

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Egypt

**Week 2: Becoming Great in God's Eyes**  
**Genesis 50:25-26**

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Joseph had numerous defining moments in Egypt, but according to the writer of Hebrews, his greatest was his decision to refuse burial among the Pharaohs. His decision to be buried in Canaan, with the people of God reveals where he sees his identity. We can choose to strive to become important in the world's eyes or enjoy our importance in God's eyes.

**Kicking It Off:** Tell the group about a Halloween costume you wore back when you were a child.

### Discussion:

1. Reread Genesis 41:41-43 *Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." Pharaoh put his signet ring on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!"*

Why is it unwise for Joseph to base his sense of self-worth on fame, power, and wealth?

2. Reread Genesis 50:25-26 *Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.*

What is the significance of Joseph's decision to be buried with the Israelites in Canaan?

3. Reread Hebrews 11:22 *By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.*

Joseph heard the prophesy given to his great-grandfather Abraham about the future exodus from captivity. How did speaking of this prophesy demonstrate his faith?

4. Reread Exodus 19:4-5 (NLT) *God said, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure."*

How does the exodus for Egypt reveal that God's people are a precious treasure to Him?

5. Why do people of faith rest in their value in God's eyes instead of striving to earn the admiration of the people of the world?
6. Does the possibility of being forgotten by your descendants disturb you? Why or why not?
7. Famous cricket player C.T. Studd once said, "Only one life will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." What do you make of this quote?

**Wrapping Up:** Ask the Lord to help you see your lasting value in His eyes.