

MARKED – Week 1

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

Do you have a tattoo? If you were to get one, what would you get and where 😊

Apple or Android? Why?

Ephesians 1:13b - When you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. Who you are is who God says you are! How do you see yourself?

Consider the story of Joseph (Genesis 37-39). He was a dreamer, and the favoured son. He was despised by his brothers – but God had marked him for a purpose. Joseph needed to learn that people don't want to hear our dreams until we show we care about theirs! How do we do this?

Joseph was sold by his brothers – and marked as a slave. Although he was a slave – he was still marked for greatness by God! His position as a slave did not disqualify or define who Joseph was. How about us – are we letting our position, or what has happened to us, define us?

Joseph brought blessing to every place he served – Potiphers house, the prison, and ultimately to the whole of Egypt. Check out **Genesis 39:5**. Our workplace or community is blessed because we are there! Read **Colossians 3:23-24**. What does this mean for us in our work places/communities?

Joseph was falsely accused and thrown into prison. Yet, even in the darkest dungeons, Joseph was still marked for greatness. He used his gifts to serve others, and God blessed him! How do you think Joseph was able to serve in such a dark place? He was in prison for years – and through no fault of his own. What keys do you think Joseph had to allow him to rise above his circumstances – what can we learn from his example?

When Joseph first started having dreams, he was young, arrogant and flaunted his gift in front of his brothers. Now, years later, through the process of slavery and prison, Joseph has emerged ready not just to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, but to lead and organize an entire nation! What do you think God could be preparing you for?

Potiphar was responsible for throwing Joseph in jail unfairly, and was present when Joseph finally got his big break and was brought before Pharaoh – he would have had to deal with intimidation! Intimidation will try to rob you of your destiny. Are there ways in which intimidation is robbing you right now? How can we face and overcome intimidation in our lives?

Finally, we turn to the example of Jesus. Being marked for greatness is all about serving! Joseph learned this key truth, and it's one that Jesus shared with his disciples – check out **Matthew 20:25-28**. How can you serve others with what you have been given?

PRAYER

Pray that we would be reminded afresh that we are marked for greatness, and to stand on God's promises.

Pray for one another to be strong in every season, to overcome intimidation, and to stand out in service!