

Series: Trust, a study in Genesis

Sermon: Trusting God with Other People's Sins

Primary Text: Genesis 41-50

Discussion Guide:

- What is forgiveness?
- Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 18:21-35.
 - What does this parable tell you about forgiveness?
 - What does it mean to forgive from the heart?
 - How can keeping a grudge inside build up?
- Read or summarize what happens between Genesis 2-50.
- Why do you think Joseph put them through all the tests that he did?
- Read Genesis 45:1-15.
 - What jumps out at you from Joseph's words to his brothers?
 - Why do you think he was so concerned about them feeling guilty? (verse 5)
 - Why do you think he decided so quickly to provide for them?
 - What does this teach you about forgiveness?
- Read Genesis 50:15-21.
 - Why are the brothers fearful?
 - Why do you think that Joseph weeps?
 - What does Joseph mean by "Am I in the place of God?"
- Read Romans 12:17-21
 - What is Paul's instruction about forgiveness?
- Who do you need to forgive?