

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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LEGACY • WEEK 9

“WHAT WILL OUTLAST YOU?”

READING:

Genesis 48:8–22 and Genesis 49:22–26 (Jacob blesses Joseph and his sons)

THEME:

Legacy is not about what you build—it’s about who you become. Joseph’s legacy wasn’t written in wealth or power, but in how he loved God and trusted Him through it all.

QUESTIONS:

1. In Genesis 48:17–20, Joseph tries to correct his father’s blessing. Why do you think Jacob insists on blessing Ephraim, the younger? What does this say about God’s ways?
2. In Genesis 49:22–24, Jacob speaks prophetically over Joseph’s life. How do these verses summarize the key traits of Joseph’s journey?
3. Genesis 49:25–26 lists five different names for God. What do these names reveal about the source of Joseph’s strength?
4. Looking back on Joseph’s life, what moments most clearly revealed his love and trust in God?
5. Reflection: When you think about your career or platform, what do you most hope people will remember about your life?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Joseph was remembered as a man who remained steady—who didn't let power, pressure, or pain change his core. That's the kind of legacy worth building. In a world that celebrates achievement, Scripture celebrates character.

You don't have to make your name known—you just need to stay rooted in the One who knows your name.

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God doesn’t operate by worldly rules of status or seniority. Invite the group to reflect on how they’ve seen God choose the unexpected in their life or workplace.

2. In Genesis 49:22–24, Jacob speaks prophetically over Joseph’s life. How do these verses summarize the key traits of Joseph’s journey?

Focus on endurance. Ask: “What kept Joseph steady through hardship, success, and everything in between?”

3. Genesis 49:25–26 lists five different names for God. What do these names reveal about the source of Joseph’s strength?

Use this as a moment to shift the group’s mindset: true legacy isn’t self-made—it’s Spirit-formed. Let the group unpack each name and how it might anchor them today.

4. Looking back on Joseph’s life, what moments most clearly revealed his love and trust in God?

Encourage group members to connect character to legacy. Ask: “What decisions shaped Joseph’s legacy the most—and why?”

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Ask: “If you had to write your eulogy in one sentence, what would it say?” Give space for honest answers.

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Joseph didn't build a monument. He lived a life that pointed back to God's strength, not his own. That's the challenge: to build lives rooted in faithfulness that ripple long after we're gone.

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LEGACY • WEEK 10

“THE LOVE THAT LASTS”

READING:

Genesis 50:15–26 (Joseph forgives his brothers and passes on hope)

THEME:

In the end, legacy is about love. Joseph’s success was forgotten—but his forgiveness still speaks. That kind of love lasts forever.

QUESTIONS:

1. In Genesis 50:15–18, how do Joseph’s brothers respond after Jacob dies? What does this reveal about their view of forgiveness?
2. According to verse 19, what is the first thing Joseph says in response? Why is that significant in light of everything they did to him?
3. In verse 20, Joseph reframes his entire life through the lens of God’s plan. How does this perspective redefine both success and suffering?
4. In verses 24–25, what does Joseph say to his family before his death? How does this point forward to God’s promises?
5. Reflection: Are you chasing success that won’t last—or living out of love that will echo beyond your time?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Legacy isn't found in your LinkedIn résumé—it's written in your relationships. Joseph's love for God shaped his love for others.

That's what remained, even when Egypt forgot his name. The question is no longer "What will you accomplish?" but "Who will be changed by how you loved?"

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Unpack the fear of unresolved guilt. Ask: “Why do we struggle to believe forgiveness can last—especially in the workplace?”

2. According to verse 19, what is the first thing Joseph says in response? Why is that significant in light of everything they did to him?

Draw out the grace. Ask: “What does it say about Joseph’s heart that his first words are meant to calm their fear?”

3. In verse 20, Joseph reframes his entire life through the lens of God’s plan. How does this perspective redefine both success and suffering?

This is a key worldview question. Ask: “How does your view of legacy shift when you believe God uses even the hard seasons for good?”

4. In verses 24–25, what does Joseph say to his family before his death? How does this point forward to God’s promises?

Connect legacy to hope. Joseph doesn’t end with a résumé—he ends with a promise. Ask: “What would it look like for your life to hand off faith to the next generation?”

5. Reflection: Are you chasing success that won’t last—or living out of love that will echo beyond your time?

Encourage journaling or prayer. Invite the group to name one habit, attitude, or focus they want to shift from ambition to love.

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Joseph's love changed history—not because it was loud, but because it was lasting. Love is what remains. Help the group reframe their legacy through this truth: your real impact is written in how you love God and others.

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