

# GOD, WHY ME?

**Starting point:**

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website, [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org) and listen to it BEFORE YOU START this small group lesson. It will allow you take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on your journey to greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

***Read Isaiah 55:8-9***

- What does it mean to submit to God Almighty?
- What should we do when God doesn't answer our prayers right away?

***Read Isaiah 55: 10-11***

- What is God telling us about His doctrine in these two verses?

**1. From being a Favorite to a Foreign Slave*****Genesis 37:1-36***

- Why do you think Jacob made Joseph a tunic of many colors?
- What was Joseph's relationship with his father?
- What was Joseph's dream(s) about and was it showing something for the future?
- What causes jealousy between Joseph and his brothers?
- Could Joseph have prevented this jealousy? Why or why not?
- Do you think everyone notices that Joseph had some special gifts and do you think Joseph knew he had some special gifts?
- Was God teaching Joseph something in his early life?
- As you look back, has there been a time in your life when God was teaching you something which impacted your future? Did this strengthen you?

## **2. From Being a Slave to Being a Prisoner**

*Gen 39:1-21*

- Did God use Joseph's captivity for good?
- What strengths/gifts did it take Joseph to resist Potiphar's wife?
- How did God use Joseph when he was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife?
- Does God favor ill willed prosperity? Why or Why not?
- Have you ever been falsely accused? How did you handle it?
- How did Joseph keep "above reproach?"
- How do you live your life when there is adversity?
- Do you think God is preparing you for better things in life?

## **3. From Being a Prisoner to Being Prime Minister**

*Genesis 41:1-46*

- What did Joseph mean in Genesis 40:8; "Do not interpretations belong to God?"
- How did God work in Joseph's life during his time in jail?
- Why do you think Joseph gained Pharaoh's trust?
- Are you allowing God to use you each and every day no matter where you are in your life?
- Have you ever said to God, Why me? What have you heard back?
- Joseph showed patience as he suffered major road blocks in his life.  
Do you see God with you when you have road blocks in your life?
- Why do you think God had so many "delays" in Joseph's life? What can we learn from this?
- Is it easy for you to "keep the faith" and rest your hope upon God?
- When you find yourself in a part of your life that is "tough" is it easy to allow God to use you?

## **4. From Being Prime Minister to Being a Provider**

*Genesis 45:1-11*

- What was Joseph's perspective on what his brothers did to him when he was young?
- What do you think his brothers were thinking when Joseph identified himself and then said do not be grieved or angry with yourselves?
- Have any hurtful events molded your life?
- Is it easy for you to be "like Joseph" after a hurtful event in your life? Why or why not?