## Providence (week 6) Meant For Good: The Life of Joseph (Providence) Scripture Reading: Genesis 42:1-38 Discussion Questions

- 1. We are in the sixth week of our sermon series about the life of Joseph called, *Meant for Good*. Today's reading is Genesis 42:1-38. Read this passage for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
- 2. In this chapter, we learn that the famine in Egypt has also spread to the land of Israel where Joseph's family has been living. In desperate need of food, Jacob sends his older sons to Egypt to try to buy grain. God has been at work this entire time weaving together events so that this family and others would be saved from starvation. Looking back on your life can you see God's movement? What work has God been doing in your life?
- 3. Without knowing it Joseph's brothers come face to face with Joseph. We find out through their conversation that Jacob didn't let his youngest son, Benjamin, go with the older brothers. Why do you think this is? What was Jacob's reason for not letting Benjamin go with them to Egypt?