

## KNOW and GROW → Week 8 Schedule and Questions:

**Summary:** This week begins with Esau, *the brother of Jacob, the son of Isaac, and the grandson of Abraham*; we then turn our attention to Joseph, number 11 of the 12 sons of Jacob/Israel. We will read about his dreams, the jealousy of his brothers, his temptation to commit adultery, and his time in prison!

### Monday February 22 Genesis 36

- How many wives did Esau have? \_\_\_\_\_
- Esau moved a distance from Jacob because their possessions were too great. Who else did the same? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- How many sons did Esau have from his wives? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you have a map, notice that Edom is south of the Dead Sea.

### Tuesday February 23 Genesis 37

- Esau moved to Edom – his descendants became the Edomites, but Joseph remained in the land of \_\_\_\_\_.
- What caused Joseph's brothers to hate him? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Joseph's brothers initially plan to do to him? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who had the idea to sell Joseph into slavery? \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph became the slave of \_\_\_\_\_, one of Pharaoh's officials.

### Wednesday February 24 Genesis 38

- Judah's first two sons were wicked in the Lord's sight, so what did the Lord do to both Er and Onan? \_\_\_\_\_
- What sin did Judah commit with Tamar? \_\_\_\_\_
- Judah nearly added murder to his sins, *but God opened his eyes to his sin and enabled him to repent.*

### Thursday February 25 Genesis 39

- Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph to have \_\_\_\_\_ with her.
- How did Joseph describe her request? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did the Lord bless Joseph (23)? \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday February 26 Genesis 40

- Who did Joseph credit with the ability to interpret dreams? \_\_\_\_\_
- Whose head was lifted *up*? \_\_\_\_\_ lifted *off*? \_\_\_\_\_
- Even though Joseph's life had been difficult – jealous brothers, slavery, and prison – *the Lord continued to bless him!*

## KNOW and GROW → Week 9 Schedule and Questions:

**Summary:** These accounts took place about 1900 B.C. or 2,100 years after creation. We continue to focus on Joseph – his interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams, his prominent position in Egypt, his brothers coming to Egypt, his brothers not recognizing him, and he making himself known to them.

### Monday March 1 Genesis 41

- Even though Joseph had helped the \_\_\_\_\_, he was forgotten and remained in prison for another \_\_\_\_ years.
- Why was none of Pharaoh's magicians and wise men able to interpret his dreams? (40:8b) \_\_\_\_\_
- Notice how Joseph not only interpreted Pharaoh's dreams, *but gave him wise direction on how to respond to the dreams!*
- God is the giver of wisdom: <sup>NIV</sup> **James 1:5** "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask \_\_\_\_\_, who gives generously to all...<sup>6</sup> But when he asks, he must \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_..."

### Tuesday March 2 Genesis 42

- Earlier the Lord said to Abraham: "...your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years." (Gen. 15:13 NIV) That country was Egypt and the Lord was using the \_\_\_\_\_ (41:57) to eventually get the people of Israel to that place.
- What was Joseph's special connection to Benjamin? (Genesis 35:24) \_\_\_\_\_
- Did Jacob/Israel agree to let Benjamin go to Egypt? (v. 38) Y N

### Wednesday March 3 Genesis 43

- Why did Jacob/Israel finally let Benjamin go to Egypt? (vv. 8-9) \_\_\_\_\_
- What happened between Joseph and his brothers just as he had dreamed? (42:6b; 43:26) \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday March 4 Genesis 44

- Later, through Moses, the Lord gave this command: "Do not practice divination or sorcery." (Lev. 19:26 NIV)

### Friday March 5 Genesis 45

- Why did Joseph say God sent him to Egypt? (v. 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Pharaoh promise to Joseph's father, brothers, and families? (v. 18) \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers:

### Genesis 36:

- 3 wives – Adah, Oholibamah, Basemath
- Abraham & Lot, Genesis 13
- 5 sons – Adah had *Eliphaz*, Oholibamah had *Jeush, Jalam*, and *Korah*, and Basemath had *Reuel*.

### Genesis 37:

- Canaan – the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants.
- Jacob/Israel not only loved Joseph more than his brothers, but showed it by making him a special robe – *the coat of many colors!*
- They plotted to kill him, v. 18
- Judah had the idea, and his brothers agreed, vv. 26-27
- Potiphar, the captain of the guard, v. 36

### Genesis 38:

- The Lord put both of them to death, vv. 7 & 10
- Fornication – “Voluntary sexual intercourse between two unmarried persons...” (Random House, 1988), vv. 15-18
- See vv. 24-26

### Genesis 39:

- Sex, even though she was a married woman.
- As a wicked thing, a sin against God, v. 9c
- The Lord gave him success in whatever he did, v. 23

### Genesis 40:

- God, He can interpret dreams, v. 8b
- The cupbearer was restored to his position, but the baker was beheaded / hanged.

## Answers:

### Genesis 41:

- Joseph helped the cupbearer, but he remained in prison 2 for more years.
- Again, only God can interpret – and people like Joseph, whom God enabled to interpret dreams.
- God / believe / doubt

### Genesis 42:

- Famine – so all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.
- Benjamin was Joseph’s full brother; they both had Rachel as their mother.
- No, he refused – at least for now.

### Genesis 43:

- Judah personally guaranteed Benjamin’s safety.
- They all bowed down before him to the ground.

### Genesis 44:

- These passages also pertain to divination: Deut. 18:10-14; 2 Kings 17:17; Isaiah 2:6.

### Genesis 45:

- Even though life was difficult for Joseph, God sent him there to save the lives of many – including his own family.
- “I will give you the best of the land of Egypt...” (18)