

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

STUDY GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

These study guides are designed to help you engage deeply with Scripture and connect Joseph's story to your own journey of faith and work. Each guide follows the same structure across all five chapters in the book—**Identity, Calling, Character, Mission, and Legacy**.

STRUCTURE

- **Theme** – Each week begins with a central idea that frames Joseph's story and invites you to consider how it applies to your own life.
- **Book Chapter** – Every guide corresponds to a chapter in the book *Between Two Worlds*.
- **Scripture Passage** – A selected section of Genesis provides the biblical foundation for the week's study.
- **Questions** – Reflection and discussion questions help you personally engage and encourage group conversation.
- **Digging Deeper** – Short insights and supporting passages to further ground the week's theme in Scripture.

LEADER'S GUIDE

- **Participant Copy** – Contains only the reading, questions, and digging deeper sections.
- **Leader's Copy (Blue Notes)** – Includes guiding thoughts, prompts, and suggestions in blue text. These are not "answers" but tools to help leaders facilitate meaningful group discussion.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

Each chapter is divided into two weeks (Week 1 and Week 2). However, you can easily combine them into a single week per chapter, making the study adaptable to either a **10-week series** or a shorter **5-week series**.

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CHARACTER • WEEK 5

“INTEGRITY IN THE PRESSURE COOKER”

READING:

Genesis 39:1-23 (Joseph prospers in Potiphar’s house, resists temptation, and is imprisoned)

THEME:

Integrity isn’t built overnight. It’s formed by consistent, quiet decisions to honor God—even when no one sees and the cost is high.

QUESTIONS:

1. In verses 2-4, how is Joseph’s success described? Who does Scripture say is responsible for his favor in Potiphar’s house?
2. According to verses 7-10, how does Joseph respond to ongoing temptation? What do his words in verse 9 reveal about his ultimate loyalty?
3. In verses 19-21, Joseph is falsely accused. How does the passage describe God’s involvement in the middle of Joseph’s injustice?
4. How does Joseph’s behavior in this chapter challenge the idea that success is tied to comfort, status, or public recognition?
5. Reflection: Where in your life or work are you being called to do the right thing, even when it’s costly or unnoticed?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Joseph didn't have a perfect environment or a fair shot. Yet day after day, he chose integrity. He wasn't driven by public applause—he was anchored by a private faith. Even in the darkest places, Joseph worked with excellence, resisted compromise, and stayed true to who he was.

Genesis 39:9 — *How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?*

Genesis 39:21 — *The Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him.*

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Highlight that Joseph saw sin as first and foremost a violation of relationship with God. Ask: “How would it change your choices at work if you viewed every action as a response to God?”

3. In verses 19–21, Joseph is falsely accused. How does the passage describe God’s involvement in the middle of Joseph’s injustice?

Emphasize that God’s kindness and presence didn’t remove the suffering—but sustained Joseph through it. Invite discussion around how that applies to modern injustice or career hardship.

4. How does Joseph’s behavior in this chapter challenge the idea that success is tied to comfort, status, or public recognition?

Invite the group to name examples in their lives or industries where quiet integrity doesn’t get rewarded—and why it still matters.

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Genesis 41:37-57 (Joseph steps into leadership and serves Egypt with wisdom and faithfulness)

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Joseph's character wasn't the result of trying harder—it came from trusting deeper. Let your group reflect on this truth, and challenge them to surrender—not strive—for the fruit God wants to grow in their lives.