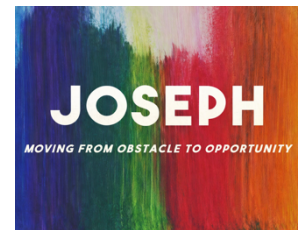


Life group questions

For the week of 15th Feb 2026



“Who do you think you are?”

OPENING

- Appoint someone to open in prayer and ask God to meet with your group in a special way today.
- In what way did you inherit your looks from your father or mother or grandparents?
- What role do you think our ancestors play in shaping the way we follow Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Ask three people to each read one of the following passages and point out the highs and lows of Abraham and his descendants
 - **Abraham:** Genesis 15:1-6, Genesis 20:1-3
 - **Isaac:** Genesis 26:2-6, Genesis 26: 7
 - **Jacob:** Genesis 28:10-17, Genesis 27:18-24

Now **read** the account of Joseph in Genesis 37: 2-13, 19-28

How is does the pattern of Joseph’s ancestors play out in this narrative?

2. Pete Scazzero says in his book, ‘Emotionally healthy discipleship,’ that “*Jesus may live in your heart, but grandpa lives in your bones*”.

Do you agree or disagree with him about the influence that your earthly family can have on your walk with Jesus? Why?

3. What does Genesis 39:1-2 say about God’s involvement in Joseph’s complex and blended family legacy?

MAKE IT HAPPEN

4. On Sunday Ray said that “*God’s stunning plan all along has been to welcome you into His family – no matter your current trajectory*”. Depending on how comfortable you are, tell the group about how God has intervened into your life for your good.
5. One of the most significant images of a Christian in the New Testament is found in Ephesians 1:3-6. Discuss the idea of ‘adoption into God’s family’. What does that mean for you?
6. How has Jesus become your source of hope and change?
7. In what way do you still need to trust Him?
8. Close the meeting by praying for each other.

Life group questions

For the week of 22nd Feb 2026



“When trouble comes knocking!”

OPENING

- Appoint someone to open in prayer and ask God to meet with your group in a special way today.
- When life gets a bit stressful for you - which of these two are you more likely to do?
 1. Go on a shopping spree?
 2. Eat chocolate ice-cream?
- Have you ever been in a tough situation where you tempted to wonder where God was and whether He cared for you? (While your story will be valuable for the group, only share as far as you are comfortable).

Let's dig into the story of Joseph and see how this played out for Joseph and what it means for us.

READ* Genesis 37: 2-4, 23-36, Genesis 39: 2-6

*(Note to leader: recap the whole story in Gen 37 if people are unfamiliar with it)

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. If you did not know the final outcome of the 'Joseph story,' then, what conclusions could you reasonably come to about God and this 'chosen family'?
2. Why do we often associate difficulty and suffering with the absence of God?
3. What indications are there that God was present?
4. Do you think Joseph knew that God was present? If not, then who in the story did? (see Gen 39: 3). What can you learn from that?
5. On Sunday Ray used the analogy of a balcony and a busy street. How is this played out in the various characters and audience of this drama? Who is on the balcony and who is on the street? What can you learn from that?

MAKE IT HAPPEN

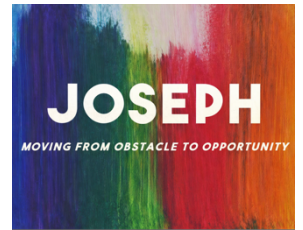
6. Sometimes people criticize God for being 'on the balcony' rather than 'on the streets' where life is real and sometimes, life is raw. How do **John 1: 1-5, 14-18 and Hebrews 4:14-16** demonstrate that this is not true?
7. Look at the Hebrews 4:14-16 text again. What else is getting your attention in this text about Jesus, or about others, or about yourself?

In the light of all you have just discussed, what will you do?

8. Take time to pray for each other based on what was shared at the meeting.

Life group questions

For the week of 22nd March 2026



“Living the dream”

- Appoint someone to open in prayer and ask God to meet with your group in a special way today.
- If you received a phone call from a lawyer this week to inform you that a long-lost uncle has left you \$100 million dollars then, what would you do with it? What problem would it solve? What difference would it make to you or others? In what way will this help you “Live the Dream?”

DIGGING DEEPER:

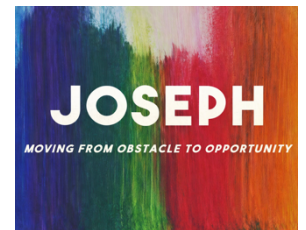
1. Which of these ‘big ideas’ or concepts from the Joseph series got your attention?
 - a. God’s stunning plan all along has been to welcome you into His family, no matter your current trajectory.
 - b. God is putting the finishing touches on His Great Story. One day we will see with stunning clarity, that we were shaped for this Story, in this Story, and by this Story.
 - c. Everyone is vulnerable to devastating temptation, but Jesus has walked among us and has become our complete hope and help.
 - d. God will cause the brokenness of this world to intersect your character, so that He can teach you about His character and transform yours.
 - e. God does not use us in spite of our past. God uses us through our past.
 - f. The only way to dispossess your heart of an idol is to fill your heart with a new affection. (Thomas Chalmers)
 - g. The concept of the Balcony and the Street (Week 2)
 - h. The concept of the Ring (Week 5)
 - i. The Concept of the Staff (Week 6)
2. If your selected idea or concept is not clear to others, then briefly explain it.
3. Why does it stand out for you? Why is it important to you?

MAKE IT HAPPEN: Read Ephesians 1: 3-14

4. In what way does this passage strengthen what you took away from the Joseph series or strengthen your answer in the previous section?
5. How does this passage show that Jesus ‘**is the way**’, and ‘**makes the way**’ to living the dream that God has for you **now** and **later**?
6. What will you do with what God has shown you?
7. Use the passage as a basis for a time of worship of God and prayer for each other.

