

# GENESIS 48

“A FAITH THAT FINISHES”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

## #1 A FAITH THAT FINISHES REMEMBERS GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- Read Genesis 48:1-7. How does Jacob show that he remembers God's faithfulness?
- How did God show His faithfulness to Jacob, even in the midst of the death of his wife, Rachel?
- Why is it important to remember God's faithfulness? How does that spur you on to finish well?

## #2 A FAITH THAT FINISHES RECOGNIZES GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- Read Genesis 48:8-16. Why was it important to Jacob to bless Joseph's sons?
- How did Jacob specifically recognize God's faithfulness (see 48:11, 15-16)?
- Jacob says that God has "been my shepherd all my life long." What did that mean and compare it with John 10:1-18?
- How does knowing that Jesus is the Good Shepherd encourage our faith?

## #3 A FAITH THAT FINISHES RESTS IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- Read Genesis 48:17-21. Why did Jacob give the blessing to the younger son, and what did he mean that the younger brother would be greater than the older brother?
- Mediate on and discuss Genesis 48:21. What does this verse say about Jacob's faith and him finishing well?
- Talk about the importance of finishing well. Why does it matter and what does it reveal (see 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and James 1:12)?
- Discuss this quote: "Knowing what awaits you when you die helps you understand how to live."