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**Next Week's Life Group:** In ALL You Do:  
The PROBLEMS at Work

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**Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus**

A person who is committed to ***following, being changed by,*** and ***on mission*** with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

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**The Purpose of Life Groups**

Life Groups are where we connect with God and with others through relationships - growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus and inspiring a culture of discipleship as we do life together. Life Groups are loving, safe, and interactive places where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, serve, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others. *Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11.*



## In ALL You Do

*Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:15-16

### Getting Started:

Did your first job require you to wear any type of special uniform? Can you describe it?

### Story Background:

The story for this lesson describes Joseph's initiation into his Egyptian life. Before we look at the sequence of events and how Joseph responded, let's remind ourselves briefly of what Joseph knew about God. Through his great-grandfather, Abraham, the record of creation and the flood had been preserved, and the Abrahamic covenant with the promise of blessing was established. Isaac and Jacob had inherited the covenant (Genesis 17:19, 28:13-15), and had added to the story their own accounts of God's work in their lives. Joseph had personally been the recipient of a pair of divine dreams. The family of faith, at that point in time, was literally a single family, and the Word of God was their personal family history.

God did not choose a perfect, harmonious family to be the custodians of His promises, but instead He worked His will through a confused, dysfunctional family who produced 12 brothers and half-brothers. Joseph was number 11, and the favorite of his father, Jacob. Genesis 37 describes the sibling rivalry which resulted in Joseph being sold by his brothers to slave traders and transported out of Canaan to Egypt. When Joseph was taken to Egypt, all he was able to take with him were His knowledge of God's Word and his own personal experience of faith.

## The PROMOTION for Work



**Story/Passage:** Genesis 39



**Head Level:** These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

- Give examples which show that Joseph was continually conscious that God was with him?
- Give four examples of how Joseph acted in situations of temptation.
- How did God overrule circumstances to train Joseph for future leadership?



**Heart Level:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- What do you find challenging or confusing about Joseph's progression from family, to slavery, to prison? What does this tell you about God?
- When you compare your current (or former) work environment to that of Joseph, are you able to relate on any level? Explain.
- In your current circumstances, how do you know God is actively with you?



**Hands Level:** These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

- How does the story of Joseph provide help or encouragement for you to thrive in your current situation?
- Who in your place of work or service knows you are a follower of Christ? How does/will this impact your demeanor and conversation in those places?