COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 31–November 1, 2026

PURPOSE: *Growing together as disciples who follow Jesus, are being changed by Jesus, and who join Jesus in making more disciples.*

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: What's a favorite book or movie? What do you especially enjoy about its story?

SET THE STAGE: In Genesis 45, we enter the story of Joseph's life as it reaches a climax in Egypt. Years of family rivalries, separation, and grief give way to forgiveness, reconciliation, and comfort. But God is doing more than restoring one troubled family. Through Joseph, God preserves many lives and carries forward His purposes.

READ THE PASSAGE: *Genesis 45:1-8.*

HEAD QUESTIONS

- How would you describe Joseph's relationship with his brothers? (See Genesis 37:3–8, 23–28 for some background information.)
- In Genesis 45:4-8, what does Joseph recognize about God's purposes in sending him to Egypt?
- What does this tell us about who God is?

HEART QUESTIONS

- What strikes you about Joseph's perspective?
- God was with Joseph through his suffering. What helps you become aware of God's presence in your own life?
- Where might God be giving you opportunities to care for others?

HANDS QUESTIONS

- What could help you pay attention to God's presence and work this week?
- How could you care for someone this week, right where God has placed you?

TAKEAWAY *"God's goodness determines the story of my life. My reality is not ruled by anything else." —John Eldredge*

CLOSING PRAYER