

**Building Faith | Genesis 49,50**  
**2022 Summer #10- July 31th, 2022**

**My Story Questions**

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) Tell about one of the most impactful funerals you have attended?
- 2) Can you think of a time when you needed forgiveness but feared it would not be offered?

**Study Questions**

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

**Read Gen. 49:1-33 | Embrace God's Mastery**

- 1) How does knowing these words of blessing were fulfilled show God's authority over history?
- 2) When have you found yourself doubting that God knows what He is doing? Why is it important to constantly remind yourself of this truth?

**Read Gen. 50:1-26 | Surrender to His Mystery**

- 3) How has Joseph's life been used in ways he could never have known?
- 4) When was a time that you found yourself wondering why something happened the way it did in your world? How did you respond?

**Read Gen. 50:15-21 & Heb. 12:1-17 | Fixate on Jesus**

- 5) What were Joseph's brothers fixated on? What words reminded them that Joseph is not the one they should fear?
- 6) What do you learn about fixing your eyes on Jesus from Hebrews?
- 7) How have you fixated on the wrong thing in the past and what was the result?
- 8) What's taking up the space in you that God wants to fill?"

**Read Gen. 50:15-21 | Faith is built through experience**

- 9) How does Joseph's act of comforting and speaking kindly to his brothers reflect his trust in God?
- 10) When have you demonstrated faith by acting differently than you would if you did not know Jesus?
- 11) What do you learn about God's love and forgiveness from this story?"

**Reflect on Genesis | Truth Applied Changes Lives**

- 12) What has been your biggest takeaway from the book of Genesis?
- 13) What truth do you want to ensure is applied to your life?

**Responding to Jesus**

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, What truths do I need to apply to my life?
- 2) Lord, "Help me to affirm in prayer my trust in you when your plans seem hard to understand"  
"Jesus, you are my Master, because of your steadfast love I choose to trust you today."

**For Further study**

These last chapters record the death of Jacob and Joseph. How did both show their faith in God's promises by their instructions for burial? What phrase in vs 49:29 & 33 along with Hebrews 9:27 indicates what happens after death? How does Jesus remove the sting of death (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)?