

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY- 05/09/12

1. AS GOD CONTINUED TO BLESS, EQUIP, AND SUSTAIN HIM, JOSEPH KEPT THINGS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. REVIEW GENESIS 40:8. ESEE ALSO I PETER 5;6-7.

2. AFTER BEING RESTORED TO HIS POSITION, PHARAOH'S CUPBEARER FORGOT JOSEPH UNTIL PHARAOH HIMSELF HAD DREAMS IN NEED OF INTERPRETING. THEN THE CUPBEARER REMEMBERED JOSEPH. SCRIPTURE RECORDS THE CUPBEARER'S WORDS, "TODAY I AM REMINDED OF MY SHORTCOMINGS" (GENESIS 41:9). WHAT DOES I JOHN 1:8-9 INVITE EVERY BELIEVER TO REMEMBER AND CONFESS?

3. THE NAMES JOSEPH GAVE TO HIS CHILDREN BRING TO MIND GOD'S GRACE IN HIS LIFE. HOW DO THE MEANING OF HE NAMES OF JOSEPH'S SONS (GENESIS 41:51-52) REMIND YOU OF GOD'S GRACIOUS PROVIDENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

4. WHEN ILL FORTUNE BEFELL JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ON THEIR TRIP TO EGYPT, THEY CONCLUDED THAT THEY WERE RECEIVING PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR CRUEL TREATMENT OF JOSEPH (GENESIS 42:21). IS THIS HOW GOD RESPONDS TO US? IF NOT, THEN HOW? SEE HEBREWS 12:1-11.

5. REVIEW GENESIS 45:1-28. HOW DOES JOSEPH REMIND YOU OF JESUS?

6. WHAT ROOTS FOR THE NATIONS OF ISRAEL DO YOU SEE IN CHAPTER 48 (AND 49 AS YOU READ THAT LATER TONIGHT)?