

### The Heart of the Matter

13. When someone has deeply wronged you, are you more likely to seek revenge or reconciliation? What does this tell you about your trust in God and His ways?

14. Where in your life have you seen someone whose “walk” matched his “talk”? Has this ever been difficult for you to achieve?

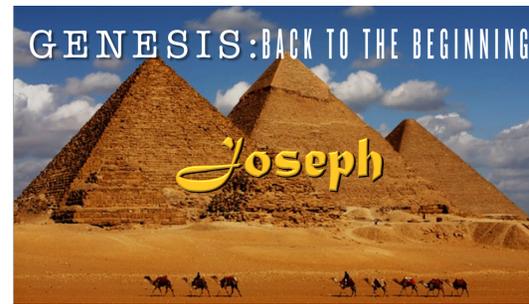
15. When are you most likely to wear a mask and not fully disclose who you are or what is going on in your world?

16. What is one thing you have learned through this account that would be most helpful to share with someone experiencing tough times?

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## Life Group Study Guide

### Who Do You Need To Forgive? Genesis 42:1 - 45:28 For the Week of September 2, 2018

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When there's more month left at the end of the money, what do you do without?
3. Do you forgive others with ease or with great difficulty? How so?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. Joseph pretends not to know his brothers, accuses them of being spies, and throws them in jail. How do his brothers respond to this treatment?

5. How does this unfolding story fulfill Joseph's dream in Genesis 37:7-9 and his eventual plan in chapter 43?

6. Why doesn't Joseph reveal himself initially to his brothers? Is Joseph seeking revenge, repentance, or something else?

7. Why was Jacob reluctant to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt with his brothers?

8. Why does Joseph place the silver cup in Benjamin's sack? How do the brothers respond when accused by the steward?

9. Do you think Joseph could have foreseen their self-condemning response? What else seems to happen outside Joseph's plan (but within God's)?

10. Joseph finally explains that it was God's providence that sent him to Egypt to save the family. How have you seen God's providence in your life?

11. Do you think that Joseph has truly forgiven his brothers? Do you think they are convinced they are forgiven? Why or why not?

12. As Joseph reveals who he really is, how does this also make known who God is, has been, and will be?