God has brought certain divine encounters into your life? (Some examples might be a neighbor, classmate, spouse, co-worker, or a teacher.)
2. Read Genesis 45:8, where Joseph acknowledges God's plans for his life. What would your life look like if you fully recognized God's activity and events in your life happen by providence, not coincidence? Would anything change?

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt."

3. Read Genesis 41:16. What do you think it means to "give God credit" ... in both the big things and little things? How might that help us in further impacting others?

"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how certain are you that God is pursuing a relationship with you? Did someone in your spiritual journey ever help you see how much God longs to know you deeply?
5. Have you ever told someone else what God thinks about them? Why or why not?
6. Jeff shared a story about how modern-day Myanmar now has 4.5 million Christians, largely due to the efforts of a man named Adonirum Judson, America's first missionary. What's one thing you remember about his story of faith?
7. How do you think God feels about your impact on others? Especially the spiritual impact? What are some things you could do more of? Or less of?

Wrapping It Up:

Think of someone in your life where God might want to use you to impact their life spiritually. How can your small group be praying for you to further connect with that person in the coming weeks?