

GENESIS (various texts)
Week's Reading: Genesis 46-50
Discussion Guide, October 17, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28

- Did any relational healing take place in our life this past week? Did you extend forgiveness to anyone? Did anyone offer you forgiveness?

OPEN:

- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?

READ and ASK: Genesis 46:1-7; 48:1-4, 15-16, 21; 50:15-26; Acts 2:22-24; Hebrews 11:8-22; 10:23

There seems to be two themes in the last five chapters of Genesis.

- 1) God's plans can not be thwarted by evil actions of people.
 - 2) Jacob and Joseph trusted in God's promises to their last breath.
 - How do you see these themes in these chapters?
- What do you make of Joseph's brothers fear of Joseph following Jacob's death?
 - What is exceptional about Joseph's response?
 - What parallels do you see between Joseph and Jesus' life?
 - How have you seen the gospel throughout the book of Genesis?
 - How is Joseph's dying request tied to God's promises?
 - Which "hero of the faith" (from 11:8-22) do you identify most closely with? Why?
 - How do both Jacob and Joseph become an example to us in remaining faithful to our last breath?

APPLY:

- If you were included as an example of faith in Hebrews 11, what event in your life do you think might be listed behind your name as an act of faith?
- How do you feel when reflecting on your own death?
- What has been your greatest takeaway from our study of the book of Genesis?
- NEXT STEP(S): What practical steps do you think you need to take this week in order to “hold unswervingly to the hope we profess?”

Memory Work:

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful

- Hebrews 10:23

Next Week's Reading:

Philemon