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# GENESIS

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

### THE BIG IDEA

## When God Seems Silent

Sunday, January 29, 2023

THE BIBLE - Genesis 40

### QUESTIONS

1. Vs. 1-4 – We see here that the prisoners were put “in the place where Joseph was bound” and “charged Joseph with them”. Is there ever “coincidence” with God? Even in the dark circumstances of prison, Joseph was faithful and was used of God.
2. Vs. 5-7 – Do you ever need to know an answer? Where do you go for answers? See James 1:5
3. Vs. 8 – We see so much maturity of this young man since his dreams when he was 17 (see Gen. 37:5-11). What do you think contributed to this? What are some of the ways God matures His children today?
4. Vs. 14-15 – Joseph requests to be remembered. Although, through no fault of his own, he is in a situation that seems impossible and no one seems to listen to him. Have you ever felt like you were forgotten? Does God ever forget us or our situation? See Isaiah 49:14-16.
5. Vs. 23 – The butler forgets his word to Joseph and in doing so seems to forget the miraculous way in which he was released. Why are we, like the butler, so quick to forget the ways that God has worked in our lives? The Israelites built memorials out of stones to help them remember God's ways in their lives. What are some ways that you use to not forget God's blessings?

### FURTHER STUDY NUGGETS

- Daniel in Daniel chapters 2 & 4 was also used of God to interpret dreams. Are there any similarities? Any differences?

### THE FIVE

5 Verses For Discussion During Week

(Discipleship partner, around dinner table, on way to school in car, etc)



Monday  
James 1:2-4

Tuesday  
James 1:5

Wednesday  
Romans 8:28,29

Thursday  
Proverbs 19:21

Friday  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Proverbs 19:21 - "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."