

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 14: Jacob's Journey to Egypt

Discussion Questions

How does Joseph's ability to see God's bigger plan in his suffering challenge the way you currently view your own hardships or disappointments?

Jacob waited over two decades between his last recorded interaction with God and this journey to Egypt. What does this teach us about trusting God during seasons of silence or waiting?

Why do you think Jacob needed God's reassurance not to be afraid of going to Egypt, and what fears might be holding you back from following God's direction today?

The sermon states that Jacob saw a famine while God saw a future nation. In what areas of your life might you be focused on immediate problems while missing God's long-term purposes?

Genesis 46 records 70 names to show God preserving future generations. How does understanding that God thinks in generations change your perspective on the impact of your current faithfulness?

Joseph told his brothers that God sent him to Egypt to preserve a remnant and keep survivors alive. How does this connect to God's promise to Abraham about land, nation, and blessing?

The sermon mentions that God was working even in the waiting during Jacob's silent years. How can you recognize God's work in your life during seasons when He seems distant or quiet?

What does it mean practically for older generations to be faithful in prayer, example, worship, and service to help preserve the faith of those coming after them?

How does the challenge for younger generations to step up and trust God apply to your own willingness to be used by God right now rather than waiting until you feel more prepared?

Jacob worshiped God at Beersheba before receiving the vision and reassurance he needed. What role does worship play in positioning us to hear from God during times of uncertainty or transition?