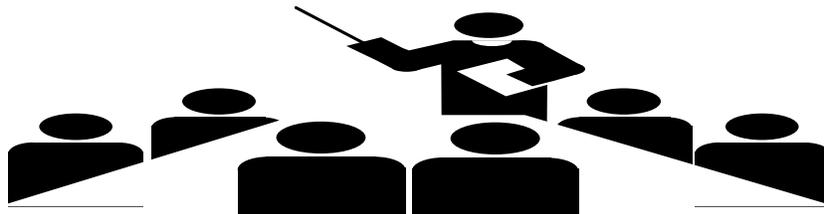


# BIBLE STUDY SERIES



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Session #1: **Meeting God's Expectations** (What does God expect of me?)

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-36

**By which of the following can I determine God's expectations of my life?**

- I. The favoritism I receive from my parents (1-4)
- II. The dreams that God has given to me (5-9)
- III. What family and friends think of me (10-11)
- IV. How family and friends treat me. (12-28)
- V. The unfair and unfortunate circumstances in which I find myself (29-36)

Session #2: **Reflecting Christ-like Character** (What really reflects who I am in Christ?)

Scripture: Genesis 39:1-23

**Which of the following really reflects who I am in Christ:**

- I. The kind of job I have and the amount of money I make (1)
- II. The presence of the Lord in my life even after I have been mistreated (2)
- III. The blessing of the lord in my life and upon my endeavors in the workplace (3)
- IV. The favor that God gives me with my boss and the promotions that I receive as a result (4-5)
- V. My good looks and fine clothes (6)
- VI. My keeping myself from fornication and adultery (7-12)
- VII. Being falsely accused of evil and wrongdoing (13-18)
- VIII. Being wrongly punished for something I did not do (19-20)
- IX. The presence of the Lord in my life even after I have been mistreated again (21)
- X. The favor that God gives me with a Prison Warden and authority I receive to run the prison(21-23)
- XI. The blessing of the Lord in my life and upon my endeavors in the prison. (23)

Session #3: **Receiving Proper Guidance** (Who helps me decide what is best for me?)

Scripture: Genesis 40:1-23

**By which of the following can I decide what is best for me?**

- I. Keeping my problem to myself (1-6)
- II. Sharing my problem with someone who sincerely cares (7-8)
- III. Sharing the details of my problem with someone who has a strong relationship with God (8-22)
  - A. Our parents
  - B. Our Christian friend
  - C. Our Sunday School teacher or class leader
  - D. Our youth minister or youth director
  - E. Our pastor
- IV. Forgetting about the people who God used to help us (23)

Session #4: **Letting No One Despise My Youth** (Does my youthfulness have to be a liability?)

Scripture: Genesis 41:1-45

**Which of the following can keep my youthfulness from being a liability?**

- I. Waiting on God even when the people that I have helped let me down (41:1-13)
- II. Giving God the glory for the gifts and abilities that He has given to me (41:14-16)
- III. Using my gifts for the glory of God and the good of people (41:17-32)
- IV. Sharing the wisdom that God has revealed to me (41:33-36)
- V. Letting the Spirit of God fill my heart and direct my life (41:37-38)
- VI. Letting God elevate me so I can serve more people (41:39-45)

Session #5: **Learning to Share My Faith** (How can I witness with my life and words?)

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

**In which of the following ways can I witness with my life and words?**

- I. By seeking reconciliation with family members and friends that have betrayed me (1-4)
- II. By forgiving those that have mistreated me and not holding it against them (5)
- III. By telling others how God can make good things come out of bad situations. (5-8)
- IV. By backing up my words with actions that show kindness to those who have hated me. (9-11)
- V. By the expressing genuine emotions that prove that the forgiveness is real (12-15)