

Joseph's Reveal and Reunion (Genesis 45-46:27)

For the week of March 13, 2022

Observation (Read Genesis 45:1-15)

Describe what is happening.

Interpretation

In response to Judah's plea in the previous chapter, "Joseph could not control himself" (vs. 1-2).

Why do you think the brothers are "dismayed" (horrified, overwhelmed) in verse 3?

How does Joseph comfort his brothers (vs. 4-8)?

In verses 5-8 Joseph speaks of God's sovereignty. Look up at least three Scriptures that deal with God's sovereignty and write down what they say to you.

How does Joseph instruct his brothers (vs. 9-13) and why?

How do you interpret the 20+ years of emotions Joseph expresses in verses 14-15?

Application

How do you define grace?

When have you experienced God's grace in your life?

Observation (Read Genesis 45:16-24)

What is happening?

Interpretation

Why do you think Pharaoh and his servants were pleased about the news of Joseph's family?

Why was Pharaoh so generous?

Application

Could you show extreme generosity and grace to someone who has caused you (or a loved one) pain?
Why or why not?

Observation (Read Genesis 45:25-46:4)

Describe what is happening.

Interpretation

Why do you think the author alters the names Jacob and Israel?

What is the relevance of the sacrifice in Beersheba?

How does God reassure Jacob?

Application

When has God helped to calm your fears?

Observation (Read Genesis 5-27)

Describe, in your own words, what is happening.

Interpretation

Why do you feel it was important to the author to list the genealogy of Israel?

Reread the following. What do they say of God's promise?

Genesis 12:2

Genesis 15:5

Genesis 17:6, 16

Genesis 18:18

Genesis 22:17

Genesis 26:4

Application

How has God confirmed His promises to you?