



PARKVIEW
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ILLUMINATED by Holy Spirit
SATURATED by God's Word
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GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

God's Providence

Sunday, March 19, 2023

THE BIBLE - Genesis 46 & 47

QUESTIONS

- (Vs. 46:1-4) How do you see this passage demonstrate God's providence and faithfulness to His people? How have you seen God's providence in your life? What lessons can we learn about God's timetable versus our timetable? (see Isa. 55:8-9). How can these lessons help you face difficulties tomorrow?
- (Vs. 46:5-34) Why is the preservation of the family significant for the nation of Israel? What did God promise to Abraham? (see Genesis 12:1-3)
- (Vs. 47:1-12) What are some lessons that we can learn about forgiveness and reconciliation from Joseph's relationship with his brothers? Discuss some of the things that keep us from seeking reconciliation with others? (see Colossians 3:12-13)
- (Vs. 47:13-26) Why was Joseph able to provide for his family during the famine? What lessons does this teach us about responsible leadership? (see Proverbs 22:29)

FURTHER STUDY NUGGETS

It's amazing how bitterness and unforgiveness can damage families and relationships. It will also harden hearts and rob us of our peace. Joseph provides such an example on how not to allow bitterness to control our lives and how to replace it with the power of forgiveness. The opposite is seen in his brothers when Joseph is sold into slavery. Christianity is based upon forgiveness. Christ's willingness to forgive us allows us to forgive others.

God used Joseph to preserve his family. Through his wisdom and foresight, Joseph was able to provide for his family during a time of famine and ensure their survival. This demonstrates the importance of wise and responsible leadership in the family and in society. Great wisdom is found in God's Word . . . especially in the Book of Proverbs. One way to gain wisdom is to read one proverb per day. Just read the proverb associated with the day's date.

THE FIVE 5 Verses For Discussion During Week
(Discipleship partner, around dinner table, on way to school in car, etc)



Monday
Col. 3:12-13

Tuesday
1 Peter 4:10

Wednesday
Ephesians 4:32

Thursday
Matt. 18:21,22

Friday
Proverbs 3:6

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Psalm 139:10 - "Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me."