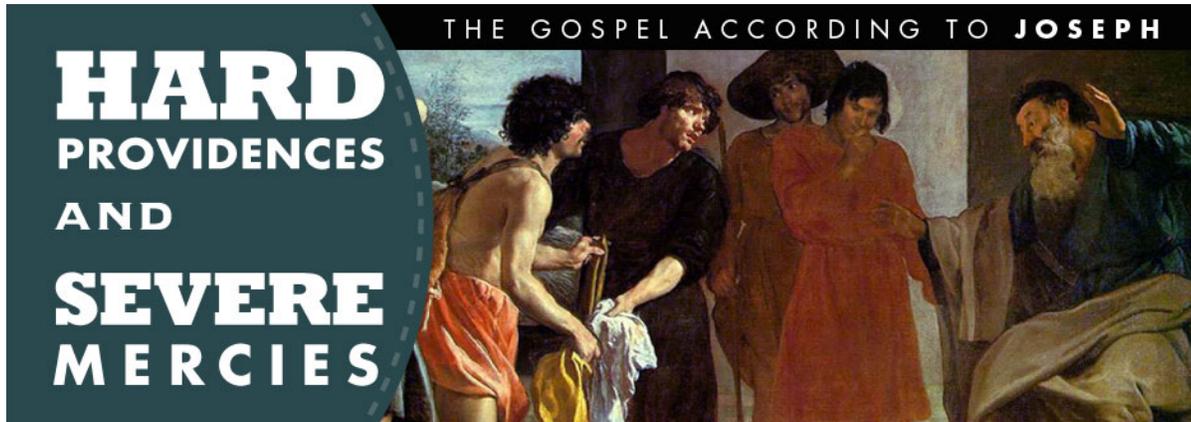


**WEEK 3 | THE FORGOTTEN INTERPRETER
GENESIS 40-41**



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Catch everybody up to date on what's going on with New City. You can use your bulletin or the [Weekly Roundup](#) as a tool to do so.

Take a few moments to pray for any needs you know of in the church. Please include the following:

- Pray that things would go smoothly with the building loan and that we could close on the Floral Ave property by early December. We are still in process of finalizing the loan.
- Consider printing out [this article explaining why we want to be involved with Partners India](#). Take a few moments to pray for the gospel to go out in India, for our cinreased involvement with PI, and for the Director, Ashish Pushkaran, to be able to raise all his financial support so he can lead PI fulltime.

ENGAGE (15 MINUTES)

Starter Questions: Have everyone introduce themselves and answer: What was your favorite Halloween costume you ever had?

REFLECTION AND STUDY (30-35 MINUTES)

From now until Advent, we're looking at the Joseph stories in Genesis. Not only are these incredible stories, but we learn a lot of practical lessons.

- 1.) **Read Genesis 40:1-23.** What's happening here? Briefly retell the story as a group.
- 2.) Note that Joseph was willing to speak both good news (to the cupbearer) and bad news (to the baker). How are we called to speak both good news and bad news to people? (in sharing the gospel? at work? in relationships?)
- Which are you more prone to leave out? (good news or bad news) Why?
- 3.) **Read Genesis 40:14-15 and 41:1.** How do you think Joseph was feeling during this? How can we learn to wait on God in the midst of difficult experiences?
- 4.) **Read Genesis 41:14-36.** See if you can recap the story as a group.
- 5.) How is the story at this point starting to shed light on why God brought Joseph to Egypt?
- 6.) How does this story help shape us for mission?
- 7.) **Read Genesis 41:37-44.** In what ways is Joseph's "pit to palace" experience similar to the ministry of Jesus?
- 8.) Hand out notecards and ask everyone to write down an application. What truth do I need to believe this week? Or, what action do I need to take? Or in what way is God calling me into his mission? (Share these applications when you break up to pray, and pray for one another)

PRAYER (15 MINUTES)

Break up into smaller groups of men and women. For those who are comfortable, share your applications and pray for one another.