

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

What is one thing that you have learned from the book of Genesis? What was your favorite story from the book? Why?

**REVIEW**

*Read Genesis 49:28-50:14.* How is Jacob's last request a declaration of faith? What can we learn from his request?

Jacob's life was filled with spiritual up's and down's. How would you describe Jacob's life as a whole? How does Jacob's final request influence our view of his life?

Is Jacob's life defined by his sin or his faith? What can we learn from this in times of our own shortcomings?

Jacob's decision to be buried in Canaan is a declaration of his allegiance (in God) and faith (in God's faithfulness). How can you declare your allegiance and faith today?

*Read Genesis 50:15-21.* Joseph's brothers had a hard time believing that Joseph had actually forgiven them. Have you ever felt that way with God? If so, why?

In response to his brothers, Joseph gives us a picture of how God forgives us. Why is a proper view of who God is important for our relationship with him?

Rather than choosing to "be God," Joseph decides to trust God. What are some of the ways that we are faced with the choice of "being God" vs. "trusting God"?

What does it look like when you try to "be God" in your life? What does it look like to instead "trust God"?

*Read Genesis 50:22-26.* Joseph was forced to choose between Egypt and God. What are some ways that we are forced to make the same decision? What does "Egypt" look like for you today?

**FURTHER STUDY**

*Read Hebrews 11.* What sticks out to you about the faith of the Old Testament saints?

The faith of the Old Testament saints looked forward to the cross. For us, our faith looks back to the cross and forward to the return of Christ. What can we learn from those who have "gone before us"?

*Read Hebrews 12:1-2.* How does the "cloud of witnesses" in the Old Testament spur us on to faithful living?

What is one truth you can apply from Genesis this week?