



## Small Group Study Questions

### Week 3

#### Genesis 37:26-27

26 And Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, and let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our *own* flesh.” And his brothers listened to *him*.

#### Genesis 38:26

26 And Judah recognized *them*, and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not have relations with her again.

#### Genesis 44:30-45:3

30 So now, when I come to your servant, my father, and the boy is not with us—since our father’s life is so attached to the boy’s life— 31 when he sees that the boy is not *with us*, he will die. So your servants will bring the gray hair of your servant, our father, down to Sheol in sorrow. 32 For your servant accepted responsibility for the boy from my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him *back* to you, then my father can let me take the blame forever.’ 33 So now, please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord instead of the boy, and let the boy go up with his brothers. 34 For how shall I go up to my father if the boy is not with me? *I fear* that I may see the evil that would overtake my father.”

45 Then Joseph could not control himself in front of everyone standing before him, and he shouted, “Have everyone leave me!” So there was no one with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 Then he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard *it*, and the household of Pharaoh heard *about it*. 3 And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were terrified in his presence.

### QUICK REVIEW

What was one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

What's a favorite memory or two you have with your family?

Summarize as a group, what you know of Joseph's life - Split it up into his birth, teenager, slave, and ruler.

### **Read Genesis 37:26-27**

Take note of who is saying these words...What do Joseph's brother's actions say about the family dynamics?

Have you ever gotten to that place to want to sell a sibling, or close friend? What did they do to "deserve" it?

### **Read Genesis 38:26**

What has happened that has made Judah eat some "humble pie?"

### **Read Genesis 44:30-34**

Who is saying these words? How would you describe the change in Judah since the time he sold Joseph into slavery?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Can this change of heart come by man's own trying, or does God have to intervene?

### **Read Genesis 45:1-3**

Would Joseph have had this reaction had he not seen the change in his brothers?

In your own family, who do you need to be giving forgiveness to? How can we be praying for you?

## TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

## PRAYER REQUEST

