

LESSON 51

JOSEPH IN PRISON

Genesis 39:21-40:23



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly a strange dream that you had recently.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

Cover the Earth, by Israel Houghton, Meleasa Houghton, Cindy Ratcliff
God of Wonders, by Mark Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:21–40:23



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. God allowed Joseph's faith to be tested severely. What did God accomplish through Joseph's imprisonment (39:21-23)? Read Psalm 105:17-18.
2. What character did Joseph show in how he related with the two officers of Pharaoh (40:2-7)?

3. Getting into prison did not break Joseph's resolve to believe in God. How did Joseph respond to the challenge of interpreting the dreams of the two officers (40:8-13;16-19)?
4. What did God allow Joseph to do through his ministry towards the cupbearer and the baker (39:4,6-7,12,18)? Read Psalm 96:3 and Psalm 108:5.
5. Joseph was confident that his interpretation of the cupbearer's dream was accurate and that it will surely happen. Because of this, what did Joseph do in his effort to get out of prison (40:14-15)?
6. What was God accomplishing in the life of Joseph by allowing him to be forgotten in prison (40:20-23)?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)
(about 35 minutes)

1. How has God been developing your patience? How can we respond productively to setbacks in life?
2. Get yourself ready to minister to a person to whom God will lead you next. Be sensitive and attentive to the person and try to discern if he or she has a deep concern or need.
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.