

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

### **Week 17: The Blessing**

#### *Discussion Questions*

How does Jacob's testimony about God's faithfulness, despite his own unfaithfulness, challenge our understanding of God's grace and covenant promises?

In what ways does Jacob's adoption of Ephraim and Manasseh demonstrate that God's blessing is not limited by human traditions or birth order?

What does it mean for us today that Jacob could testify God had been his shepherd all his life long, even through seasons of failure and family pain?

How does Jacob's decision to bless Ephraim over Manasseh reflect the broader biblical pattern of God choosing the younger or unexpected to accomplish His purposes?

What can we learn from Joseph's initial displeasure with his father's blessing order about our own expectations of how God should work?

How does Jacob's confidence that God would bring his descendants back to Canaan, even after his death, inform our own faith in God's promises beyond our lifetime?

In what ways does the statement that Jacob is dying but God's promise is not dying with him speak to the permanence of God's Word across generations?

How does the blessing Jacob pronounces connect to the ultimate blessing we receive through Jesus Christ, who bore the curse so we could receive God's favor?

What does it mean practically for us to live with the assurance that God's presence remains with us, even when human leaders and supporters are gone?

How can Jacob's example of rehearsing God's promises at the end of his life encourage us to remember and declare God's faithfulness in our own final seasons?