

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of February 2-8, 2025

**Sermon Series:** *Divine Perspective*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Exciting News for Community Group Leaders!

By popular demand, we're bringing back weekly videos to accompany your Community Group (CG) materials!

Here's what you can expect every week:

- Leader Lifter – A quick dose of encouragement and practical tips for leading your group well.
- Sermon Video – A thoughtful discussion about the week's sermon to help spark meaningful conversations.
- CG Materials – Your regular resources designed to make your group time engaging and impactful.

We hope these resources enrich your Community Group experience, offering fresh perspectives and making your time together even more meaningful. Thank you for leading and investing in your groups—we're so grateful for you!!

## SHARE

### Icebreaker:

The story of Joseph opens with the young man experiencing some bizarre dreams. What is the strangest dream that you've ever had?"

### Quick Review:

Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob, was favored by his father, which sparked jealousy among his brothers. They sold him into slavery, and he was taken to Egypt, where he was falsely accused of assault by his master's wife and imprisoned. Despite his hardships, Joseph gained a reputation for interpreting dreams. When Egypt faced a famine, Joseph's ability to predict the future helped him rise to power, eventually becoming the Pharaoh's second-in-command. His brothers, seeking food, came to Egypt, not recognizing him. After a series of tests, Joseph revealed his identity, forgave them, and brought his family to Egypt, where they were reunited and prospered. Despite the tumultuous twists and turns, God meant for "good" what the world had meant for evil.

### **Make It Personal:**

1. Why do you think Joseph shared his dreams with his family? How can we discern when to share what God reveals to us?
2. Joseph's story is full of unexpected twists. How can we embrace uncertainty and trust God's plan even when we don't know what's next?
3. Joseph's journey took him from the pit to the palace. What is something God is teaching you in your current season that will prepare you for the future?

## **STUDY**

### **Go Deeper:**

1. **Look at Genesis 37:5-9.** Joseph had a dream that seemed impossible. What's a dream or vision you feel God has placed in your heart that seems too big to happen?
2. **Read Genesis 39:21** and remind yourself of Joseph's prison stay. How can we stay faithful to God even when we feel forgotten or overlooked, like Joseph did in prison?
3. **Read Genesis 41:16.** What do you notice about Joseph's response? What role did Joseph's humility play in his success, and how can we cultivate humility in our own lives?

### **Action Steps:**

1. **Stay faithful in every season.** Joseph's commitment to God remained unshaken, even in the hardest of circumstances. No matter where you are, keep showing up and trusting God.
2. **Embrace God's timing.** Joseph waited for God's perfect timing. Trust that God's plan is unfolding in your life, even when things don't make sense.
3. **Lead with integrity.** Joseph's character remained intact throughout his journey. No matter the position or situation, lead with honor and integrity.
4. **Trust God's sovereignty.** Joseph recognized that God was in control, even when things seemed out of his hands. Trust that God's plan is always bigger than our understanding.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. **Pray for the ability to trust God's timing.** Ask God to help your group members trust His plan, even when it doesn't make sense.
2. **Pray for integrity.** Ask God to provide you with a spirit like Joseph's that remained faithful to God and his ways despite circumstances that would have led him to trust in himself.
3. **Pray for humility and wisdom in leadership.** Ask God to raise up leaders in your group who lead with humility and wisdom, just as Joseph did in Egypt.

## BONUS CONTENT AND TIPS FOR LEADERS

### Fun Facts

- Joseph was 17 when he was sold into slavery, and he was 30 when he became second-in-command in Egypt (Genesis 41:46).
- Joseph's coat of many colors was a symbol of his father's favor, which made his brothers jealous and set the stage for his betrayal (Genesis 37:3).
- The name "Joseph" means "God will increase" or "God will add," reflecting the blessings and increase he experienced throughout his life.

### Tips for Leading Your Group

- **Encourage open sharing.** Joseph's story is one of deep emotional highs and lows. Create a safe space for your group to share openly about their own challenges and victories.
- **Focus on the big picture.** Joseph's life is a reminder that God is always working behind the scenes, even when we don't see it. Help your group focus on the bigger story God is telling in their lives.
- **Challenge the group to take action.** Joseph didn't just wait for things to happen; he took initiative and acted with integrity. Encourage your group to take practical steps toward the things God is calling them to.

### Insight into Joseph's Story

- **God's plan is bigger than our pain.** Joseph's journey was full of betrayal, loneliness, and injustice, yet each of these moments was part of God's plan to elevate him for a purpose. His suffering wasn't in vain—it led to saving a nation. In our own lives, we can trust that God is using even our struggles for something greater.
- **God can use anyone.** Joseph wasn't the oldest or the most likely candidate, but God chose him for a great purpose. Don't discount yourself or others based on circumstances or status—God can use anyone to fulfill His plan.
- **God's faithfulness never fails.** Through every trial, God remained faithful to Joseph. His story reminds us that even when we can't see it, God's faithfulness is always at work in our lives.