

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 16: How to Navigate a Famine

Discussion Questions

How does Joseph's ability to manage both family reunion and national crisis simultaneously challenge our understanding of handling multiple major life events at once?

In what ways might Joseph's economic plan during the famine reflect godly wisdom even though it appears harsh by modern standards?

What does it reveal about the Egyptians' character that they thanked Joseph for saving their lives rather than resenting the 20 percent tax?

How can we discern between God's provision for our current season and mistaking temporary provision for our permanent home, as Jacob understood Egypt was not Israel's final destination?

What does Joseph's faithfulness in managing the famine teach us about stewardship when we cannot remove the hardship but can only manage it wisely?

How does Jacob's insistence on being buried in Canaan rather than Egypt demonstrate the importance of remembering God's promises even in comfortable circumstances?

In what areas of your life might God be asking you to take the next wise step rooted in Scripture rather than waiting for the pressure to disappear?

How does the progression from money to livestock to land to servanthood illustrate the desperation of famine and our ultimate dependence on God's provision?

What can we learn from Joseph about balancing compassion for people's needs with the practical responsibilities of leadership and governance?

How does Israel's fruitfulness and multiplication in Goshen during the famine demonstrate God's ability to sustain and even grow His people in the midst of severe hardship?