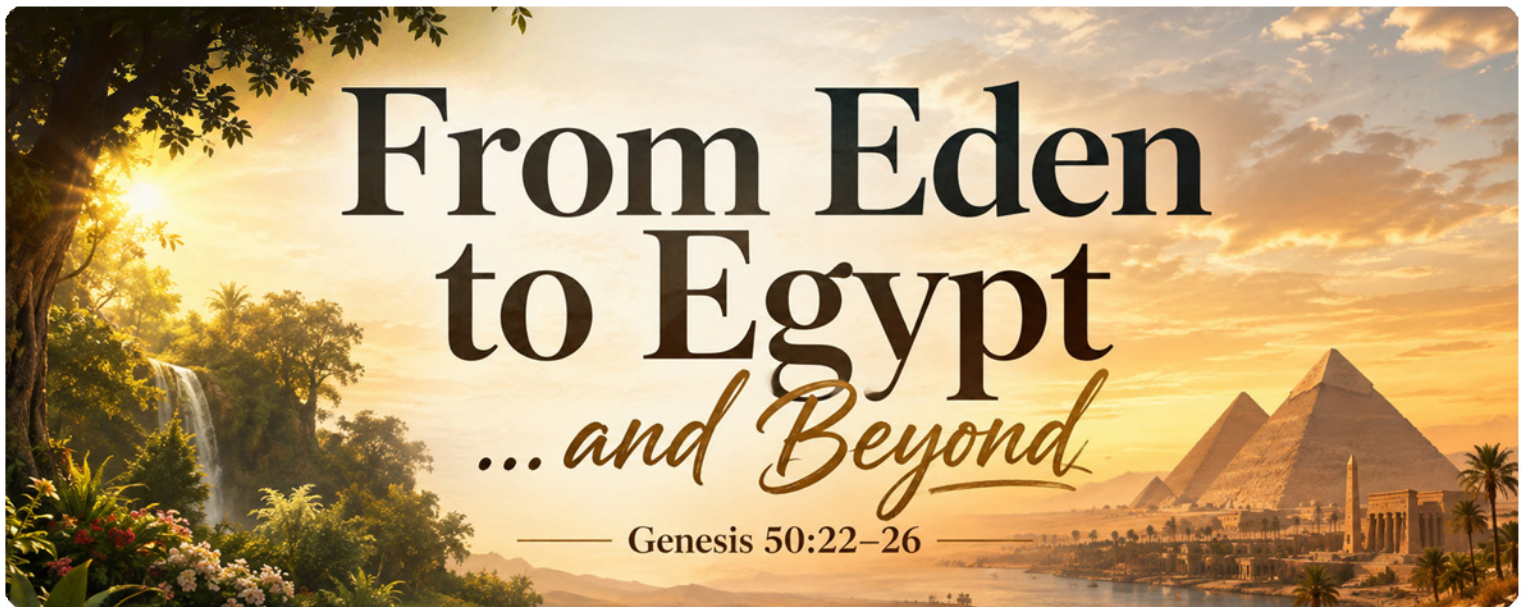




Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
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Read Genesis 50:22-26

- 1) **Read Genesis 1:1; Genesis 50:26:** Genesis opens with creation and closes with Joseph in a coffin. How does this inclusio (beginning vs. ending contrast) shape our understanding of humanity's story?
- 2) **Read Romans 3:10–12; Genesis 3–4:** What does the shift from purity in Eden to pervasive sin in Genesis teach us about human nature?
- 3) **Read Genesis 1:26–28; John 8:34:** God gave humanity dominion over creation, yet Genesis ends with Israel in Egypt. How do we see this reversal in our own lives today?
- 4) **Read Genesis 2:17; Romans 7:24; 1 Corinthians 15:54–57:** Genesis begins without death but ends with a coffin. How does Scripture's portrayal of death shape our hope in Christ?

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5) **Read Genesis 3:8; Genesis 50:24; Psalm 63:1–2:** Adam and Eve walked with God in Eden, but Joseph's family waits for God's future visitation. How do we experience both longing and presence today? Paul says we know God through a darkened glass, but we will see face to face. How is your understanding of God like a darkened glass?

6) **Read Hebrews 11:13–14; 1 Peter 2:11; Revelation 21:1–4:** Genesis ends in Egypt, far from Eden. How does our sense of "exile" in this world point us toward our true home?

7) **Read Matthew 1:1; John 1:1–5:** How do Matthew's and John's openings intentionally echo Genesis, and what does that tell us about Jesus' role in rewriting the grim ending of Genesis? What are some ways that Jesus addresses the sad ending of Genesis?

8) **Read Revelation 21:3–4; Revelation 22:1–5:** Genesis ends in tragedy, but Revelation ends in triumph. In what ways does Revelation's vision of a restored garden answer the losses that came from Genesis 3?

What is your big takeaway from these verses and the ending of Genesis?

