

Look Back:

- How did you look for God's presence in your life this week? What did you learn or discover?

Look Up:**Read : Genesis 39:23-40:8, 41:14-16 and 41:39-40**

- Summarize your understanding of why Joseph was in this situation. What had he done to cause him to be in prison?
- In your own words, describe what Joseph was doing while he was imprisoned. Why do you think he was given responsibility and authority by the warden?
- What factors led to the other prisoners telling Joseph about their dreams? What does this tell you about Joseph and how might you apply this in your life?
- What do these passages have in common? What does this tell you about Joseph's relationship with God and others?

Read : Genesis 42:21-24, 45:1-7 and 50:15-21

- Why do you think that Joseph's brothers assumed that they were being punished? What does this tell you about people?
- Why do you think Joseph responded to his brothers the way he did? How easy or difficult is this for you?
- How can you apply Genesis 45:4-5 in your life today? Have you ever experienced anything like this in your life?
- What do these verses teach us about family relationships? How can Joseph's example help you deal with the family issues you are currently facing?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead:

What situation or struggle do you need God's perspective on? How can this group help and encourage you that good will come by focusing on God?

Group Leader Note

The story of Joseph also challenges us to forgive when it does not seem reasonable and to trust that God will produce results that we are unable to control in our own power. Encourage your group members to share family struggles and challenges and look for ways that they can forgive the past and look to a better future.