

Water of Life Community Church

JOURNEY INTO DESTINY

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

WEEK # 6

GENESIS 40

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

A Servant Leader, according to Ken Blanchard, the co-author of The Servant Leader, is someone “who is invested in the growth of others.” Joseph is a great example of servitude and leadership. Who we serve and who we trust affects our decision-making. In Pursuing the Heart of God, Pastor Dan writes, “Destiny is determined by decisions, many of them small.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ GENESIS 40:1-8.

a. Why do you think the captain of the guard appointed Joseph over the cupbearer and the baker? What traits are needed to be a servant leader? How do you handle a position of power; such as parent, influencer, employer or in a relationship?

b. Abraham Lincoln said, “If you want to test a man’s character, give him power.” How does this statement relate to Joseph? Why? Explain the differences between the world’s leaders and God’s leaders.

c. Why were the cup-bearer and the baker hopeless? Didn’t Joseph find himself in similar circumstances?

d. What can help a person to focus on the supernatural and not be distracted by the natural?

2. READ GENESIS 40:14, 23 AND JEREMIAH 17:5, 7.

a. What happened to Joseph when he asked the cupbearer for help? Has that happened to you? How?

b. What does Jeremiah say about trusting in man and God? What does trusting in the Lord look like in comparison to trusting in mankind? Give some examples of trusting in God regarding your finances, relationships or destiny. What small decision has affected your destiny? How?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Have you identified areas of your spiritual life that you depend on your own strength to accomplish? Begin now to ask God for His supernatural power to strengthen you and help you with your journey.
- Have you found yourself asking the “why” question? See what happens if you change the “why” to “who” and put your trust in God

TAKING IT HOME

What is one thing you can do this week to set aside any bitterness you may have held on to from your past experiences? Surrender it now and receive the Lord’s power to journey in faith. What is one area of your spiritual journey that you feel weak in? Ask now for power from God to move forward in that area.

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MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 62:7-8

“My salvation and my glory *rest* on God; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. ⁸ Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your hearts before Him; God is a refuge for us.”