

Discussion Questions – Joseph in Command

Read Genesis 41

- How long does Joseph have to wait to get out of prison? (Gen. 41:1)
- How does Joseph get out of prison?
- Who told the Pharaoh about Joseph's ability to interpret dreams? (Gen. 41:9-13)
- What was Pharaoh's dream? (Gen. 41:17-24)· Why was it significant?
- Who did Joseph give credit for the interpretation of the dream? (Gen. 41:16)
- What was the interpretation of that dream? (Gen. 41:25-37)
- How did the interpretation of that dream alter Joseph's life? (Gen. 41:38-52)
- While in Egypt, Joseph moved from being a slave to second-in-command under Pharaoh. Who was responsible for his meteoric rise to power?
- What did Pharaoh give Joseph?
- What was the name of Joseph's wife?
 - Two sons?
- What were Joseph's new responsibilities? (41:53-57)
- How old was Joseph when he started his new duties? (30)
- Think back to Joseph's earlier dream that he shared with his father and brothers. Was that dream fulfilled? How?
- Who sent Joseph's brothers to Egypt? (Gen. 42:1-2)
- Which brother did not travel to Egypt? (Gen 42:4)
- What did Joseph call his brothers? (Gen. 42:9,14)
- Did the brothers recognize Joseph?
- Who is Reuben referring to in Gen. 42:22? [Joseph]
- Do you think the brothers felt guilty about what they had done to Joseph? Support your answers.
- What do the brothers have to do to prove they aren't spies? (Gen. 42:34)
- Who stays behind in prison? (Gen. 42:24)
- Is Joseph being unfair to his brothers?
- Is Joseph acting out of resentment and revenge?
- What is his motive for keeping Simeon?
- How do you think Joseph felt when he saw his brothers again?

- What would you have done if you were Joseph?
- Why did Joseph return his brother's money with the grain?
- What do you think the brothers thought when they saw the money?