Reconciliation (week 7))

Meant For Good: The Life of Joseph
Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-46:7

Discussion Questions

- 1. We are in the final week of our sermon series about the life of Joseph called, *Meant for Good*. Today's reading is Genesis 45:1-46:7. Read this passage for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
- 2. In our reading today Joseph finally reveals his true identity to his brothers. His brothers are all both shocked and terrified. All it would take is one word and he could have him revenge. But Joseph greets them warmly. They don't deserve the forgiveness they receive, but Joseph freely gives it, blessing them and providing for them. God has forgiven each one of us for so much. We are all recipients of undeserved grace. Reflect on God's grace, what does it feel like to know that you have received undeserved grace too?
- 3. Joseph sends his brothers back to their father Jacob with lavish gifts and tells them to bring their whole family back to Egypt where they will be provided for. Have you ever found yourself in a metaphorical season of drought? Did God provide for you, and how so? What was it like to know that you could lean on Him?
- 4. In the beginning of chapter 46 God reassures Jacob that going down to Egypt is the right thing to do, and that God will provide for his family there. What is the furthest you have ever moved? It may have been down the street, or to the other side of the world, either way moving can be an intimidating and scary time. Reflect back, how did you see God provide for you in your new location?