- i. Pharaoh gives Joseph a wife! And who is it? Ms. Potiphera.
- ii. Now Joseph is in charge of the food of the entire world!
- B. The two sons are a sign of God's blessing.

LIVE THE STORY

The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.

The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.

- What are some of the "ingredients" which would have been required for Joseph to live redemptively when called before Pharaoh?
- How is our ability to live redemptively in the world effected by the presence or absence of these same ingredients?
- How does Joseph demonstrate that our suffering can be for the benefit of others? How is Joseph both a type of Christ and a model for us?
- Who are the powerful people you perceive to be obstacles to God's justice? How does this story help us see just how powerless people of power are before God?
- What does it mean to be a part of a prophetic people? Why is the church, the community of faith, a prophetic people?
- ➤ Why does the church have insight into what God is doing in the world? How does the cross give us that insight?
- ➤ How does Joseph's story in this chapter once again provide a clear pattern of the gospel of Jesus?

Genesis: Truth For Understanding Our World (29) Living Redemptively in a Fallen World

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I. Pharaoh's Dilemma (1-13)

- A. "After two years of days...".
- B. Pharaoh had a dream.
 - i. Pharaoh is helpless before God.
 - ii. Joseph is a prophet with a proven track record.
- C. The cupbearer has sinned greatly against Joseph.
- D. The world's wisdom will eventually fail them.
 - i. If the people of God are wise and discerning, those times will become opportunities for redemption (Eph. 5:15-17).
 - ii. We don't have to worry about opportunities, we only have to be ready when they come.

E.	Who are the powerful people that you perceive to be obstacles to God's justice?	iii. Joseph speaks in God-active language.
		D. Since suffering is coming, Joseph suffered in order that suffering won't win!
II. Jos	seph's Deliverance (14-32)	
A.	Twice Joseph had been unclothed.	III. Joseph's Exaltation (33-45)
	i. Now, he is shaved and given a clean set of clothes.	A. Can you imagine Joseph stopping with the interpretation and not giving this wisdom about what to do?
	ii. God is restoring Joseph and it is represented in his clothing.	
В.	God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do!	
	i. God had merely given Pharaoh a good case of anxiety.	B. Joseph is exalted; he does not exalt himself.
	ii. God reveals what he is about to do to Joseph the prophet.	
	iii. Pharaoh recognizes the truth of what is spoken.	
		C. Joseph is dressed again for a second time (42).
C.	Pharaoh's dilemma is Joseph's deliverance, but only because Joseph has faith.	
	i. Imagine if Joseph were a good materialist.	
	ii. It took faith for Joseph to tell Pharaoh what the Lord revealed to him.	IV. Joseph's Exoneration (46-57)
		 A. Only God can use history to write the story of Joseph's vindication for all to see.