



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
24 MAY 2026



Questions for Further Discussion: Read Genesis 42:29 - 43:14

Opening Discussion: Share about a time when you completely misjudged a situation—when things seemed terrible but turned out much better than you thought. What did you learn from that experience?

Part 1: Perspective on Circumstances

- 1) The sermon mentioned how Jacob said, “everything is against me,” when in reality God was orchestrating his family’s rescue. When have you felt like “everything is against me”? Looking back now, can you see ways God was actually working in that situation?
- 2) **Read 2 Kings 6:15-17** (Elisha and his servant surrounded by the army). What does it mean that “there are more on our side than on theirs”? How does this truth apply to challenges you’re currently facing?
- 3) Pastor Chad referenced Romans 8:31, Psalm 56:9, and Matthew 28:20. Which of these promises is most meaningful to you right now? Why?

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Part 2: Perspective on God's Blessings

- 4) Jacob had witnessed decades of God's faithfulness, yet in crisis, he forgot it all. What practices help you remember God's past faithfulness when you're going through difficult times?
- 5) The sermon illustrated how advertisements make us focus on what we lack rather than what we have. What are some practical ways we can combat this "lack mentality" in our daily lives?
- 6) **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Luke 22:17** (Jesus giving thanks before the crucifixion). How can we cultivate a habit of gratitude even in difficult circumstances? What's the difference between "giving thanks FOR all circumstances" versus "giving thanks IN all circumstances"?
- 7) The research on gratitude journals showed significant benefits. Has anyone tried keeping a gratitude journal? What was your experience?

Part 3: Perspective on Family

- 8) Jacob treated his sons poorly during this crisis, even though they were trying to help him. Why do we often hurt the people closest to us when we're under stress? Have you experienced this pattern in your own life?
- 9) The sermon listed ways crisis impacts families: emotional volatility, communication breakdown, blame, and withdrawal. Which of these do you see most commonly? What can we do to protect our families during stressful times?
- 10) **Read Proverbs 17:17 and Psalm 127:3**. How can we view our family members as "heritage," "reward," and "crown" even when relationships are strained?

