

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)?