

Home Group Study 5

God is in Control

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Welcome

Share any personal stories you may have of God's guidance in your life.

Worship

Read Proverbs 3: 1 - 20

Praise God for his wisdom, mercy, and love.

Word

1. Joseph's character.

Read Genesis 43:26 - 44, Genesis 44:1 - 6 and Genesis 45:1 - 4 .

- What aspects of Joseph's character are shown in the latter part of his story?
- Was he the same sort of person at the end of the story as he had been at the beginning?
- What made the difference?
- Are we being changed? How?

2. What do we learn of God's character through the whole story?

Read Genesis 40:1 - 5, Genesis 41:1 - 14 and Genesis 45:4 - 7 .

- Was Joseph just a lucky man who was in the right place at the right time?
- Why was it so important that Jacob and his family should be taken care of?

3. In what ways did God guide and direct Joseph throughout his life?

4. In what ways does God guide and direct us today?

Further Thought

As Easter approaches try to take some time by yourself to think about the parallels between Joseph's story and the Easter story. They both start with rejection and mis-treatment - what else do they have in common?

Witness

- Pray for one another - that we might have a sense of God's purpose for us.
- Pray especially for those who can make no sense out of the situations they find themselves in.
- Pray for some of the world situations which seem to be beyond human resolution.



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