

1. When you think about “guilt” and “grace”, which of the two has been harder for you to understand or accept? Why?

Read Genesis 42: 6-9, 21-24

2. Why do you think crisis so often becomes the place where God exposes what we’ve tried to hide?
3. How do you typically respond when God begins to bring a buried sin into the light? What does your response teach you about how you view God?

Read Genesis 43: 16-18, 23-26

4. Why is undeserved grace often harder to accept than deserved judgement/punishment?
5. How does the truth of undeserved grace shape your view of God’s character?
6. Joseph welcomed his brothers to the table before they repented. What does this fact reveal to us about the nature of God and his view of us?

Read Genesis 44: 15-16, 27-34

7. What is the difference between guilt and repentance? How do we ensure that we live a life of repentance, not a life of guilt?
8. In what ways has God used sacrifice to call you toward deeper repentance or transformation?
9. What does Joseph’s test reveal about the purpose behind spiritual testing in our lives? How might God be testing the authenticity of your repentance right now?

Read John 1:16, Ephesians 1:4-10

10. How should we remind ourselves of these truths so that we can live them out in our daily lives?
11. What is one sin in your life right now that you have tried to bury or hide? How can you face it and bring it to the Lord this week?

Next Week: Genesis 45:1-28 **Reading Plan:** Hebrews 2-6



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