Life group questions

For the week of 15th March 2026



“Relax God is in control”

- Appoint someone to open in prayer and ask God to meet with your group in a special way today.
- Group leader, choose one of the following to ask:
 - If you were able to invite God (as a physical guest) to your group today, what one thing would you ask Him? Is it about the past, present or future?
 - If you could see into the future, what one thing would you like to know now?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Genesis 41 gives us a powerful picture of the intersection between God’s sovereignty and human decisions & responsibility. Let’s dig in.

1. Start out by recapping all the human decisions that you can remember from Genesis chap 37 – chap 40, that had intersected with Joseph’s life up to this point.

Were these good or evil decisions?

Now read Genesis 41 (divide up the readings between 3 people)

2. What other decisions do people make here? Were these real decisions or were the people only puppets in the great story of life?
3. Let’s change gears to discussing God’s **sovereignty**. How would you explain what this term means to a friend?
4. Where do you see evidence of God’s sovereignty in this passage?
5. Let’s bring these ideas together now: Here we see the intersection of two big ideas: *“God is sovereign and accomplishes His purposes no matter what”* and, *“Human beings make real choices for which they are responsible.”*

How do you reconcile these apparent opposing ideas?

On Sunday, Ray shared the idea of a train track. How does that help?

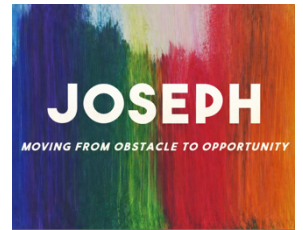
6. **Read Acts 2:22-23.** Here Peter is preaching after Pentecost. Jesus has died and risen again and ascended to heaven. How does passage show that God can take evil decisions and turn them for good and so ultimately achieve His plan?

MAKE IT HAPPEN

7. On Sunday, Ray said that *“God do not use us in spite of our past. God uses us through our past.”* How does that land for you? Take your time here to hear each other’s stories.
8. How does the story of Joseph and Jesus give you hope for your future?
9. Close the meeting by praying for each other – for healing of the scars of the past and for hope in the plans of God for the future.

Life group questions

For the week of 8th March 2026



“Character Matters”

OPENING

- Appoint someone to open in prayer and ask God to meet with your group in a special way today.
- Have you ever played a sport or learned to play a musical instrument?
 - What sport did you play or what instrument did you learn?
 - Was it easy for you or hard to do?
 - If you knew what you know now, would you do it differently?

Read Genesis 39:19-41:1

DIGGING DEEPER:

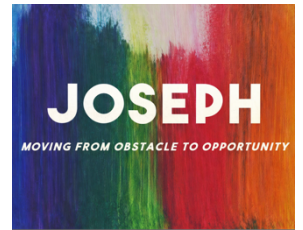
1. Do you think Joseph deserved being put into prison? Why or why not?
2. Do you think that God was present here? What makes you say this?

Read Hebrews 12: 7-13.

3. This passage is all about the surprising topic of ‘discipline’ but also about ‘God’s love’. Is this a topic we like to talk about? What makes you say that?
4. The word used for ‘trained’ in Hebrews 12:11 is the word *gymnazo* from which we get the word ‘gymnasium’ or ‘gym’. The author even links ‘God’s discipline’ to this idea of ‘training’? In what way is this helpful? (Or not?)
5. Someone has said that *“God will bring the external brokenness of the world into a relationship with the internal brokenness of your life in just such a way that it teaches you, wakes you up, strengthens you, heals you”*. How was this true for Joseph? What does this mean for us?
6. If we are to learn from the more challenging experiences of life, then we will need to learn to see these experiences as God sees them and then to reflect and learn from them. This is called reframing. What reframing questions can you come up with that could help you ask a better question during tough times?
7. What Bible verses or songs are helpful for you when you go through tough times? Read or quote two or three of these in your group. Then close in prayer

Life group questions

For the week of 1 March 2026



“Dealing with Temptation”

OPENING

- Appoint someone to open in prayer and ask God to meet with your group in a special way today.
- Which type of food tempts you the most? If you were dieting or fasting, what food would you miss the most?
- Read Gal. 5:19-21. Here, Paul gives a list of “obvious acts of the flesh.” Are they all equally bad? Would you add anything else to Paul’s list of obvious sins? Which sins on Paul’s list are most tempting for Aussie Christians?

READ: Genesis 39: 1-23

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Joseph did well as Potiphar’s slave (Gen. 39:1-6). How had Joseph changed from the teenager described in Gen. 37? Why did Joseph rise so quickly in responsibility? Are there any lessons for us?
2. How was Joseph tempted (Gen. 39:6-10)? What did he do to resist this temptation?
3. Is every Christian tempted (see 1 Cor. 10:13)? Do some Christians face more temptation? In what sort of ways does God “provide a way out” when we face temptation? What has helped you in alleviating temptation?
4. Heb. 4:15 says that Jesus was tempted in every way like us? How do you think Jesus was tempted if He was God? How does this verse encourage us?
5. Joseph resisted the temptation and yet still found himself in hot water (Gen 39:11-20). Sometimes doing the right thing gets us into trouble. Can you think of a time when you tried to do what was right and found that it made things difficult for you (at least initially)? How did it work out (if at all)?
6. In Gen. 39:20-23, how did things turn out for Joseph? What was Joseph’s pathway to blessing? What did he do right despite his deep disappointment?

MAKE IT HAPPEN

7. Are there any areas of temptation or pressure you are presently facing that you can share with the group? Share as much as you are comfortable with.
8. Then bear each other’s burdens by praying for each other.