

## **The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture**

### **Week 09: Feast with the Family**

#### *Discussion Questions*

Joseph's brothers experienced fear when facing an uncertain future they could not control. What current situation in your life feels completely out of your control, and how does that uncertainty affect your faith?

The steward told Joseph's brothers that God had put treasure in their sacks, suggesting either his faith or familiarity with how Joseph spoke of God. How does your daily speech reflect your relationship with God to those around you?

Joseph's first reaction upon seeing Benjamin was to bless him rather than express bitterness. What does this reveal about the work God had done in Joseph's heart during his years of suffering?

The sermon states that maturity means not denying emotions but anchoring them to God. How do you typically handle overwhelming emotions, and what would it look like to bring them to God instead of letting them control you?

Joseph wept privately before returning to face his brothers with composure. What is the difference between emotional suppression and wise emotional management in the life of a believer?

The distinction was made between being over something versus just being away from it. What past pain might God be reintroducing into your life not to shame you but to bring healing?

Joseph seated his brothers in birth order, revealing he knew their identities, yet he responded with grace rather than revenge. How does this foreshadow the way God deals with our exposed sin?

The brothers prepared gifts and bowed before Joseph, fulfilling his dreams from decades earlier. How does this demonstrate that God's promises may be delayed but are never denied?

Joseph sent his brothers ahead with blessing and provision despite their past betrayal. Who in your life needs you to see the bigger picture and extend grace rather than hold onto grievances?

The sermon emphasizes that God often brings things into the light not to destroy but to heal and sustain. What area of your life are you keeping hidden that God might want to expose for the purpose of healing?