



## **Joseph's rise**

So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." – Genesis 41:41

## **Joseph's wisdom**

During the seven years of abundance, the land produced plentifully. Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. – Genesis 41:47-48a

## **Joseph's grace**

Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. – Genesis 50:20

**Application:** Two thousand years ago, God sent a prince. Jesus left his home and his Father to come here. His brothers would hate him and wanted him dead. He would be sold for silver, falsely accused and punished even though he had done nothing wrong. But God would use the bad things done to Jesus for good – the saving of many lives.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Where are you in the birth order of your family (oldest, middle, youngest)? How did this affect how you grew up?
- 2) Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Read 1 Corinthians 12 for a list of the gifts.
- 3) What have the trials of your life taught you about yourself? What have they taught you about God?
- 4) Joseph chooses to forgive his brothers. Who do you need to forgive that you have been carrying an offense against? Will you forgive?
- 5) How do you balance planning for the future (Joseph stored up food for the famine) with the fact Matthew 6:34 tells us not to worry about tomorrow?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?