



Group Discussion Questions

Genesis Series – Joseph – August 17 & 20, 2017

Group Discussion: Who is the most forgiving person you've ever known?

Read aloud: Genesis 50

How was Joseph's heart healed by grace?

Joseph avoided looking back into his past with resentment (vs. 19), "...am I in God's place?" He recognized God was sovereign and in control. What is one of the struggles you have of allowing God to be God in your life? What are you trying to control that's really God's responsibility? Is there anything in your life that you are resenting? On what do you excessively worry because you're afraid God won't do what you want Him to do or that God will do it differently than you want it done?

Joseph proclaimed that even the evil things done against him were used by God in a good way (vs. 20). Joseph is saying you cannot thwart or cancel the plan of God for your life. If you were handed a script of your child's life and an editing pen before their birth, would you change the painful parts of the script? How hard is it to trust God that the painful parts are necessary? Can you share one small painful part of your life, very carefully, that has been difficult for you to accept as God's plan for your life?

Joseph lastly loved those who persecuted him. He loved even his enemies (vs. 21.) Has there ever been a time when you had to love someone who'd been unfair, unreasonable, or unloving toward you? How did God work on your attitude? Have you gotten past the hurt and anger?

How can your heart be healed by grace?

Take some time in your connect group to pray for one another.

Family Time: Read Genesis 50:20. As you start to come to the dinner table have everyone switch places to a different chair than the one they normally sit in. Ask each person to list the things they see from that chair that they don't normally see from their chair. They can be serious or silly things. Then talk about how when we get to heaven how we'll understand how we affected other's lives. Things in heaven will look different.

