

[Primary Text: Genesis 39]

PRAY

Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive God's word.

- LG Foundations (on back page): What did you learn from the foundations course for last week (topic: "The Tongue")?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.

- Let's read through chapter 39 together to refresh our memories.
- Joseph's garments have now been used twice to deceive. What was the first incident?
- How could have Joseph justified this act with Potiphar's wife? [Joseph's brothers, Reuben and Judah, have already stumbled in this area of lust and temptation]. Why, ultimately, did Joseph not agree to lying with Potiphar's wife?
- How did Potiphar's wife reveal to her household and to her husband that Joseph was pursuing her? What elements of persuasion did she use in doing this?
- Why did Potiphar's wife repeatedly emphasize that Joseph was a Hebrew when speaking to Potiphar? What was the difference between Hebrews and Egyptians?
- How was Potiphar able to send Joseph to Prison so quickly? Was Joseph able to defend himself? What was Joseph's experience in prison?
- Joseph went from favored son to despised by his brothers, sold into slavery, and thrown in prison. What does this story teach us about God in the most difficult seasons of life? What verses would you point to that lead you to that conclusion?
- How does story fit into the greater gospel story?

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for?

Over the next year we will be guided through a series of 30 topics that will challenge us to not only know what we believe but will help us to internalize and verbalize our beliefs. Knowing God's word takes training (1 Tim 4:6-9). **Let us train to know God and make Him known.** Welcome to LG Foundations.

Topic 19: The Use of Time

{ Why is the use of our time a worthy topic? Does the Bible have anything to say regarding our time? }

GUIDE:

Ephesians 5:15-17 –

Psalms 90:10, 12 –

Ecclesiastes 3:1 –

James 4:14 –

Romans 13:11 –

Proverbs 31: 27 –

Now that you have been reminded of what God's word says, try answering the topic question again with the paper flipped over. Try to include at least one Bible reference. Repeat this process as if you are teaching someone else. Practice teaching it to a friend or family member.