



Life Group  
Sermon Guide Questions  
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**Questions For Further Discussion Read Genesis 42:1-28**

1. Opening Question: When you hear the phrase “wounded conscience,” what comes to mind? Have you ever experienced a season where something unresolved kept returning to your thoughts?
2. Why do you think the brothers hesitated when Jacob told them to go to Egypt? How can past sin create paralysis, fear, avoidance, or emotional unrest in our own lives? **See Psalm 32:3–4**
3. The sermon compared the conscience to a smoke detector with a low battery constantly beeping. What are some ways people try to silence or ignore conviction instead of dealing with it? **Read: Ephesians 4:17–19**
4. Joseph’s harsh treatment of his brothers seemed designed to awaken their consciences. Why is conviction often painful? Can you think of times God used discomfort, sorrow, or consequences to draw you back to Him? **Read: Psalm 119:67 and Hebrews 12:5–6**

# A Wounded Conscience

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5. In Genesis 42:21–22, the brothers finally admit: “We are guilty.” Why is confession and honest acknowledgment of sin so important in spiritual growth? **See 1 John 1:8–9, James 5:16, Proverbs 28:13**

6. John Newton said: “I am a great sinner, and Christ is a great Savior.” How does becoming more aware of our sin actually deepen our appreciation for grace? **See Romans 5:20, Luke 7:47**

7. Joseph confronted his brothers not to destroy them, but to restore them. How does Joseph’s actions in this chapter point us forward to Jesus? **See John 3:17, Romans 8:1, Colossians 1:13–14**

8. The sermon closed with the reminder that when guilt returns, Jesus says, “It is finished.” What does it practically look like to bring recurring guilt, shame, or painful memories to Christ instead of carrying them alone? **See Psalm 103:10–12, Hebrews 9:14**

