

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

iDENTiTY Joseph #6: “Generous Joe”

Tips for Leaders

In your meeting tonight, try to move applications beyond just our individual relationships with God. Encourage members of your Life Group to actively consider how they might apply what you cover tonight in their everyday lives. How will this affect their giving? Who they are in the office? How they seek to care for their neighbours?

CONNECT IN with one another

- Encourage your Life Group to share stories from the Bank Holiday Weekend.

CONNECT UP with God

- Ask your group to recap the story of Joseph and review our sermon series so far. What have you most enjoyed learning about Joseph? In what ways has this second half of the series differed from the first half when we looked at the life of Jacob together?
- Read Genesis 41:41-57.
- Focus in on v41-43. Compare these verses with what Joseph would have experienced in Egypt so far. *[Leaders note: You might like to review Genesis 37:28, 39:1, 39:20, 40:23.]* What do you think Joseph must have been thinking at this stage in his story?
- Read v50-52 where Joseph names his sons. What do these verses tell us about Joseph’s character?
- In v46-49 Joseph stores the grain that God’s gives him during the seven years of abundance. What are some of the things that God has given you to be generous with?
- Please read v53-57. In these verses we read of the fulfilment of Pharaoh’s dreams and Joseph’s wisdom in preparing for harder times. On Sunday Dan encouraged us to consider budgeting like Joseph did. How easy do you find it to budget your time and money? *[Leaders note: this could be a good chance to plug the CAP Money Course to those in your group who might benefit from it, details are below.]*
- Please turn to Acts 3:6. Here we read of Peter on the way into the Temple praying for a crippled beggar to be healed. Review again, what are some of the things that God had given you to be generous with? *[Leaders note: Not just sharing our time and money, but sharing Jesus with others too!]*

CONNECT OUT with the people around you who are exploring faith

- Who has God put in your life now who you can be generous with? Think back to Lent this year. As a church we went through 40Acts using the emails from Stewardship. How many of those habits have continued in your life since then?
- Use this opportunity while you’re gathered together to pray for one another as you seek to be generous towards others. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with your friends and family, just like Peter did in Acts 3.