JOSEPH RISES TO POWER

Day 1: Review

1. What did you glean from reading lesson 13 commentary notes?

2. How did the lecture help you better understand lesson 14?

Day 2: Read Genesis 41:1-14, Psalm 105:16-19 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

3. FACTS:
   A. How long had it been since the cupbearer had been released from prison and forgotten Joseph there?

   B. What additional facts do you learn about Joseph’s imprisonment from Psalm 105:16-19?

   C. What/who prompted the cupbearer to remember Joseph and what/who prompted Pharaoh to call for Joseph?

   D. Summarize Pharaoh’s two dreams.
      Dream #1

      Dream #2

4. LESSONS: Based on your answer to question 3C regarding the cupbearer remembering Joseph and Pharaoh’s response, what principle is being exhibited?
5. APPLICATION: What have you learned that might help you the next time you are forgotten or dismissed?

Day 3: Read Genesis 41:15-36 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

6. FACTS:
   A. After Pharaoh summoned Joseph to ask if he could interpret his dreams, how did Joseph respond (verses 15-16)?

   B. Summarize Joseph’s interpretation of Pharaoh’s two dreams (verses 25-32).

   C. What wise counsel did Joseph give Pharaoh?

7. LESSONS: What do you learn about honoring God from verses 15-16?

8. APPLICATION:
   A. How might you more completely honor God?

   B. What are some things with which you should ask God’s help in honoring Him? Be specific.


9. FACTS:
   A. What did Pharaoh think of Joseph, and what did he do for him (verses 37-40)?

   B. Using Genesis 41:46 and 37:2, how many years had passed since Joseph’s brothers had sold him to the Ishmaelite traders?

10. LESSONS:
A. What caused Pharaoh to make the statement about Joseph in verse 37?

B. What do you learn about Joseph’s faith in God from verses 50-52?

11. APPLICATION:
A. How does the way Joseph responded to hardship and blessing encourage you?

B. What about Joseph’s character would you like to be true of you also?

Day 5: Read Genesis 42:1-24 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

12. FACTS: Write down a fact from each of the verses below.
   Verses 1-2

   Verses 3-4

   Verse 6

   Verses 8-9

   Verses 15-17

   Verses 22-23

13. LESSONS:
A. From verse 24, what is revealed about Joseph’s heart toward his brothers?
B. What do you believe caused him to break down after hearing his brothers discuss their guilt?

14. APPLICATION:
A. What are some ways you might keep your heart “tender” toward the things that matter to our Lord?

B. How do you keep yourself from becoming “hard-hearted”?

Day 6: Read Genesis 42:25-38 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

15. FACTS:
A. What did Joseph do to the brothers that were sent back to their father to test their integrity (verses 25-28)?

B. What did the brothers tell Jacob upon their return home (verses 29-35)?

C. How did Jacob respond to what his sons told him about their trip to Egypt (verse 36)?

D. Describe the interaction between Reuben and Jacob in verses 37-38.

16. LESSONS: How was Joseph’s testing of his brothers beneficial?

17. APPLICATION:
A. When do you believe you have been “tested” by God?

B. What was the purpose for “testing” and its outcome?