

Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 6, 2025

Genesis 50:15-26, "Marks of a Mature Believer"

Ice Breaker: Describe a memorable event around the death/funeral of a close friend or family member.

Dig:

1. What do you make of the brothers' fear as described here? Is it justified? Why or why not? Were Joseph's brothers honest with him?
2. In v17, why do you think "Joseph wept"? Note Genesis 42:24; 43:30; 45:2,14-15; 46:29, for other instances when Joseph wept. What do you learn about Joseph from these instances? What do you make of Joseph's response to his brothers' request? Why?
3. What was Joseph's deathbed request? Why? (See Hebrews 11:22)

Apply:

4. What outstanding characteristic of Joseph's life would you like to make a part of yours?
5. What do you take away from this series on Joseph regarding God's promises to you and to your children, either biological or spiritual?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)