

## GO DEEPER

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### Read Genesis Chapter 41

Share any observation you have from the text. What stands out to you? Pay special attention to repetition, contrast, cause & effect, progression, transitions, etc.

What questions do you have from the story or the sermon?

### Talk About It

What is significant about Pharaoh receiving dreams from God?

Why can't Pharaoh or his magicians interpret the dreams?

Why does Joseph tell Pharaoh that he is not able to interpret, only God is?

What would have happened if Joseph hadn't said this?

What does this teach us about Joseph?

How can we follow his example of faithful witness in the world?

Joseph tells Pharaoh that God will give a favorable answer, literally "an answer of peace." This expression doesn't indicate that the answer will be good or bad, just that receiving it from God will bring peace and satisfy Pharaoh's wondering. How might this influence the way we pray and listen to God?

Why does Pharaoh exalt Joseph?

List all the things Pharaoh gives Joseph, what do they mean?

How is God at work in this? What is God doing?

The text goes out of its way to say that both Joseph's sons were from one wife, the strong insinuation is that Joseph remained monogamous.

Why would the writer of Genesis want to draw attention to this?

How does this compare to Abraham and Jacob? What's the implication?

Pastor Adam talked about Joseph being a reversal of Adam and model (type) for the Messiah. Why does this matter? What does it mean for us?

How is Joseph a model both for individual Christians and the Church as a whole?

**Close** by reading Psalm 105:1-24 together.

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