1. Promoted to a position of honor and power
   a) Review the story of Joseph until the day he was called from prison to interpret Pharaoh's dream.
   b) What God-inspired counsel did this young prisoner give to the ruler of Egypt? Genesis 41:16, 33-36
   c) How did Pharaoh respond to Joseph's interpretation of the dream and wise counsel? Genesis 41:37-44
   d) Does Pharaoh's declaration make sense to you?
   e) Imagine what Joseph was thinking and feeling as he rode in Pharaoh's second chariot while servants cried out, "Bow the knee!" (Genesis 37:5-9)

2. Confronting his troubled past
   a) What event caused Joseph to have to deal with his troubled past? Genesis 42:1-6
   b) Genesis 42:7-20 What are your thoughts about Joseph's initial interaction with his brothers?
   c) What conviction came to Joseph's brothers even though they did not yet recognize him? Genesis 42:21-23
   d) What was Joseph's reaction as he overheard their conversation? Genesis 42:24
   e) What did Joseph's reaction reveal about his relationship with the LORD? (Matthew 5:43-45)

3. Put to the test
   a) Summarize the challenging situations Joseph created for his brothers.
   i) Money in their sacks – Genesis 42:25-28
   ii) Preferential treatment for Benjamin – Genesis 43:28-34
   iii) Concealing his silver cup in Benjamin's sack – Genesis 44:1-13
   b) Why did Joseph design these challenging tests for his brothers? Was this appropriate or was it unnecessary anguish for his brothers?

4. Revelation and healing
   a) Genesis 45:1-3 What is your reaction to this scene?
   b) Genesis 45:4-15 What powerful testimony did Joseph convey to his anxious brothers?
   c) Genesis 45:24 What does Joseph's parting comment to his brothers reveal about the relational healing they are experiencing? (see also Genesis 50:15-21)
   d) Genesis 45:25-28, 46:1-6, 29 What are your thoughts about Joseph's reunion with his father? (see also Genesis 47:27-28)
   e) Not all stories have such a happy ending. What encouragement would you give to someone who is still longing for relational healing?
   f) What healing of relationships have you experienced as a result of the blessing of God?