

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Joseph in Egypt

Read Genesis 39

- Who took Joseph to Egypt?
- How old is Joseph when he arrives in Egypt?
- What happens to Joseph when he gets to Egypt?
- Do you think being sold as a slave was a cruel act by Joseph's brothers?
- How could they live with their decision?
- What would it be like to be sold as a slave?
- What is a slave?
- Who bought Joseph? (Gen. 37:36)
- What happened to Potiphar's household when Joseph starts working? (Gen. 39:2-3)
- What kind of a position did Potiphar give Joseph? (Gen. 39:4-6)
- What changes do you think took place in Joseph during this time?
- How would you feel if you were sent to a foreign country and never heard or saw anyone in your family again?
- Would you work as hard as Joseph or would you mope and not care about anything?
- What do you think made Joseph care enough to be so good?
- Do you let God work in you?
- What kind of faith did Joseph have?
- Who took an immoral interest in Joseph? (Gen. 39:7-20)
- How did Joseph handle the situation?
- Wouldn't it be understandable to give in to Potiphar's wife? After all, he had been deserted by his family. Would that make it right?
- Discuss the difference between explainable and excusable behavior?
- If Joseph had given in to Potiphar's wife, would that have been explainable behavior or excusable behavior?
- How do you tell the difference?
- Could Joseph tell the difference?
- How did Potiphar's wife frame Joseph?
- Does this kind of thing happen today?

- What did his goodness get Joseph? (Gen. 39:20-23)
- Do you realize Potiphar had grounds for killing Joseph?
- Why do you think he didn't kill Joseph?
- Do you think he believed his wife?
- Did the prison sentence shake Joseph's faith?