



Genesis Lesson 37 Chapter 46-47

Joseph could no longer bear the emotional turmoil he was experiencing by hiding his identity from his brothers. Though it is not made clear what motivated him to carry on the ruse so long, it is apparent that his desire throughout the ordeal was to reunite his family. What a mixture of relief and terror it must have been for his brothers to learn that Joseph was alive. Fortunately for them, Joseph understood that the extreme circumstances of his life were being used by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to

bring about the redemption of his family. Though their sin had been revealed, grace and forgiveness were readily being offered. Jacob would be reunited with his favored son, and despite the evil intentions of their hearts, his family would realize that God's purposes cannot be thwarted. "But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God."

READ CHAPTER 46

1. *What significant events had taken place at Beersheba up to this point?
Genesis 21:33; 26:32-33; 28:10*

2. *What promise is God reiterating to Jacob that He had previously given to Abraham?
See Genesis 15:13-14.*

3. *On a map, trace Jacob's journey from Genesis 35:27 to 46:1 and then 46:28 where his journey ends.*

4. *Why would this journey have potentially been a mixed bag of emotions for Jacob?*

5. *Share how your own life journey has been a mixed bag. Where do you see God's hand and where are you having to trust his heart?*

6. *Joseph seems to be grooming Jacob and his family on how to convince Pharaoh that they would be an asset to the nation of Egypt. What was their "occupation" and how did the Egyptians view it?*

READ CHAPTER 47

7. *Though the Israelites occupation was offensive to the Egyptians, in what way was it also beneficial?*

8. *What three assets did the Egyptians exchange to gain food?*

9. *In what ways does Joseph's distribution of the food supply seem corrupt?*

10. *Why do you think God sent the children of Israel to Egypt?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
