



## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

### Lesson 5: The Story of Joseph—Genesis 41 and 45

#### ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?*

*How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?*

*How is this the world's story?*

#### PRAYER

*When our way is exhausted  
And the going threatens us,  
When life is bleak  
And things get irregular and uneven,  
When our souls wane of courage  
And the noon day turns dark as night,  
When troubles and times of mourning seem to expand  
And agony locates its spot in our hearts and souls,  
Strengthen us, we pray.  
Keep us true, we pray.  
Rescue us, Lord, as only You, Your Son and Your Spirit can do.  
Lord, when troubles harass us and those we love,  
Feed us in the wilderness by reminding us that blessing is You and us sharing life together.*

#### WEEKLY PRACTICE

Grab a piece of paper, or your iPad or other tablet or device and recreate the illustration below. Above the line are the things in your life that you would consider as highlights. Below the line, write all of the things that you might consider are a lowlight. What do ups and downs of your life look like? What do your highlights have in common? What do your lowlights have in common?

Highlights



Lowlights

#### BECOMING MY STORY

*Leviticus 19:15*

*Deuteronomy 16:20*

*Job 37:23*

*Psalms 33:5*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 41 and 45, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 41 and 45?*

*How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 41 and 45?*

*What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 41 and 45 and read them this week, journaling as you go.

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