

Think Ahead

Driven by Your Dreams

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

He said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have had; for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf stood up and also remained standing; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf." Genesis 37:6-7 NASB

So now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and appoint him over the land of Egypt. ... Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom there is a divine spirit?" So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you are. You shall be in charge of my house, and all my people shall be obedient to you; only regarding the throne will I be greater than you." Genesis 41:33, 38-40 NASB

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." And they came closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold to Egypt. Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to save lives. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. So God sent me ahead of you to ensure for you a remnant on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt." Genesis 45:4-8 NASB

Other Key Scriptures

- Genesis 37:2-5 NASB
- Genesis 37:18-22 NASB
- Genesis 39:20 NASB
- Genesis 40:21-23 NASB
- Genesis 41:15-16 NASB

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If money were no object, what would you do for the rest of your life?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Ephesians 2:10**. What are some of the unique gifts and experiences God has given you? How could these influence His purpose for your life?
- Read **Genesis 45:4-8**. What can we learn about God's purpose for our lives from the story of Joseph? How does this story help you understand the way God works in the waiting?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- We can face resistance when we step into God's calling for our lives. Share about a time when you experienced resistance while pursuing God's call for your life. How did this discomfort help you grow?
- Talk about God's purpose for your life. What breaks your heart, and what can you do about it? Share any next steps you need to take in order to step into God's calling for your life.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for being involved in the details of our lives. We want to be a part of what You're doing so lives can be changed forever. Please help us to discern Your purpose for our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Spend time with God this week asking the question, What is my God-given purpose? Talk about your experience with your LifeGroup.](#)
- Start the *Think Ahead* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/thinkaheadplan
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.