

Elevation (week 5)
Meant For Good: The Life of Joseph
Scripture Reading: **Genesis 41:41-57**
Discussion Questions

- 1.** We are currently in the fifth week of our sermon series discussing the life of Joseph, titled "Meant for Good." Our reading for today is from **Genesis 41:41-57**. Read this passage. What stands out to you?
- 2.** Before the events in this passage, Pharaoh had a dream that none of his important officials could interpret. Suddenly, Pharaoh's Cupbearer remembered Joseph. For two years, Joseph had been imprisoned without any hope of release. Can you recall a time in your life that seemed dull or purposeless? Looking back, can you now see God's hand at work during that period of your life? How has time given you a different perspective?
- 3.** In Pharaoh's dream, he saw healthy and sick cows, as well as healthy and sick wheat. Through God's intervention, Joseph was able to interpret the dream as seven years of plentiful harvest followed by seven years of severe famine. Due to his exceptional wisdom in interpreting the dream, Pharaoh promoted Joseph from the prison to the second highest position in Egypt. How did Joseph's past hardships prepare him for his role in Egypt?
- 4.** Joseph managed the seven years of abundance followed by the seven years of famine. He established a system to store food during the plentiful years as a reserve. This stored food was then sold during the years of famine, saving countless lives from starvation. Joseph's brothers intended to harm him, but God transformed that situation into one that would save the lives of many. Has God ever used something painful from your past to bring about restoration? What did that look like in your journey?