



The Dream Manager

Genesis 40 & 41

OPEN

What was your dream when you were a child?

Were you encouraged to dream and think big then? How about now?

PRAY

Before you read the Word of God, take a moment to quiet your mind, and have someone pray for your group time. Ask Him to prepare each one of you to receive His word.

DISCUSS

Read Genesis 40 & 41

- What does verse 40:4 reveal about how God is helping Joseph become prepared for leadership?
- What do we hear about Pharaoh's personality and temper? 40:2-3 & 40:20-22
- Joseph is called to interpret Pharaoh's dream.
 - What happened to the others who couldn't do it?
 - What do you think Joseph is feeling as he approaches Pharaoh?
 - How would you feel?
- How does Joseph show courage as he speaks to Pharaoh 41:16 & 41:33-36
- What stands out to you in this story and why?

What is the difference between Big Hairy Audacious Goals and God sized goals?

Do you think there can be a connection between the two? Please explain.

Have you ever taken a small step of obedience and then experienced God multiplying it in a way you could never have dreamed of?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

- How does this scripture tie into Joseph's story?
- How about your own story?

Two shoe sales men were sent to a primitive island to determine business potential. The first one wired back, "Coming home immediately. No one here wears shoes." The second person responded, "Send a boatload of shoes immediately. The possibilities here are unlimited."

- Which one of the sales people do you tend to be, and why do you think this is?

PRAY

Read psalm 18:32, 105:4 & 127:1, Philippians 4:13, 1 Chronicles 16:11, then have someone close you in prayer.

NEXT STEPS

- Take some time to reflect on some of the characters in the Bible who were called to do God-sized goals. Noah, Sarah, Moses, Nehemiah, Mary and Saul. Think about where they came from and what they were asked to do. Talk about their questions, doubts and trust. Pay attention to how God was leading them and caring for them.
- What do you see when you look at the world around you? And what does God want you to see? Pray and listen. Journal about what you see and hear, so you can circle back around to your notes and continue the process of reflection. Be open to new ideas and thoughts from God, as well as from the people around you whom God may have placed in your path.