



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: With: In Provision

Scripture: Genesis 42-43

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1. As we look at Joseph's interactions with his family in Genesis 42-50, how would you describe your relationship with your family (both nuclear and extended)?
2. How do your body, mind, and spirit respond when you are reconciled in a relationship that has been stressed or hurting?
3. Why do you think the brothers were reluctant to travel to Egypt for food?
4. Why was it difficult for Joseph to control his emotions when his ten brothers, who didn't recognize him, bowed before him?
5. Why did Joseph want Benjamin to appear before him with his brothers?
6. This is the first of seven scenes when Joseph weeps (Gen 42:24; 43:30; 45:2, 14-15; 46:29; 50:1, 17). What do we learn about him from what moved him to tears?
7. Why do you think Joseph sought reconciliation with his brothers in such a long and roundabout way?
8. Jacob says, *"All this has come against me"* (42:36). What he cannot see is how those very things (disappearance of Joseph, request of Benjamin, trips to Egypt, etc.) will be what God uses to save him (and his family). Has this been true of your life? Please share.
9. During these chapters, Joseph showed himself to be tenderhearted and seeking reconciliation. Jacob, though, was racked by grief, fear, and unbelief. What decisions led each to these opposite states?
10. Why is the relief the brothers felt at the banquet a counterfeit of the joy of forgiveness and reconciliation?