

Small Group Study Guide, Week of June 8, 2025

Genesis 43-45: "Joseph's Identity Revealed," Dr. Sean Jahansooz

Ice Breaker: What is something valuable you lost or misplaced? Did you ever find it? If not, did you replace it? So, what did the loss cost you?

Dig:

1. In chapter 43, who are the principal people involved? In 43:11-14, why does Jacob yield to Judah's appeal when he refused the earlier appeal of Reuben in 42:37-38? In 43:34, Why do you think Joseph gives Benjamin a portion five times as large as to the others?
2. In chapter 44, who are the principal people involved? Look at Genesis 37:12-32 and compare/contrast the actions of Joseph's brothers with those in chapter 44. What has changed? Why? Who takes the lead? Why?
3. In chapter 45, who are the principal people involved? Describe Joseph's emotional state over the course of this chapter. Why do you think that is so? What blessings did the restoration of family harmony bring with it?

Apply:

4. What lessons do you take away from this study for how you treat members of your own family?
5. What lessons do you take away from this study for dealing with others who have wronged you? For dealing with times you have wronged others? As you reflect on your answers, who has God brought to your mind? What will you do about that?

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