

# 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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### MISSION • WEEK 7

“GOD WORKS THROUGH YOU, NOT JUST FOR YOU”

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#### READING:

Genesis 41:46–57 and Genesis 42:1–28 (Joseph blesses Egypt and sees his brothers again for the first time)

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#### THEME:

Mission isn't just about accomplishing goals—it's about letting God bless others through your life, right where you are.

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#### QUESTIONS:

1. In Genesis 41:46–49, how did Joseph fulfill his work in Egypt during the years of plenty? What stands out about his leadership style and trust in God's plan?
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5. Reflection: Where in your work or leadership are you being called to bless others—even those who don't acknowledge or understand what God is doing through you?

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## DIGGING DEEPER:

Joseph wasn't just positioned to succeed—he was positioned to serve. His mission was never about status. It was about impact. Whether in a palace or a prison, God was working through Joseph to bless others. And that's still true for you.

When you remain faithful in your work, God can move through your decisions, leadership, and even your silence to accomplish His greater plan.

**Genesis 41:57** — *All countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands.*

**Genesis 42:23-24** — *They did not know that Joseph understood them... and he turned away from them and wept.*

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Highlight Joseph's diligence and long-term thinking. Ask: “How do we stay faithful in the ‘plenty’ seasons of work, not just the hard ones?”

2. According to Genesis 41:56–57, how far did Joseph's influence and impact reach? What does this say about the scope of his mission?

Encourage them to consider that mission can go far beyond what we see. Invite stories where someone's faithfulness impacted others unexpectedly.

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reach? What does this say about the scope of his mission?

Let the group trace the thread from calling to mission. Ask: “How does this moment show that God was working all along—even when Joseph couldn’t see it?”

4. According to Genesis 41:56–57, how far did Joseph’s influence and impact reach? What does this say about the scope of his mission?

Discuss the role of emotion in mission. Ask: “Have you ever experienced emotional conflict at work or in leadership—where pain met purpose?”

5. Reflection: Where in your work or leadership are you being called to bless others—even those who don’t acknowledge or understand what God is doing through you?

Invite honesty here. Often, our “Egypt” isn’t the mission field we’d choose—but it’s where we’re called to serve.

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God's mission is often hidden in the mundane. Faithfulness at work, quiet integrity, and unseen obedience can ripple outward in ways you'll never fully know. Encourage the group to redefine impact through Joseph's lens.

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“FORGIVENESS IS THE MISSION”

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#### READING:

Genesis 45:1-15 (Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and forgives them)

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#### THEME:

Your mission may be bigger than you realize. Forgiveness isn't weakness—it's obedience. And it may be the very thing God uses to reveal Himself to others.

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#### QUESTIONS:

1. In verses 1-3, how does Joseph respond emotionally to the moment of revelation? What do his tears reveal about the cost of holding in pain?
2. According to verses 4-8, how does Joseph frame what his brothers did to him? What insight does this give us into how Joseph views God's sovereignty?
3. In verses 9-11, how does Joseph take action to bless his family after revealing himself? What does this show about how forgiveness goes beyond words?
4. In verse 15, Joseph weeps and embraces all his brothers. How might this scene have impacted everyone watching—including the Egyptians?
5. Reflection: Is there anyone in your past or present—personally or professionally—that you need to forgive in order to move forward on mission with God?

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## DIGGING DEEPER:

Forgiveness was Joseph's final act of obedience—and the one that completed his mission. Until he released the pain, he wasn't fully free. And until he extended grace, his brothers couldn't receive it.

God's mission for you may not look like a platform—it may look like forgiveness. And when you forgive, you not only reflect Jesus... you also make room for God to heal others through your obedience.

**Genesis 45:5** — *Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.*

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Highlight the humanity of Joseph's release. Ask: “How do we process years of pain in a moment of mission? What do his tears teach us?”

2. According to verses 4-8, how does Joseph frame what his brothers did to him? What insight does this give us into how Joseph views God's sovereignty?

Guide the group into the tension between human choices and divine purpose. Ask: “What does it mean to believe God is working, even in the betrayal?”

3. In verses 9-11, how does Joseph take action to bless his family after revealing

himself? What does this show about how forgiveness goes beyond words?

Discuss how forgiveness leads to proactive grace. Ask: “Is there someone you’ve forgiven privately—but not yet moved toward publicly?”

4. In verse 15, Joseph weeps and embraces all his brothers. How might this scene have impacted everyone watching—including the Egyptians?

Explore the cultural impact of forgiveness. Ask: “In what ways can forgiveness at work disrupt expectations and point to Jesus?”

5. Reflection: Is there anyone in your past or present—personally or professionally—that you need to forgive in order to move forward on mission with God?

This may be a heavy moment. Let it breathe. Be ready to share your own story if the group needs space to open up.

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Forgiveness was not just personal for Joseph—it was public and powerful. It finished his mission. Encourage your group to consider how letting go of bitterness may not only free them—but open a door for God to work through them.

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