God's Faithfulness
Week 9 Homework

Preparing for the Study

1. Begin with prayer.
2. Read Genesis Chapters 42-50

Observations

1. Genesis 42:8 Tells us Joseph's brothers didn't recognize him. Look up the following verses and do the math. Gen 13:2, Gen 41:46, Gen 37:53, Gen 45:11 Record Joseph's age by each verse.

2. Joseph said in Gen 42:9 he remembered his dreams. Look up Gen 37:6-11 record how accurate those dreams were and imagine how Joseph had no idea at the time.

3. Read Gen 43:16-23. Who is speaking in vs 23? How might this show how Joseph's life affected those around him?

4. What did Judah offer to his father Jacob to help him send Benjamin in Gen 43:8-10? Contrast that with what Judah did in Gen 37:25-28 and Gen 44:18-34

5. Why was Joseph not angry with his brothers? Gen 45:4-9

6. How many Israelites (Jacob's descendants) came to live in Egypt using Gen 46:27?

7. Why was Jacob not wanting to not want to be buried in Egypt? Gen 47:27-31 Use the prophecy given to Abraham in Gen 15:13-14. What did Jacob believe?

8. Jacob blessed all his sons just before he died. Read Gen 49:8-12 about Judah's blessing. Matthew 1:1-3 record what you discovered.

9. What strange request did Joseph ask of his brothers in Gen 50:22-26 before he died? Look up Exodus 13:19 and Hebrews 11:22. How was this an act of faith? How do you think it affected the children of Israel as they wondered in the desert for 40 years in the book of Numbers? Do you think all of Israel would have been aware of this?

Let's think a little deeper

1. Genesis 50:20 What did Jacob understand about suffering caused by other people that you too should understand? Look up Ephesians 6:10-13 to add to your answer.

2. Can you think of how this might explain a situation in your life that you too can see Gen 50:20 at work in your life? Be prepared to share with your group how God meant it for good.