

St. Paul's Dorking Small Groups 24th August 2008
Joseph the Prime Minister
Genesis 41: 41-57



Word: Key points from Sunday's sermon

Genesis 41: verses 41-57

Joseph was chosen by Pharaoh as Prime Minister the second most important person in the land. He was chosen because Pharaoh saw in him "a man in whom is the spirit of God."(verse 38)

Pharaoh said "God has made all this known to you, there is no-one discerning and wise as you. So you shall be in charge of all my people"(verse 40)

How did Joseph react to being given this great honour ?

1. *He had a servant heart*

He was not doing this for his own glory but to serve his God and to serve God' people.

In the New Testament we see Jesus as the Servant King.

See John 13 verses 5-17 Jesus washing the disciples feet

See Mark 10 verses 35-45 James and John want to be on Jesus' right and left in the Kingdom of Heaven.

2. *He had a listening heart*

He was only able to interpret Pharaoh's dream because he listened to God

3. *As Joseph listened to God he was able to follow God's agenda*

He did things God's way

He used his skills for God's work

He used his spiritual gifts to serve God and not for himself

4. *Joseph was used by God to bring blessing and healing in a foreign land*

We are not all going to be Prime Ministers!

But the "little things" we do in life are as important to God as the big things



Witness: Questions to discuss

1. What do you think it means to have a servant heart ?

Look up the references above and discuss.

2. Think about your own prayers times. How much is listening and how much is telling God what you want and need ?

3. Think about your own, and your group's, skills and spiritual gifts. How do you use them?

Could you use some of your skills as a group?

4. Maybe practise some listening !