

Joseph and the Seven Years - Genesis 41

Group Discussion Guide

August 23, 2020

1. Have everyone in the group share and give a personal update: “what is something good in your life right now, for which you are thankful?” Express thanks to God in a prayer for these things before looking at the scriptures below.
2. Review the story of Joseph from **Genesis 41**. As a group, summarize what happened in this chapter.
3. What do you learn from this story (**See Genesis 50:20**)?
4. Review the following points that a group of financial advisors came up with for Harpeth people as a guide for the future, whether things get much worse economically or not. Which of the four points is most helpful to you and why?

*The prudent see danger and take refuge,
but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.*

Proverbs 22:3

A. Trust God and Give Your First Fruits of 10% Back to Him

Proverbs 3:9-10- Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

B. Protect Your Family and Current Assets

1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Make sure you have appropriate Life, health, and disability insurance, etc.,.

C. Be Diligent and Get at Least Six Months of Cash

Proverbs 22:3 - The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

Proverbs 10:4 - A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Balance – Matthew 6:19-21 - “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

D. Get Financial Counsel, Get out of Debt and Save/Invest Wisely

Proverbs 15:22 - Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 6:6-8 - Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

5. Close in prayer. Ask: how can we pray for each other this week.