

GENESIS

PART III

GENESIS 37-50

Women's Bible Study // Christian Assembly Church

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Week 1: Genesis 37-39 *Joseph the Dreamer*

Focus: Betrayal, integrity in suffering

Key Scripture: Genesis 39:2 — “The Lord was with Joseph...”

Overview:

Joseph’s story begins with favor, dreams, and devastating betrayal. Sold into slavery and falsely accused, Joseph’s circumstances spiral downward—but his character remains anchored in God. This week highlights how God’s presence sustains us even when life does not improve.

Teaching Notes: Genesis 37-39 *Joseph the Dreamer*

Group Discussion Questions: Week 1

1. Introduce yourself to the group and share what you are looking forward to in this upcoming Bible study session together.
2. Share what stood out to you from the teaching today on Genesis 37-39. In what ways are you challenged to live/think/act differently because of God's Word this week?

***Optional Discussion Questions from Genesis 37-39

1. What do Joseph's dreams reveal about God's plan?
2. How does favoritism in Jacob's family contribute to conflict?
3. Why did Joseph's brothers react so strongly to him?
4. What does betrayal feel like in real life?
5. How do we see God still present in Joseph's suffering?
6. What stands out about Joseph's response in Potiphar's house?
7. How does Joseph handle temptation differently than many would?
8. What does integrity look like when no one is watching?
9. Why does doing the right thing sometimes lead to harder outcomes?
10. Where might God be calling you to remain faithful in difficulty?

Week 2: Genesis 40-42 *Dreams Fulfilled*

Assignment: Read Genesis 40-42

Focus: God's timing, Joseph's rise

Key Scripture: "Do not interpretations belong to God?" — Genesis 40:8

Overview:

In prison, Joseph continues to trust God with his gifts. Though forgotten by others, he is not forgotten by God. At the right time, God elevates Joseph to influence. This week emphasizes patience, trust in God's timing, and faithfulness in hidden seasons.

Questions: Genesis 40-42 *Dreams Fulfilled*

1. What does Joseph's behavior in prison reveal about his faith?
2. How does Joseph use his gift even in hardship?
3. What is significant about being forgotten by the cupbearer?
4. Why is waiting on God often so difficult?
5. How do we typically respond when our efforts go unnoticed?

6. What changes when Joseph stands before Pharaoh?

7. How do we see God orchestrating events behind the scenes?

8. What does wise leadership look like in Joseph's rise?

9. How can God use seasons of delay for preparation?

10. Where are you being asked to trust God's timing right now?

Prayer:

God, teach me to trust Your timing. When I feel overlooked or stuck, help me remain faithful in the small things. Grow my patience and remind me that You are never late. Use this season to prepare me for what You have ahead. Amen.

Journal Prompt:

What is a “waiting season” in my life, and what might God be developing in me through it?

Teaching Notes: Genesis 40-42 *Dreams Fulfilled*

Week 3: Genesis 43-45 *Forgiveness & Restoration*

Assignment: Read Genesis 43-45

Focus: Mercy, God's plan for good

Key Scripture: "It was not you who sent me here, but God." — Genesis 45:8

Overview:

Joseph comes face-to-face with the very brothers who betrayed him. Instead of revenge, he chooses wisdom, testing, and ultimately mercy. This week explores forgiveness and recognizing God's greater purpose in painful circumstances.

Questions: Genesis 43-45 *Forgiveness & Restoration*

1. What emotions might Joseph have felt seeing his brothers again?
2. Why does Joseph test his brothers instead of revealing himself immediately?
3. What evidence shows the brothers have changed?
4. How does guilt play a role in this story?
5. What makes forgiveness difficult in deep wounds?

6. How does Joseph reframe his suffering?

7. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?

8. How do we discern when restoration is appropriate?

9. What does this story teach about God's redemptive power?

10. Who might God be calling you to forgive?

Prayer:

Father, You have shown me so much mercy—help me extend that same mercy to others. Heal the places in my heart that still hold pain or resentment. Give me the courage to forgive and the wisdom to trust Your greater plan. Redeem what feels broken. Amen.

Journal Prompt:

Is there someone I need to forgive—or a situation I need to see through God’s perspective instead of my pain?

Teaching Notes: Genesis 43-45 *Forgiveness & Restoration*

Week 4: Genesis 46-50 *God Meant it for Good*

Assignment: Read Genesis 46-50

Focus: Legacy, sovereignty, preparing for Exodus

Key Scripture: “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”
— Genesis 50:20

Overview:

Jacob’s family is preserved through Joseph’s leadership, and God’s promises continue unfolding. Even after Jacob’s death, Joseph reassures his brothers, pointing to God’s sovereignty. This week highlights legacy, trust in God’s bigger story, and hope for what’s ahead.

Questions: Genesis 46-50 *God Meant it for Good*

1. What does Jacob's move to Egypt represent in God's plan?
2. How does God reassure Jacob before the journey?
3. Why do Joseph's brothers fear him again after Jacob's death?
4. What does Joseph's response reveal about his heart?
5. How does this story demonstrate God's sovereignty?

6. What does it mean that God can use evil for good?

7. How does Joseph view his life in hindsight?

8. What kind of legacy is Joseph leaving behind?

9. How does this ending prepare us for the story of Exodus?

10. What truth from Joseph's life do you want to carry forward?

Prayer:

Sovereign God, thank You that nothing in my life is wasted. Even when I don't understand, help me trust that You are working all things for good. Shape my life into a story that points to Your faithfulness. Use my journey to impact others and bring You glory. Amen.

Journal Prompt:

Where have I seen God bring good out of something hard—and how does that shape my trust in Him moving forward?

Teaching Notes: Genesis 46-50 *God Meant it for Good*

Closing Reflection Questions from Part III: Genesis 37-50

1. Where have you seen God's providence most clearly in Joseph's story?
2. Which season do you relate to most: betrayal, waiting, forgiveness, or fulfillment? How is God inviting you to trust him specifically in this season?
3. How has your view of suffering and God's sovereignty grown?
4. As we close our Genesis series, what truth from God's Word do you want to fully walk in—and how can your group be praying for you in that?