

The Heart of the Matter

13. What outstanding characteristics of Joseph's life would you like to make a part of yours?

14. What does the book of Genesis teach you about your own roots? About the faith of your fathers?

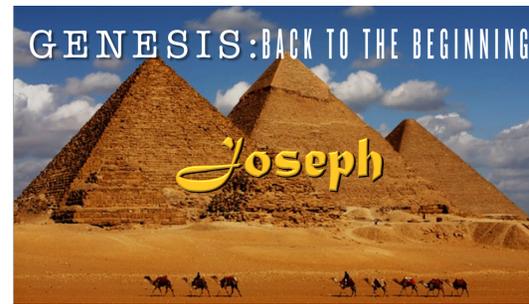
15. Genesis 49:3-17 lists several descriptions of the future of Jacob's sons. Which son is most meaningful to you?

16. From all we've studied in the book of Genesis who is the person that is the most compelling to you? What Genesis theme has been the most influential in your walk with God?

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Life Group Study Guide

God Will Surely Take Care of You!
Genesis 49:1 - 50:26
For the Week of September 23, 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. What non-material blessing have you inherited from your parents or grandparents?
3. Which of your qualities would you like to hand down? Which not-so-good qualities would you like to avoid handing down?

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Digging Deeper

4. When Jacob died he left behind the nucleus of a great nation. How and why did this come from a very imperfect man?

5. We naturally grieve when someone we love dies. What relief to our mourning does God give us as described in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18?

6. Which of the sons of Jacob do you relate to or identify with the most? (turbulent waters, sword fighter, ship's haven, stubborn donkey, etc.) Why? Which two of Jacob's sons does God seem to lift up and exonerate? Why?

7. Why did Joseph's brothers become anxious about how he might treat them after Jacob's death? Why did Joseph weep?

8. Like Joseph's brothers, why do we sometimes worry about whether we are really forgiven? What more could God do to assure us that His word is true?

9. Joseph assured his brothers that God brought about great good from their sin against him. What good have you seen God do in your life from some of the "bad" circumstances you've encountered in your life?

10. Which is harder for you to endure, rejection or guilt?

11. Which is harder for you to accept, mercy or judgment?

12. Why is it so important to Jacob that he be buried in Canaan? (46:1-3; 47:29-31) What does this say about Jacob's faith in God's promises?