



### **Study Questions: Week 3** ***“First and Foremost”***

#### **Icebreaker:**

Choose an icebreaker question to get everyone talking.

- What would be the most surprising scientific discovery imaginable?
- What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?
- What is your favorite item you've bought this year?

1. Open your time together in prayer.
2. Read aloud Genesis 39:1-10.
3. Verse 1 says, “Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.” Joseph didn’t plan for this to happen. Share a time when life sent you on a detour, but looking back, it was the best thing that could have ever happened to you?
4. Genesis 39:2 says, “The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man.” What are specific instances in your life where you realize that the Lord was with you, and because of this, you were able to persevere through the entire situation.
5. In Genesis 39:7-10, discuss some examples of how Joseph was faithful to the Lord during his time in Potiphar’s house.
6. Potiphar’s wife demanded that Joseph sleep with her. How was Joseph able to resist temptation? Read and discuss James 4:7-10.
7. During Joseph’s time in Potiphar’s house, identify the situations that were beyond his power to change. What was within his power to change?
8. What are some situations in your life that are beyond your power to change? How does the Lord wants you to respond? What do you have the power to change?
9. Joseph knew that if he had given into Potiphar’s wife, it would have cost him greatly. It was a sin against God. Joseph knew that disregarding God’s law is to alienate ourselves from Him. Read the following verses and discuss them in regards to overcoming sin:
  - a. John 16:33
  - b. James 1:14-15
  - c. 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - d. Philippians 4:13
10. Close your time in prayer for one another.

