

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Whiplash

Week 2: Career Success
Genesis 39

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Life is oftentimes like a roller coaster, filled with unexpected twists and turns. Through our study of the life of Joseph, we can see how God equips us to survive life's turbulent ups and downs. This week, our focus is on the wild ride at work.

Kicking it off: Joseph changed jobs at the tender age of 17. Growing up, what was your most memorable job as a teenager or young adult?

Discussion:

1. We see Joseph achieve great success at work. What do you believe was the key that led to him doing so well? (Read Genesis 39:2-5.)

“The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.”

2. As you think about your personal work life, where do you mainly see yourself “at work?” What has called you to be for Him? (Some examples are, In the classroom, on the job, in your neighborhood, in your family ...)
3. When you hear the idea of God invading your work life and coming alongside you, how does that make you feel? Is it more comforting, or intimidating, or a little bit of both?
4. Look back to Genesis 2:15. How do we know God believes work is good, and that God cares about our work?

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

5. Jeff described three ways God shows up with us at work. Which of these concepts resonates with you the most? Which one feels the most foreign, and why is that for you?
 - Our partner.
 - Our passion.
 - Our power.
6. How would your work life be different if you focused on each task, even those you don't always enjoy, as a gift of love for the Lord?

Wrapping It Up:

Each of us faces certain challenges in our work lives, but we can learn from Joseph how to find true success. How can your small group be praying for you to be encouraged in your work this week?