



This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however, we encourage you to check out one of our warm and friendly Small Groups.

LESSON AIM: To help you and your group discover that we can rely on God as we experience the changes life brings.

Connect15 min.



PRAYER: Begin your time with prayer. We encourage you to quiet yourself, acknowledge God's position, and ask God to open your mind and heart to the lesson aim for today.

ICEBREAKER: Who in your family is the one who will forgive anyone about anything? Who is the one that finds difficulty with forgiveness? Which one are you like? How so?

Grow35-40 min.



KEY VERSE: *JThe Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8 NLT*

1. In last Sunday's message, Finding Change, we learned from David that change is a journey. Which of God's promises impacted you the most? How?
2. Study Genesis 45: 1-28. When and why did Joseph finally make him-self known to his brothers (v1-2)? After 22 years, what proof would you need to be convinced that a lost loved one was "back from the dead?" How do you think his brothers felt after they heard this man claim to be Joseph, their brother (v3)?
3. How did Joseph convince his brothers of the truth when he revealed who he was (v4-13)? What did Joseph do after he told his brothers who he was (v14-15)? What would your reaction be if you were one of Joseph's brothers?

4. How would you typify God's actions in this whole episode? Involved? Laid back? Enjoying the last laugh? Crying the first tear? Giving hugs all around? Explain
5. Please read Genesis 37: 1-10. These verses reveal Joseph in his youth. How would you describe him? Arrogant? Cocky? Humble? What charac-teristics do you observe in Joseph after 22 years of change?

Serve15 min.



As your life has experienced changes, what roadblocks have you encountered? Did those roadblocks require forgiveness on your part? Why or why not? Share with your group what set of adverse circumstances you will ask God to use to shape your character.

Reach10 min.



What is one thing you have learned from Joseph's story that would be most helpful to share with someone experiencing tough times? Why not share with that person this week?

Worship15 min.



Turn your prayers into praise for the name of our Holy Father, Jehovah M' Kiddish – God Is My Sanctifier. Turn your journey over to Him so that you can inspire others throughout your life.
Pray for other praises and needs of the group members.

God can change me as I...

_____ Spiritual Growth as a _____

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."
Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

"...let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God."
2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)

_____ with His Picture of Maturity: _____

"And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image." **2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)**

"...work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord."
Hebrews 12:14b (NLT)

_____ Him for Help with my _____

"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."
Proverbs 16:25 (NLT)

"The LORD says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.'"
Psalms 32:8-9 (NLT)

_____ to my need to (re) _____

"[B]ut they who wait (trust) for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

"And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."
Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)



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"[I]n Your name I will hope, for your name is good."
Psalms 52:9 (NIV)

Genesis: God reveals He is _____

On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."
Genesis 22:14 (NLT)

Exodus: God reveals He is _____

"...I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself."
Exodus 19:4 (NIV)

Leviticus: God reveals He wants us _____

Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy."
Leviticus 19:2b (NIV)

"When I saw [Jesus], I fell at his feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.'"
Revelation 1:17 (NIV)

Johovah M'Kiddish:

"Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy."
Leviticus 20:8 (NIV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)