

# GENESIS 45

“GOD IN IT ALL”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

## #1 SEE GOD IN THE PAST

- Read Genesis 45:1-4. Why could Joseph not control himself and why did he choose to reveal his identity?
- How does Joseph show that he trusted God with all the things that happened to him in the past?
- Why is it important to see God in your past (good and bad)? Why do we often struggle to do this?

## #2 SEE GOD IN THE PRESENT

- Check out Genesis 45:5-10. Why does Joseph tell his brothers not to be distressed or angry?
- Joseph says, “God sent” him two times in these verses. Where and why did God send him?
- How does understanding God is in control of our past, often help us understand the circumstances of our present?
- God is not the author of evil, but He often allows difficult and hard things for a greater purpose. Think and talk about how God has used hard things in your life to help you become who you are today.

## #3 SEE GOD IN THE FUTURE

- Read Genesis 45:11-28. God had uniquely positioned Joseph to not only take care of all the people in the land, but to also take care of his family. What were some specific ways Joseph and Pharaoh said they would take care of Joseph’s family?
- Joseph had every opportunity to get even with his brothers and make them suffer. He chose to forgive and bless them, even though they had wounded him so deeply. Talk about why and how he was able to do that?
- Our memory verse for April is Ephesians 4:32. Why is that verse important in the life of a Christian, but why is it also so difficult to apply at times? Talk about a time when you have or have not practiced Ephesians 4:32.