



Home Teams

DISCUSSION GUIDE



WAITING

July 18 & 19, 2020

Waiting on Forgiveness or Revenge

BIG IDEA: Forgiveness isn't about forgetfulness, it's about God's faithfulness.

TEACHING POINTS:

- *Revenge perpetuates a cycle of pain and hurt.*
- *To let go of our pain, we need to hold on to God.*
- *God calls us to forgive the same way He forgave us through the cross.*

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 42-45



OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Share something you hold on to because of its sentimental value.
2. What is the pettiest thing you've ever done?

IN THE WORD

3. When Joseph's brothers come to Egypt for grain, he recognizes them, but they don't recognize Joseph. How do you think Joseph felt in that moment? [Genesis 42:1-8](#)
4. When Joseph meets with his brothers, he calls them spies and comes up with a plan to test them. What do Joseph's actions tell us about what's going on in his heart? [Genesis 42:9-20](#)
5. Joseph treats his brothers much better on their second trip to Egypt. What do you think changed from the first to second trip? What is God doing in Joseph? [Genesis 43:15-34](#)
6. Judah stops Joseph from taking Benjamin away from the family. What do Judah's words tell us about what he has learned since selling Joseph? [Genesis 44:16-34](#)
7. Joseph finally reveals himself to his brothers and the work God has done through him. What does this show us about God's character? [Genesis 45:1-15](#)

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. When have you seen revenge or getting even make matters worse?
2. Why is forgiving important? What happens if we hold on to hurt?
3. How would you help someone who is having trouble forgiving? What would you say?
4. Is there something or someone that you are having trouble forgiving? What's a step you can take toward healing this week?

CONTINUED LEARNING

Read [Romans 12:17-21](#). What does it look like to apply this passage in your life?

○ **I WILL:**
I will obey something from God's word in the next 24-48 hours.

○ **I WILL:**
I will share, with either a believer or non-believer, what God is teaching me and what I'm learning.

Notes & Prayers



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