

Home Group Study 4

Spending and Saving under Control?



Joseph's actions as Pharaoh's Prime Minister show a prudent way of dealing with surplus. "Boom and Bust" is not part of God's economic policy.

Welcome

If you received £100 you were not expecting would you:

- Put it into a savings account "for a rainy day"?
- Use it to pay off some of your overdraft?
- Buy something useful for the house?
- Have a romantic dinner with someone special?

Worship

Genesis 1: 20 - 31

Praise God for the abundant resources of his creation.

Word

- Read Genesis 41: 25 - 36 and Genesis 42: 1 - 5
If Jacob's family suffered from the famine then they must also have enjoyed the surplus.
 - What does that say about the management of their family resources?
 - Does it have any relevance for the way we manage our family resources?

- Read Genesis 47: 13 - 26
Joseph brought the whole population of Egypt under Pharaoh's direct economic control.
 - Did he exploit the weakness of others?
 - What were his priorities? What should they have been?
- Consider the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12: 15 - 31.
 - Where did he go wrong?
 - What can we learn from his mistakes?
- Is there any way in which our economic policies at a personal & domestic level can make a difference at a national or international level?
Is it worth bothering?

Witness

- Pray for those in need in our community.
- Pray for those who lack the skill to manage their resources.
- The logo at the top of the notes is the badge of the Trade Justice Movement which is supported by Christian Aid and other aid agencies.
- Pray for those who are trying to bring about justice in World Trade.
- Is there any way that the group can be involved in these issues?